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The following NHS page helps parents/carers by providing guidance on common childhood illnesses: [click here](#)

Headteacher's Message

Good afternoon and Happy New Year!

On Monday, the UK Health Security Agency published 5 simple steps parents/carers can take to reduce the spread of viruses and help children make a healthy start to the year, minimising the impact of illness on attendance. You can read this information by [clicking here](#). There is also the NHS guidance '[Is my child to ill for school?](#)'.

We have recently updated our behaviour policy. This is on our website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions about how we support behaviour in school, please do have a chat with your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

I would like to say thank you to the parents/carers who attended the session led by PACE this afternoon, sharing advice on how to keep children safer online. Thank you also to Liz and Jess for providing this. The following link to some really useful advice for parents/carers to safeguard against risks for children online has been recommended:

<https://ineqe.com/2022/12/15/guide-to-gifting-tech/>

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week; there have been lots of smiling faces and evident enthusiasm for learning, as always. The children can also now enjoy receiving wonderful new and bespoke values stickers for demonstrating these attributes in their conduct. Thank you to Miss Clapham for creating these new logos that represent our core school values; we hope you like them too:



I hope everyone is able to enjoy the weekend.

Liz Clark

This Week's Attendance



Thank you for supporting your child to attend school as much as possible.

Change of Menu

A reminder that meatballs will be served on Tuesday 16th and pizza (regular base) will be served on Thursday 18th January. Thank you





Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Welcome back! It was so lovely to see everyone after their Christmas break. All of the children came back to school with a renewed enthusiasm to learn and with exciting holiday news to share.

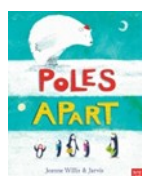
Our new theme for this half-term is 'Amazing Animals'. We shall be taking a journey around the world to explore different habitats and meeting the animals who live there. More information about this half-term can be found on our school website in the Reception classes' page.



In **phonics** this week, the children were excited to begin to learn a new set of phonemes. The new phonemes are digraphs (two letters which make one sound) and trigraphs (three letters which make one sound) and these are **ai**, **ee**, **igh** and **oa**. We have also learnt the catchphrases for each grapheme. These help us to remember the phoneme (sound) that each grapheme (the way the phoneme is written) makes. For example, the catchphrase for **ai** is '**tail in the rain**'. We have also continued to consolidate the phonemes and tricky words already learnt in the autumn term.

In **maths** this week, the children have investigated mass and capacity. They have compared mass and capacity and also used non-standard units to measure. This included measuring the mass of everyday objects with multilink cubes. The children have also enjoyed measuring the capacity of different sized containers using water. They have also learnt new vocabulary, for example, heavier, lighter, full and empty.

Mass and Capacity



This week, our topic has focussed on the Polar Regions. This has included learning about which animals live there and where the Polar Regions are in the world. The children have particularly enjoyed reading our text of the week, 'Poles Apart'; inspiring children to create their own polar bear, using fork painting, write captions and labels based on our text and play the 'Where do I live?' and the 'Penguin Pairs' games.

In PE, we have started working with Mr Walton (our school PE specialist teacher) and our PE lessons will be on Thursdays each week. Each week, he will be teaching the children an introduction to gymnastic skills. This includes rolls, gymnastic shapes, balances and investigating using floor and small and large gymnastic equipment.



If you would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the school office or speak to us on the playground.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Daniel, Mrs Greenwood and the Reception team





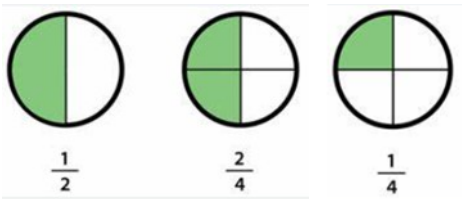
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope that you had a relaxing, well-earned break. It was lovely to see all of the children back in school this week. They certainly came back ready to make a strong start to the year ahead!

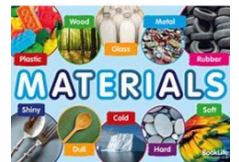
We started the term by looking at our big question, “what does it mean to be me?” This question was linked to the British value of mutual respect and of celebrating the things that make each person unique. We read the story of The Ugly Duckling and discussed how the characters in the story did not respect his differences and the effect this had on him. But those differences ended up being wonderful and special. We made some swans and ducklings of our own in art.

We linked our work in English to this story too, using adjectives and adverbs in our sentence writing to describe the duckling. We focussed on describing not only his appearance but also his character and behaviour. We used adverbs to describe the way, for example, that he moved. The children had some brilliant ideas.



In maths, we have been revising our knowledge and understanding of place value and the number system. We investigated 2-digit numbers and partitioned them into tens and ones, describing what each digit in the number represented. We also learned about fractions of shapes. We investigated a number of different shapes and explored how we could divide them fairly into halves and quarters. We talked about the need for each fraction to be fair and equal.

We started our new science topic, which is all about everyday materials in the world around us. We started by discussing what materials are and identifying some of the more common types (e.g. wood, metal, plastic, etc.) We also started to identify uses of these materials in and around the classroom.



We would like to remind you of the days that each class does P.E and the need for each child to have the correct, named, kit in school ready for those days. Please be aware that some of these days may be different to last half term. Please also ensure that your child has suitable P.E kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions, as we shall be taking children outside for lessons during the winter when the weather is fine. The P.E days for each class are as follows:

Class 3 - Monday and Thursday

Class 4 - Monday and Friday

Class 5 - Tuesday and Friday

Well done, Key Stage 1. You have all made a fantastic start to the New Year.

Mr Merrall, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Reeves and Miss Griffiths





Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

What a great start to the new term! Year 3 and 4 have returned to school full of excitement and eager to discover what the term ahead has in store for them.



The RSPB Big School's Bird watch started this week and the Year 3 and 4 children thoroughly enjoyed learning about birds that we may find in our local environment. To begin with, the children viewed a selection of pictures of a variety of birds such as robins, blackbirds, starlings and blue tits and explored fact cards about them to discover the typical size and weight of the birds as well as what they eat. Afterwards, the children headed out onto the field with their recording cards to see what birds they could spot on school grounds.

This week, the children have considered the meaning of this term's big question, 'What does it mean to me?' This question is linked to the Fundamental British Value 'Mutual Respect'. As part of their learning, the children watched a short clip about mutual respect and how respect can be shown when playing sports. The children clearly defined the term mutual (a feeling or action shared between people) and respect (to treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them) and suggested a great array of words that represented how mutual respect is shown. Each class created a brilliant class word cloud to represent their ideas.



We are all extremely excited to share the fantastic news with you that our Spring Term performance is 'HOODWINKED'. The planning and preparation has begun and the children were eager to take part in auditions for the different roles this week. We can't wait to start rehearsals and begin to learn the songs. We will keep you updated on how the performance is progressing and you will receive further information throughout the term about costumes and the evening performance dates and times.

This half term, all three classes will be taking part in fitness lessons with Mr Stephenson from Total Sports. We are looking forward to taking part in a variety of activities to build up our stamina and fitness levels. Please can you ensure that your child has their outdoor and indoor PE kit in school as we may be outside for some sessions.



Class Assembly

Reminder for Class 8 parents / carers

All of the children in Class 8 are looking forward to you joining them at 2:50pm for their class assembly on Friday 19th January in the school hall.

Please do come and speak with us if you have any queries, questions or would like to share any news with us.

We hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



It is wonderful to see everyone again after the Christmas holidays. The children have returned to school eager to continue their learning.

In our P.E. lessons, we have started our dance unit. Throughout the sessions, we will learn to create shapes using our body, develop sequences of movement and learn how to move between these fluently and accurately. We will refine our dance movements by working with a partner considering what we are doing well and where we need to improve.



5	PILLARS OF ISLAM	
	SHAHADAH	Recalling that there is no god but Allah & Muhammad is His Messenger
	SALAH	Offering Salah (prayer) five times a day
	ZAKAT	Paying the Zakat (giving alms or charity)
	HAJJ	Going to pilgrimage to the House of Allah at Meekah
	FASTING	Fasting in the month of the Ramadan

This week, we have started our RE Unit: What is it like to be Muslim in Britain? We recapped what we already know. For the Year 6 pupils, we reminisced about our trip to York Mosque, this time last year, as well as discussing what we had learnt about Hajj and Sawm. For the Year 5 pupils, we recalled what we had learnt in previous year groups about Allah and the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh). In this unit, we are looking forward to learning about Shahadah, Salah and Zakat in the weeks to come.

In English, we started our work on explanation texts. We looked at existing texts and identified the key features: the use of varied openers, present tense and the use of passive voice. We then looked at a variety of explanation paragraph examples in order to identify cohesive features needed in order for our work to flow and engage the reader. Examples of cohesive features include varying our vocabulary and utilising different sentence openers.

What is an explanation text?

An explanation text is a **NON-FICTION** text which **DESCRIBES HOW** or **WHY** things happen.

Reminder

Year 6 parent/carer meeting Tuesday 16th January at 18:00.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod

York Guildhall Orchestra

Sunday February 11th 2024 3pm

Partner event



York Music Hub and York Guildhall Orchestra are delighted to be working in partnership to **provide up to 200 free tickets** for school-aged children/young people and accompanying adults, to YGO's upcoming concert at York Barbican on Sunday 11th February at 3pm.

The free ticket allocation per family works as follows:

- 1 child ticket + 1 accompanying adult ticket
- 2 or more child tickets + up to 2 accompanying adult tickets



[This form](#) needs to be completed by a parent/carer, and submitted by Sunday 28th January at the latest. In order to avoid disappointment, don't delay submitting the form, as tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

PTA News



Break the Rules Day



We are looking forward to the 'Break The Rules Day', on **Friday 26th January**. Get the nail polish out, hair chinks prepped and orange squash ready....

For every rule broken, you need to pay 50p. Please see the letter for full details

We will be collecting your donation in the playground on the day

Bags2School Collection

Our next collection will be on **Thursday 22nd February**, from 8.45am - 9.00am in the School playground.

If you are having a sort out as it's the new year please keep – any unwanted clothing, bags, bedding (not pillows or duvets though), shoes (tied together), hats, scarves, jewellery, curtains, towels and belts.

UV Glow DISCO

After a successful UV disco last year, we have another on **Thursday 1st February**, which will cost £3.00 and include some sweets. Vegan sweets will be available. To get the best out of the disco we encourage children to wear neon colours or white (if they have something already). There will be a few glow items on sale like glowsticks. A letter will be coming out shortly with full details. Please ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle with them.

Timings:

4.30pm - 5.30pm – Reception, Year 1 and 2

5.45pm - 6.45pm – Year 3 and 4

7.00pm - 8.00pm – Year 5 and 6



Thank you

Vacancies

North Yorkshire Council (NYC) - Cleaning Assistant at Ralph Butterfield Primary. Fixed term contract, to cover maternity leave. Working for NYC as a Cleaning Assistant, you will be responsible for the cleaning duties on site including dusting, vacuuming and the cleaning of sanitary fittings. Full training will be provided and the hours are between 3:30pm and 6:30pm daily, with some flexibility on start and finish time and totalling to 12.5 per week over 5 days. No weekend work! [Click here](#)

City of York Council (CYC) - School Crossing Patrol. Can you spare up to 10 hours per week during school term-time? Do you enjoy being outside in all weathers? Would you like to help your local community? If you answered yes to all these questions, please take a look at how to apply for a much valued role. [Click here](#)



Monthly Drop In Sessions

PARENT AND CARER SESSIONS

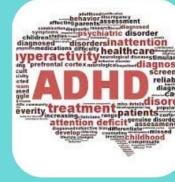
We understand that it is important to be heard and support received where needed. Drop along to one of our monthly sessions to support you whilst you support your young person.

YORK INSPIRATIONAL KIDS CIC

Emotionally Based
EBSA
School Avoidance

Pathological
Demand
Avoidance
(PDA)

Challenging
Violent or
Aggressive
Behaviour:



1st Feb
7th March
Young people
welcome

25th Jan
29th Feb

11 Jan
8th Feb
14th March

18th Jan
22nd Feb

All sessions 9.30-11am Clifton Children's Centre, YO30 6JA
For more information tel 07563232838
www.yiks.co.uk

Listening Event SENDIASS



SENDIASS provide a free, impartial and confidential service to help with concerns or questions around education, health, social care, inclusion and preparing for adulthood.

- Do you want to know more about what SENDIASS do ?
- Do you want to give feedback to them on their support?
- Would you like to put a face to a name

Tuesday 16th January 6-7pm online

If you would like to attend this remote session with time for questions and answers please email pcf@yiks.co.uk and you will be sent joining instructions

Not going to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance

