



CE Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

## Sessay CE Primary School Newsletter

### Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

Thank you to all for attending parents evening last week. We hope you found your appointment informative and as always if any staff or I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to ask.

On Tuesday this week classes Byland and Fountains thoroughly enjoyed their local visit to Spilman's Farm to learn about and harvest the pumpkins. I know many of the children will be using their pumpkin to enter our annual FOSS Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition next Thursday, which this year will be judged by Robin and our Pet Therapy Dogs Tinker and Conker. I'm sure the standard of creativity will once again be super impressive! £2 entry and a winner in every class and the adult's category. As always they will be displayed at the school gate on the day.

### Your fortnightly class summary from ...

#### Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.

We all enjoyed our afternoon harvesting pumpkins at Spilman's Farm. We were surprised to see all the different types of pumpkins growing in the pumpkin patch – different colours, sizes and shapes. Many thanks to all at Spilman's for a lovely afternoon.

We have really enjoyed our class text, *The Scarecrow's wedding*, over the past week. We have taken on the roles of the characters from the story to act out different scenes thinking about how the characters would feel and what they said. In maths we have been making and continuing two step patterns and have now started our number work representing and writing numbers to 5.



#### Fountains, Mrs Jackson.

Firstly, thank you to everyone at Spilman's Farm for a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday pumpkin picking. Everyone loved it!

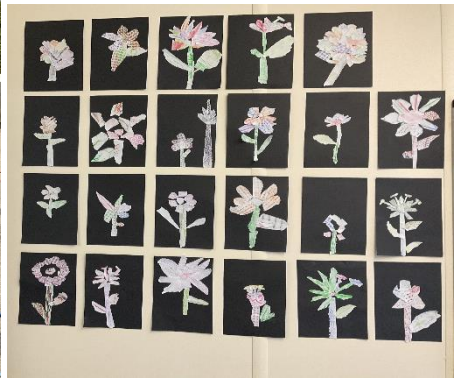
In English, the children in Year 2 have started their unit on poetry. They have listened to poems and focused on the theme of 'Rainbows and Colours'. They have highlighted pairs of rhyming words and looked at the pattern of rhyming. Finally, they have tried to write their own poems based on colours and nature.

In RE, we have continued with our enquiry question - 'What can we learn from sacred books'? We have focused on the story of Moses, then the story of Jonah and the whale, understanding the messages of God's trust and love.

Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed making their Moses baskets using a particular folding technique with card and in topic everyone has made and painted a clay teddy bear! We think they look amazing!



**Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.**

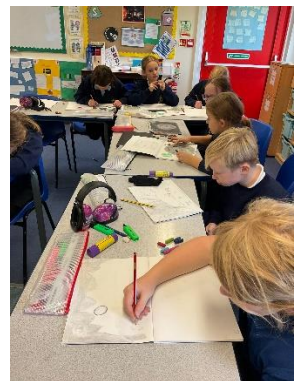


We have thoroughly enjoyed our tag rugby sessions over the last two weeks; this week we were working on our defending skills and scoring tries.

In English, we have been giving and writing various instructions – from making sandwiches, to designing new PE games. In RE, we have been learning about the parable of The Lost Sheep and we have all been set times tables challenges on Times Table Rocks Stars. We are continuing to enjoy our class text about the Romans and Queen Boudicca. We have met in our new Pupil Voice groups this week, Money Makers, Collective Worship, Epic Improvers and Healthy Schools. We all have lots of things planned for the year ahead.

**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.**

We are getting further into our class text; Middleworld, and the children are all gripped by Max's Mayan adventures. The children also enjoyed a virtual author visit with the two Middleworld authors. This week in English we have begun analysing poetry from an anthology called 'Hope', which was written during the Covid pandemic. In maths the Year 5s have been focusing on written methods of addition and subtraction, whilst the Year 6s have been looking at formal methods for multiplication and division. There has been lots of thought provoking discussion in RE, linked to the question: *Are people more important than places?*



**Friday 13 October Awards**

**Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Rosalie for her super attitude and working hard in all areas of the curriculum.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Finlay for his super work in phonics this week.  
 Mathlete – Genevieve for her super work with making and continuing two step patterns.  
 Writer of the week – Olivia for working hard with forming her letters accurately.

**Fountains, Mrs Jackson.**

Sessay Acorn Award – It is such a pleasure to have Freddie in our class. He works hard and tries his absolute best. Well done!  
 Headteacher's sticker – Finn for his amazing teddy bear made using clay. Finn was so careful with attention to detail.  
 Mathlete – Stanley for his determination to tackle tricky questions – Stanley clearly enjoys his maths work.  
 Writer of the week – Fran for acting on her target to begin writing in the cursive style. Super work Fran.

**Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Isabel for being so helpful and thoughtful towards others in class this week.  
 Headteacher's sticker – Connie for working so sensibly and independently in all her work – well done!

**Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.**

Sessay Acorn Award – Niamh for being the perfect role-model and for great work in maths this week.  
 Headteacher's sticker- James for persevering with long multiplication and general 'can-do' attitude

<p>Mathlete – Billy for his work on Roman numerals and really persevering when rounding numbers to the nearest ten.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Cora for writing a super set of instructions on how to make a sandwich using time adverbs and bossy verbs; keep up the good work!</p>	<p>Mathlete – Scarlett for her determination and enthusiasm when solving long multiplication questions this week.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Emily for her thorough and detailed biography, linked to our work on Black History month.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.</b></p> <p>Ava B for her caring attitude towards other children.</p>	

<b>Friday 20 October Awards</b>	
<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b></p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Joseph for being patient in class and waiting his turn for things.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Martha for segmenting well to be able to make words using the letter pebbles.</p> <p>Mathlete – Harry for continuing a 2-step repeating pattern using counters and natural objects.</p> <p>Writer of the week – Emmie and Henry for showing great enthusiasm to write words.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Jackson.</b></p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Alfie for being a fantastic role model in class. Alfie always follows instructions with excellent listening skills.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Frankie for his enthusiasm for all tasks and for being a great monitor!</p> <p>Mathlete – Dylan for using Numicon and ordering his numbers to 20, then writing the numbers underneath. Fantastic work Dylan!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Ebony for her beautiful poem focusing on colour and nature.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Mrs Sowray and Miss Wilkie.</b></p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Harriet for her super Roman letter that she wrote in her own time and for some great work on apostrophes for possession this week.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Paisley for working hard in her reading with Mrs Bentley.</p> <p>Mathlete – Jacob for not giving up with his work on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and sometimes 1000!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Olivia for trying hard with her recount of the story of the Lost Sheep in RE this week.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson.</b></p> <p>Sessay Acorn Award – Alex for his behaviour for learning all week, all staff have seen a positive attitude from Alex.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Rocco for his excellent work on coding in our computing session.</p> <p>Mathlete – Joel for superb effort in his end of unit questions on addition and subtraction. Hard work pays off!</p> <p>Writer of the week – Isla H for her work on emotive language in poems on the topic of 'Hope'.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Watson's Superstars.</b></p> <p>James P, Alex and Roman for being really committed to the playleader role, tidying the shed and organising the equipment. Thank you.</p> <p>Joseph S for always smiling and saying hello!</p>	

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** at St Cuthbert's Church at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by myself.

Have a lovely weekend.

#### NOTICES:

- **Remembrance Day.** Poppies and The Royal British Legion items will be available in school for the week after half term. Collective Worship Monitors will make them available at playtime for a suggested donation of 50p-£1.
- Louisa Carolan your Sessay parent governor will be doing her '**Governor Surgery**' on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at drop off at the school gate. This is an opportunity where you can meet your parent governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Louisa is also available by email [CofG@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:CofG@sessay.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- '**Life Skills' whole school curriculum enrichment day – 14th November.** Any parents who would be willing to spare half an hour and come in to speak about your job would be very welcome as part of our career aspirations work. Please let the school office know if you would be willing to support our learning in school and with which class.
- **BAGS2SCHOOL** – there will be a Bags2School collection at 9am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please bring bags of clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and accessories in a bin bag to the front of school before 9am. The

more weight we collect, the more money we get! This time you are being asked to use your own bin bags to cut down on plastic wastage.

- **Mild Illnesses and Infectious Diseases.** The DfE and NHS have asked us to signpost parents to the published guidance to support parents in identifying and knowing when and when not to send your child school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

#### DIARY DATES:

25 October	Y5/6 trip to The Life Centre, Newcastle.
26 October	FOSS Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition 3.15PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
27 October	TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
31 October	NYC Year 6 deadline to apply for secondary school
6 November	8.45AM SCHOOL OPENS
9 November	Louisa Carolan Parent Governor Surgery at drop off Stay and Play – Remembrance Day Poppies
14 November	Life Skills whole school curriculum enrichment day
15 November	Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew visit, working with our local emergency services.
18 November	Sessay CE Primary School Open Morning 10-11am
22 November	Bags2School
23 November	FOSS Disco
29 November	Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening (Zoom 5pm)
7 December	Stay and Play – Christmas Byland and Fountains Nativity 6pm Sessay Village Hall
8 December	Sessay School Christmas Market
11 December	Y3/4 trip to a Roman Day at Murton Museum in York
18 December	Christmas Parties in school
19 December	Christmas school lunch
20 December	Pantomime in school
22 December	Christmas Church Service 1.30pm St Cuthbert's School closes 2.30pm