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Headteacher's Message

Thank you for attending our parents/carers' evenings this week and we look forward to seeing those who have booked an online appointment next week. We are passionate about keeping parents/carers well informed as to what is going on in school. Teachers take time each week to write the newsletter pieces that share with you the learning children have experienced that week. Our Twitter posts are also a great way to see what the children have been up to across the school (@RalphBPSch_York); please 'follow' us if you are not already and share lots of 'likes' for the children.



There is also the daily opportunity to have a quick chat with staff on the playground before and after school and we encourage and welcome contact via phone (01904 768325 option 3) or the school's email address (RalphButterfield.School@york.gov.uk).

Just a reminder too that by scrolling down the homepage of our school website ([click here](#)), you can access the calendar of events and also take a look at the house points, which are updated weekly. Children love receiving house points and working as part of their whole school team. There is great excitement in our Friday celebration assembly when the weekly winning house is announced.

Have a lovely weekend if you can.



Liz Clark

Walk to School Week

23rd-27th October is



Walk to School Week

York walk to school week, where schools in the York area compete to see how many children they can encourage to walk, scoot or cycle to school that week; instead of taking the car. We would very much appreciate your support and to enjoy a little exercise every morning on the way to school. Each morning, the class teachers will record how the children have travelled to school. This will then be collated and sent to the council, who will let us know who the winners are. Please help to support your child and the school in this event wherever possible. Thank you.

Mrs Atkinson – PE Leader

Cross Country Competition

Having received the cross country results from last week, I am proud to say that both Sam Craven (Yr2) and Kendall Milne (Yr4) both 'placed' - congratulations! Any children in Years 3-6 who 'place' then go through to represent Ralph Butterfield Primary School in the final! This will most likely take place at the end of November, so I will be sure to keep you informed.



Thank you again to all of the children and parents/carers who got involved in this event and represented our school.

Mrs Atkinson – PE Leader

This Week's Attendance



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

Football News

This half term has been a busy period for Football at Ralph Butterfield.

Since the start of the half term, we have had weekly training sessions for our year 4, 5 and 6 pupils on a Wednesday and Thursday: it's been great to see so many children participating in football. As a coach, over this academic year, I will look to find the most appropriate level of football so all children can enjoy the beautiful game and get the opportunity to represent the school. **After half term, training will stop** unless I need to do some preparation with a specific team. Training will then restart in the New Year when nights start to get lighter again so please watch out for those permission letters. I would like to thank parent /carers for your support in getting children to training and matches. I would also like to thank Mr Walton for supporting with training on a Thursday and officiating in matches.



Headlands 4 - 0 RB

On Tuesday, our first game of the season ended in defeat as we succumbed to our local rivals. The score line did not reflect the level of performance we put into the game. I was incredibly impressed with the resilience and character our players showed. We learned an awful lot about what we needed to do as a team to be successful.

RB 1 - 0 Robert Wilkinson

If you fall off the bike then it's really important to get back on and that's what we did in resounding style against a strong Robert Wilkinson squad. A great second half free kick was enough to give us a 1-0 win although we had plenty of chances to win more comfortably. It was so pleasing to see all the players contribute to a great performance against such a good team.

Football Calendar dates:

Week commencing 23rd October: No Training - No Training after Half Term

Team	Competition	Year groups	Date	Against	Venue
A Team	League	Years 5&6	Monday 23 rd October	Clifton with Rawcliffe (CWR)	CWR Primary School
B Team	Friendly	Years 5&6	Friday 27 th October	Skelton	Skelton
B Team	League	Years 5&6	Thursday 9 th November	St Lawrence's Skelton Haxby Road Badger Hill Lord Deramore's	Lord Deramore's
A Team	League	Years 5&6	Tuesday 14 th November	Huntington	Huntington Primary School
LKS 2 Girls Team	<i>Training</i>	Years 3&4	Thursday 16 th November	N/A	Ralph Butterfield
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LKS 2 Girls Team	League	Years 3&4	Thursday 27 th November	Easingwold, Huby & Huntington	Galtrees Centre Easingwold
<i>LKS 2 Team</i>	Friendly	<i>Years 3&4</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>Crayke</i>	<i>Crayke Primary School</i>
<i>B Team</i>	Friendly	<i>Years 5&6</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>Crayke</i>	<i>Crayke Primary School</i>

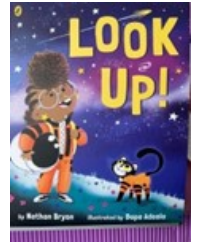
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



This week, in **phonics**, we have revised all of the phonemes which we have learnt over the half-term. This totals twenty and we are extremely impressed with how quickly children have learnt these, are recognising them and are beginning to use them to also sound out and blend words to be able to read. It has been a pleasure to see children getting excited when they have read new words! We are very much looking forward to this continuing.

Black History Month

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring Black History through stories. Our focus story 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon is a wonderful story all about career aspirations and space travel featuring the science-mad main character, Rocket; she's going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived!



On Wednesday, the children also enjoyed taking part in a Diwali dance workshop. They heard the story of Diwali and enjoyed following dance moves to bring this to life. We look forward to focussing on the celebration of Diwali, in more detail, during our topic next term, 'Let's Celebrate'.

Harlow Carr visit

On Tuesday 24th October, we will be visiting Harlow Carr. Please can you ensure all children have a waterproof coat, sturdy shoes/boots, trousers and a packed lunch (if required) on that day? If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do ask.



Thank you for attending our Autumn Challenge parent and carer events this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing you their classrooms and completing activities with you.

It has also been fantastic to be able to chat with many of our Reception families this week during parents'/carers' evening appointments. We really do value this opportunity. We are looking forward to speaking to the remaining families next week, during our online appointments. Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you wish to discuss anything, anytime.

Thank you for your continued support.

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



We are extremely happy to inform you that the new Scholastic book club catalogue has arrived and been given to your child today to bring home.

It gives you a brief snapshot of some of the fabulous books (fiction and non-fiction) that are on offer, although there are hundreds more online to choose from no matter what your interests are or who your favourite author is.

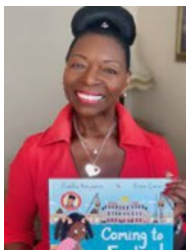
Ordering through our schoolbook club also has the bonus that for **every £1 you spend** it will **earn 20p for school** in Scholastic Rewards, which is amazing, and all rewards are used to purchase new books for school. If you would like to place an order, please visit <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/ralph-butterfield-primary/digital-book-club> and **place your order online by Friday 3rd November**. Your order will then arrive in school and be distributed to your child. If you would prefer the books to bypass your child and be handed directly to you, please email the office so that this can be arranged.

Please do not hesitate to ask Miss Clapham if you have any questions about the book club or ordering process. Many thanks for your continued support of our Scholastic book club



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

As we near the end of a very long first half term, it is great to still see so much enthusiasm and enjoyment of learning in our Key Stage 1 children. We are keeping very busy as we look to round off an outstanding half term.



In celebration of Black History Month, we have been reading the autobiographical book “Coming to England” by Floella Benjamin, which describes her family’s migration to Great Britain after the war and the hardships and adventures that came with it. We were so interested in her story that we found out more about her and wrote fact files to show what he learned. We also had a chance to take part in the “Bad Hair Day” event, in which we shared a Zoom meeting with children’s author John Phillips and illustrator Jennifer Jamieson.



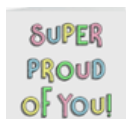
In maths this week, we were learning to subtract numbers by using a number line. We also started to develop our understanding of empty number lines, which is very useful because it can be done on any piece of paper. Some of us found it tricky at first but we displayed the Ralph Butterfield Primary School value of determination and persevered. We also continued our practical work on weight. Having used non-standard units (cubes) to measure the mass of items last week, we learned about why standard units are important because they can be understood by everyone. We compared the weight of objects against a metal weight and described our results in grams. Some of us even used numbered scales to measure the mass of objects in grams.



In RE, we have begun to learn about Islam. We were fascinated to learn about the 5 Pillars of Islam, the five central values that are important to all Muslims. In particular, we were focusing on how Muslims regard Allah and why the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is so inspirational to Muslims as a leader and teacher. We looked at the Story of the Crying Camel and what it teaches us about looking after the world around us. Then we thought about people who inspire us and why.

We only have one more week to go. Well done Key Stage 1. You are working so hard and we are proud of you!

Mr Merrall, Mrs Reeves, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Reeves

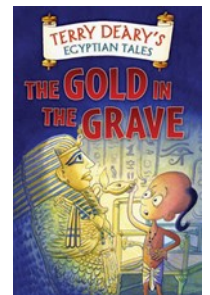


Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



Another fun week in Year 3 and 4! Last week, as part of our 'Ancient Egyptians', 'All wrapped Up' history topic we designed our cartouches using hieroglyphics. This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed getting our hands dirty and creating our own out of clay. After the children had rolled out their clay and cut it to form the shape of a cartouche, they moulded or scored the hieroglyphs to make a cartouche. The children did amazingly well and manipulated the clay brilliantly. We are all very impressed with the super cartouches they have created!

During our English sessions this week, the children have continued their work based on the story 'The Gold in the Grave'. They began their sequence of lessons by looking at a model text of the whole story and were brilliant at identifying the 5 parts of a story (introduction, build-up, problem, solution and ending). They then recognised the writing featured used within the text fantastically. In following lessons, they continued to focus on using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions and have written detailed paragraphs for each part of the story using some fabulous vocabulary. Well done! We can't wait to finish the stories off next week.



In celebration of Black History Month, the children have delved into the life of astronaut Mae Jemison. The children learnt that she was not only an astronaut but also a doctor, teacher and inventor. Mae's achievements demonstrated the importance of working hard, having self-belief and setting yourself ambitious goals.

Inter-house football competition



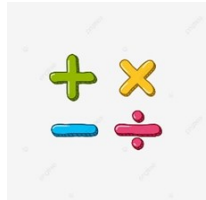
The staff and children are all really looking forward to our Lower Key Stage 2 interhouse football competition on Monday 23rd October which starts at 1:30pm. We hope that as many of you as possible can join us. As the weather is now a little more unpredictable, please ensure that your child/ren have their outdoor PE kit in school, trainers, an extra pair of socks and a waterproof coat. Thank you.

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 a relaxing weekend.

Mr Daniel, Miss Hodgson, and Miss Clapham

Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



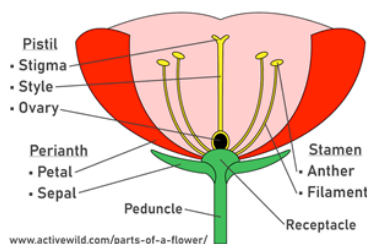
This week in maths, we have continued to explore the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In Mr Tod's set we have been working through addition and subtraction calculations, including using rounding to estimate an answer before working it out.

Mrs Stephenson's and Mrs Fitzpatrick's group have continued their learning using formal addition and subtraction methods to solve multi-step problems. Additionally, we have been learning to measure and calculate missing angles on a straight line.

In Mr Bennett's maths set, we have focused upon division using short and long formal methods. We have applied this to solving multi-step problems.

This week, newspaper reports have been our focus in English. We have learnt about the features within a newspaper report: headlines, by-lines, introductions, quotations, pictures with captions, writing in the third person and using passive voice. We then focused our research for our newspaper report, using primary and secondary sources, upon children in the workforce during the Industrial Revolution. Our teachers even took on the role of a factory owner whom we had the opportunity to interview. We will use the notes we have gathered to create our own newspaper article next week.



As part of our science lessons, we recapped, recalled and remembered what we had learnt about flowering plants in Years 3 and 4. We identified key parts of a common flowering plant including the stamen and pistil. We then discussed pollination and the way different parts of the flower are involved in the reproduction process of plants. Next week, we will apply this knowledge as we look at the life cycle of a flowering plant.

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

Mr Bennett, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Stephenson & Mr Tod



31 Oct 2023
Secondary school application deadline

Was your child born between

01 September 2012

and

31 August 2013?

Apply online at:

york.gov.uk/Admissions

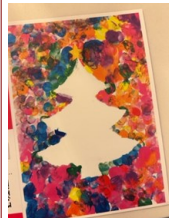
Before 31 October



PTA News



Christmas Card Order Deadline



Please order your Christmas cards and gifts by **Wednesday 25th October**

Unfortunately, you cannot order after this date so please order early! We have set this deadline to ensure all orders can be fulfilled and then delivered to school and distributed in November, giving plenty of time for posting gifts and writing cards.

Thank you for your support!

Christmas Eve Treat Bags

Once again, we will be offering Christmas Eve Treat bags which will be distributed in the last week of the term before Christmas. This year we will be changing the contents slightly and offering a smaller gift in case you don't want to spend the £5. These are all organised and made up by the PTA team and usually we have over 200 orders so this is no small task.

It provides a nice little Christmas treat in preparation for the big day!

As we have done in previous years, we will be offering all children who receive Free School Meals (*income based*) a treat bag without payment. These bags will automatically be distributed by school.

More details and photos will be shared in the coming weeks.

Bags2School

A Bags2School collection will take place on **Thursday 30th November** – when we ask you to bring in unwanted clean and usable old clothes, sheets, towels, bags and paired shoes. These are collected and raise money for school.

If you are having a sort out – please do keep it for us!

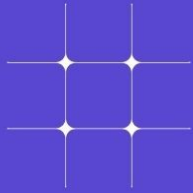


A date for your diary!

Friday 8th December – York Concert Band will be joining us again this year and playing Christmas carols and show tunes. It's a really lovely festive evening!

Please save the date!





October half term Activities



Book here

Challenge yourself in the Marble Run and Microbit Speed Gate Workshops!



Hoglets Spooky Shakespeare

Join Hoglets Theatre for a funny, energetic and unique children's theatre experience; a world of hand-made puppets, music and storytelling.

From £2.50 ticket, ages 5+



The Firework Maker's Daughter

Come join our magical storyteller as she travels to the Firework Festival, just in time for bonfire night! £3.50 ticket, ages 4+



Stop Motion Animation

Unleash your imagination! Bring your clay creature to life using stop motion animation.

£3.50 ticket, ages 10+



Be entertained by Sir Trumpsalot from the Knights of the Wobbly Table!

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