

Message from Mrs Hird

I have been focussing on geography this week, talking to children from each year group about their learning in this area. I had some very interesting conversations about the Kenya national parks, volcanoes and the United Kingdom. The children shared their learning in relation to maps and compass points, and could name continents, countries and counties. It was wonderful to hear how much the children enjoy finding out about other places and to know how strongly they feel about looking after the environment. There were also interesting discussions about the Equator and the different temperatures in different parts of the world.

Mrs Hird

Attendance: This week's attendance was a fantastic **99.12%**, so above our target of at least **97%**.

News from the Classes

Acorns: In English this week, Years 1 and 2 are adapting the story of Handa's Surprise to create their own British version with themselves as the main character. Some wonderfully descriptive language is being produced, which is making Mrs Barber and Mrs Scholey very happy.

In Maths, years 1 and 2 have just started a new unit on 'Position and Direction' which will continue through next week. Both year groups will be looking at positional language, quarter, half and three quarter turns and giving instructions to move across a grid. Always a fun and very practical unit. Any reinforcement of lefts, rights and amounts of turn would be helpful. Reception children have put these ideas into action, programming Beebots to move across a mat. A perfect combination of maths and programming all in one! It takes a lot of thought and they really showed some super thinking skills. This has taken place alongside practical 'taking away' problems.

Miss Wilson continues to work with Acorns teaching them some super African rhythms and songs. They also really enjoy our Thursday 'Singing Assembly'. Backing up this lovely work, all of Acorns made 'Djembe' drums to use within the music lesson.

We ended the week with an extended assembly about Mental Health Awareness. We discussed the importance of not only looking after our physical wellbeing but also our mental wellbeing. The children were keen to share their own thoughts and ideas.

Eggciting News!! 🐣🐣🐣🐣

We are so fortunate to have been loaned an egg incubator and a number of fertilised eggs by Martha's Auntie. Georgina kindly visited the class on Tuesday to explain all about the hatching process and to bring the equipment and eggs along with some posters and a lovely story book.

The eggs are being kept at the optimum temperature and humidity and are being turned automatically by the incubator. Hatching day is scheduled for next Tuesday and we are all very excited about it indeed.

We shall be taking lots of photographs of the process and sharing them on our Facebook page, so do take a look.



The Acorn **Star of the Week** is **Martha** for organising for her Auntie to lend us her incubator with fertilised eggs that we could witness the hatching in class.

The **Oaks** have written descriptive work about Whitby Abbey. They have learnt about figurative language techniques to use within their writing and were very focussed on writing for the purpose of creating tension. In Maths, the Y3/4 children have worked on tenths and decimals and linking these to cm and mm for measuring. The Y5/6 have continued with ratio and linked this to scaled factors. The children have made their own moving picture using a sliding mechanism for DT and collaged a picture about nature for their Arts Award logbooks. This afternoon, we welcomed volunteer Jemima Fisher into the class to help us with our Arts Award.

For Mental Health Awareness Week, we enjoyed getting closer to nature on Wednesday at Forest School and learnt how we can help our minds more.



The Oak **2 Stars of the Week** are: **Jordan** for some amazing writing, describing things in a way to create tension.
Joe for brilliant writing about Whitby Abbey and excellent effort in Maths.



Forest School

On Wednesday, we were blessed with the best weather for our Forest School session. Making bows and arrows seemed a popular activity with both the Acorns and Oaks. Also, very enjoyable was the Maasai Warrior decorated Rangu stick activity. They most definitely seemed to help with their jumping as well!



Hedgehog Release

This week a very special event took place. Our school garden was recently assessed and deemed to be hedgehog friendly and an ideal site for the release of hedgehogs that have, for some reason or other, needed specialist, local nursing over the winter months.



Some of our keen gardeners, along with Mark, met with Norma Warburton last night to release two hedgehogs into the school garden. They will be provided with food for the first week and will hopefully thrive, along with their friends who are also arriving soon, in our wildlife friendly garden.

Next Week

Monday

Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

Music Lessons with Alix Lillie. Please remember instruments.
Choir after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.15pm.

Tuesday

Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

PE for Acorns

"Signing" after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Wednesday

All pupils Outdoor learning. Children can come to school dressed in appropriate clothing.
Gardening after school (Oaks). Finish time 4.30pm.

Thursday

PE for all pupils.

Football after school. Finish time 4.15pm.

Friday

PE for Oaks.