



Newsletter

‘Doing all the good we can’

Friday 6th March 2020

Spring Term 2020 – Issue 4

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nursery

We still have some spaces available in our lovely, friendly Nursery for Easter, September or January starts. We can also be flexible on start dates and sessions offered and take children as soon as they turn three. Come along to our **Nursery Open Day** with your child to experience our exciting, creative provision on **Tuesday 17th March at 1.30pm or 6pm.**

We have two exciting indoor classrooms and a shared stimulating outdoor classroom, managed by a friendly, caring team of two full time teachers and two full time teaching assistants. We offer creative, open-ended resources and child-centred learning. Please feel free to share and spread the news if you know anyone with pre-school aged children.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

We are so proud of our children "Doing all the good they can" here at RMS. Enjoying 'luxury' Hot Chocolate with the Head' and celebrating in style!

Joke of the week - 'Why is 6 afraid of 7? 'Cos 7,8,9.'



World Book Day

What a day we had! Everyone (staff and children) were excited to share their amazing decorated potatoes. The judges were very impressed by the standard and the creativity, it was lovely to see children choosing their favourite book and then making a character from that book. They put my potato to shame! There was so much high-quality talk and writing about books and stories. I loved Millie's 'Bear and the Bees'... 'Doing all the good we can'.



We had Donna Makepeace, our North Yorkshire Senior Education Adviser in on World Book Day and she was very impressed with the learning that she saw and was blown away by the children's good manners and the respect that they showed. She said there was a real learning 'buzz' around school. One of our Governors, Les Cutter joined us for the Learning Walk and was impressed with the quality of handwriting and presentation and the courtesy the children showed. Well done RMS – I am so proud of our whole school community.

Thank you to **Usborne Books** who donated books for the overall winner in FS2, KS1 and KS2.

Thank you also to MOTO services, Scotch Corner who donated 11 prizes for the winning potatoes from each class.

The overall FS2 winner was Grace with "Room on a Broom". KS1 winner was Macy with "Cleopatra" and KS2 was Emmy with "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" (complete with barbed wire!)

Class winners were as follows:

Class 1- Zachary-Sammy the Snake

Class 2- Violet-Where's Wally?

Class 3- Hannah-Pugicorn

Class 4- Izzy-Belle

Class 5- Linnet-The Racehorse who Disappeared

Class 6 - Rosie-The Tiger that came to Tea

Class 7- Millie- Bear and the Bees

Class 8-Lucy-Dorothy

Class 9-Noah-Aliens Love Underpants

Class 10-Oscar-The Christmasaurus

Class 11-Ella-Minions



KS2 Reading Scheme

A massive thank you to FORMS for helping us purchase books for our new KS2 reading scheme. The children love them and are really enthused, so much so that they are reading every night! Fantastic!



FORMS Disco

Thank you to our dedicated and very fabulous FORMS who put on another fun-packed disco to celebrate World Book Day. We all had great fun dressing up and dancing the night away. Well done to Oscar Anderson, Poppy Bowman-Longstaff, Matthew Robson and Molly-Grace Clayton, who impressed us with their WBD outfits!



Proud to be RMS, doing all the good we can!

We are incredibly proud of our Indoor athletics team who competed in the North Yorkshire (level 3) finals on Tuesday. The team finished a very respectable 6th overall.



RMS Partnership with MOTO

A massive thank you to our new partners- MOTO Services at Scotch Corner. Firstly, they very kindly donated an Easter Egg for the winner in each class of the "Decorate a Potato" competition, these were presented (and very well received!) during our Golden Assembly today.

Mrs Gardner, Miss Wood and Mrs Wilford have been presented with a cheque from Aaron Hunt and Sue Rickaby (senior managers from MOTO) for £500. This will go towards the final stages of the playground development. We plan to refurbish the amphitheatre making it a safe, quieter area to read, colour and chat during playtime. It will also be used for outside lessons too! Thank you again MOTO, we really appreciate your support!



On the afternoon of Thursday 2nd April we plan to take our choir and band to Scotch Corner Services to perform and collect donations for MOTO's chosen charity – Help the Heroes. Our children will be '**Doing all the good we can**' within the local community for a very worthy cause.

Please remember that we do have an "open door" policy. Your first point of contact is either the office or your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Sharon Stevenson

Mrs S Stevenson
Headteacher

Message from our Head Girl and Boy

Class News

Class 1 and 2

We had a mysterious visitor in school this week who had mistakenly been left behind when the aliens who love underpants, landed in our yard! (Apparently, he enjoyed his holiday in our school so much he sent us some photographs of what he got up

to!) The children were very excited to explore the crash site, looking for clues as to what had happened and then they received a letter explaining and asking them for help in reuniting the alien with his friends. The children obliged by writing posters to identify the missing alien, maps to help him find his way home and creating their own space adventures.



Due to the children's ongoing interest in our Space theme, we will continue next week but with a focus on vehicles. We will be writing information books next week so the children understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

During our mathematics this week, we have concentrated on making sure the children understand the value of each digit. For example, 12 cannot be 21 because the digits are tens and ones so cannot be reversed. We have also been counting on and back to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. Next week, we will explore doubling and halving.

Thank you for all your support for World Book Day. The children have been very engaged in talking about their favourite books, why they like them and their favourite characters. It is fantastic to hear all the story telling language and to witness the children's obvious, emerging life-long love of reading.

Class 1



Class 2



During Parent's Evening, there will be slips for you to write your comments about the children's learning and stick onto their books. Your voice is an important aspect of our rounded view of all of your child's learning journey. Thank you for all your continuing support – please keep sharing your children's fantastic home learning on Tapestry too!

Best wishes,
The EYFS Team

Class 3, 4 and 5

Following our snowy start to the term, we spent the first week describing the wintery conditions using our senses and similes. After this, the children independently wrote their 'No-More-Marking' activity, which was based around a snow-covered scene.

This year's World Book day was fantastic; we have been bowled over by the efforts made by the children to decorate their potatoes. The children came to school incredibly enthused and inspired by their characters and have written some exciting comic strips and stories.



In science, we have been investigating and testing a range of materials and objects to see whether they can be manipulated by being twisted, bent, squashed or stretched.

In preparation for our trip next week, in our topic lessons we have been studying pictures of a Victorian classroom and have been comparing them to classrooms today. The children have been discussing the similarities and differences and came up with questions that they would like to find out about the pictures.



Reminders/ notices

Before the half-term holiday every child in Key Stage 1 will have come home with their class Dojo login details. Over this term we will be using this platform to share the work and learning that we have been doing in school. Children will be able to send home pictures of their work.

We are looking forward to our trip on Wednesday- thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have kindly offered to come along and support us- without volunteer support the trips would not be able to go ahead. On the day, the children should arrive at normal time, they should be wearing their school uniform but may wish to wear trainers for the day. Our kitchen staff will be kindly preparing a packed lunch (including a drink and fruit snack) for the day but you child may still wish to bring a water bottle.

Class 6, 7 and 8

We hope everyone is refreshed after half term. It's lovely to have all the children back and to be able to enjoy the lighter days.

The children are enjoying learning about volcanoes as part of our topic. Please could you remind your child to bring in a small water bottle, e.g. fruit shoot size, to be used as part of their volcano structure that they will begin building next week.

The children completed some excellent descriptive writing this week about what they might find in the centre of the Earth. They enjoyed using their senses to describe what their character may be experiencing in their story.



In science, we are beginning to investigate rocks, soil and fossils. Please encourage your children to bring in any fossils or special rocks they may have to show and talk about with the class.

The children and adults are really enjoying working with Mrs Sellers in PE. It's such a treat to work and be taught with a professional dancer!



We were amazed at the wonderful entries brought in for our 'Dress the Potato' competition. Some very creative entries! Well done year 3 and 4!

Class 9/10/11

After a snowy beginning, the children in years 5 and 6 have made a really positive start to the new half term. We are delighted to welcome Mr Mark Jobling (from the Yorkshire Cricket Club) into school on Wednesday afternoons. Mr Jobling is delivering exciting and challenging cricket-themed skills and games; the children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions so far and are already improving their cricketing skills! The children should make sure that they have a suitable (warm) outdoor PE kit in school on Wednesday afternoons so that they can take part in these sessions.



As we are supporting Fairtrade Fortnight, much of our work has been centred around investigating and researching Fairtrade. In English, the children have written in role as cocoa bean producers in the Fairtrade co-operative of Ngoleagorbu. They have worked hard to promote the Fairtrade movement and shared their stories with younger children in the school.

This week, Class 10 shared their learning with parents, grandparents and family members, entertaining us with their amazing story writing, poetry, pop art-style paintings and music compositions. Thank you Class 10!



We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by decorating potatoes as our favourite book characters, making a great opportunity to get creative. Well done to all the children who brought in their wonderful creations – they made a stunning display! We also designed and produced posters promoting our favourite books to share with our friends.



School Information

We all love to read!



USBORNE BOOKS SPONSORED READ

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of books and reading at home and school, we will be running a **SPONSORED READ** between **Friday 6th March** and **Friday 20th March**. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne

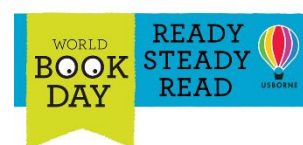
Organiser, Jane Jackson, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in **FREE** Usborne books! Therefore, if every child raised £2.00 each school would receive books to the value of £960!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by spending a small amount of time each day reading with your child. And it's not just books that you can enjoy together:

comics, magazines, recipes, menus, your favourite websites - anything with words that you can read together counts towards your total! Jane will be awarding some prizes at the end of the event so children must be sure to return their forms to be in with a chance.

Sponsorship forms and reading logs will be emailed to parents today. Please help us to celebrate reading and to raise lots more money for books!



Up for a
CHALLENGE?
Get sponsored, get reading
and see what you can achieve!

News from the office

This week we have issued information on behalf of the Swaledale Alliance about initial teacher training opportunities. We have also sent out information from Public Health England on Corona Virus.

The Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to Richmond School in September have today been given a letter to bring home to enable their digital signatures. Please bring these back into school when done.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Involved
Friday 6 th March to Friday 20 th March	Sponsored reading challenge	All children
Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th March	Parent Teacher consultation meetings for Classes 1, 2 and 10	Parents Class 1, 2, 10
Tuesday 10 th March	Tear 3 / 4 hockey competition	Hockey team

Wednesday 11 th March	Classes 3,4,5- school trip Preston Park- full day	Class 3, 4, 5
Friday 13 th March	Sport Relief Detials to follow next week	All children
Tuesday 17 th March	Class photographs -am	
Tuesday 17 th March	Nursery Open Afternoon and Evening 1.30pm - 2.30pm and 5pm –6pm. We welcome all children after their 3 rd birthday.	Class 1 and 2
Thursday 19 th March	Year 4 Marrick talk in the School Hall 3.45-4.15pm	Yr 4 parents and pupils
Friday 27 th March	Wensleydale Tournament of Song @ Leyburn	Choir
Friday 27 th March	Money due into school from Sponsored Reading Challenge	All children
Monday 30 th March	Easteringle	Yr 5 / 6
Tuesday 31 st March	Swimming gala	Selected pupils
Thursday 2 nd April (pm)	Choir and Band performing at MOTO- Scotch Corner Services	Choir and Band

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