

# Sessay Church of England Primary School 'Growing together in love and learning'

A very warm welcome to Sessay Church of England Primary School. We are a small, rural primary school set on a beautiful site next to St Cuthbert's Church on the outskirts of Sessay village, North Yorkshire. We cater for 5-11 year olds and currently have 98 children on roll. We have a school bus serving some of the surrounding villages. We offer wrap around care from 8am to 5pm and school meals are cooked on site.

We hope the following PowerPoint will give you a flavour of our school which we all love and are very proud to be a part of. Please do contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to Miss Bennett our headteacher.







#### What makes our school and federation special...

"All our amazing children, staff, governors, parents and community. We are one big happy family with a love of learning and everything around us!" – Headteacher

The wonderfully happy and secure environment of the school and everyone within it and most of all the individual attention that the children receive based on their personalities and development stages. - Parent

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I feel really safe at school. I love my friends and teachers – Year 2 child OP

The staff care about every aspect of the children's lives: their learning, their happiness, their spiritual development, their health, their friendships, their families, their interests and passions. If it matters to the children, it matters to the staff – Reverend Liz, Federation Governor

Its not just 1 school its 2! I love having lots of friends at Sessay but I have got friends at Husthwaite too – Year 2 child EC

Sessay school is a community. Everyone feels valued and important. We, as parents, are kept up to date with all aspects of school life and my son feels a part of a team. He is inspired and enthusiastic to learn - Parent

Sessay is a school where the children are happy, everyone is valued and friendly. I continue to be proud to work in such a nurturing and caring environment that strives to develop the best in every child. The child is at the heart of everything we do. - School Business Manager

Sessay School is an amazing place with amazing children. It embraces every child's uniqueness and gives them every opportunity to shine! - Before and After School Club Leader

It's not just a school, it's a community and the church is an extension of our school. Our Friday celebration assemblies are usually held there and it's super special – Year 5 child WOG

Our school is a happy and exciting place to learn and grow together, where children are inspired by our creative and inspirational teaching environment – Senior Teacher

Our school & federation are special because staff relationships are strong - everyone pitches in and if you ask for something you know the person you're getting it from - Teacher

Sessay is so special, we are one big team, working altogether and achieving highly - Year 6 child EB

Our schools are at the heart of village life and our communities – Chair of Governors

Meet Sam the Sessay Squirrel. Sam helps children at Sessay School become outstanding learners by helping them:

Be Independent

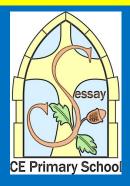
**Be Polite** 

**Encourage others** 

Work well as a team

Never give up





### **EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER**

**Miss Bennett** 



I am very proud to be the headteacher of Sessay CE Primary School

#### **OUR VISION**

At the Husthwaite and Sessay CE Primary Federation our vision is to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children will recognise and achieve their full potential, so that they can make their best contribution to society.

The Federation is a family where:

everybody is welcomed and you are not alone

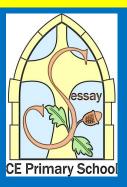
we pray together

we are honest, open and respect and care for everyone and everything in our unique and rural community.

As a Federation we have a growth mindset, set high standards of learning and celebrate the achievements of every child within our exciting, broad and balanced curriculum. Our curriculum, based upon our Christian values is inclusive and through inquisitive and creative minds our children develop their self-confidence as learners and are encouraged to progress socially, emotionally and spiritually.

The Federation is a place where **everyone** is different and **everyone** is important.

"Teach a child to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it." (Proverbs 22:6)



### **SENIOR TEACHER**

**Mrs Tyrka** 



### I lead the school alongside Miss Bennett.

I have taught at Sessay for 14 years. For the last 7yrs I have been Senior Teacher, I am also responsible for EYFS, PE and Computing. I enjoy supporting Miss Bennett on the day to day running of the school, I really enjoy working here with our fantastic children and staff.

Sessay is a very happy and exciting place to learn!

#### **CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VALUES**

Challenge

Trust

Respect

**Enjoyment** 

Friendship

Responsibility

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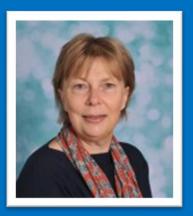
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### **School Office**

Mrs Waite is the School Business
Manager. Her office is part of the old
school building and she will probably be
your first point of contact with our
school.

Mrs Waite can help with all your queries regarding school.

















## WELCOME TO BYLAND



Reception

Year 1





Mrs Bennison and Mrs Tyrka
Teaching Assistants Mrs Woodhead
Mrs Day and Mrs Gambles







#### **EYFS**



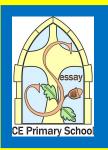




















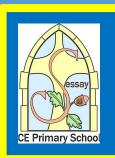






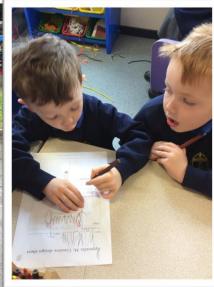






#### EYFS





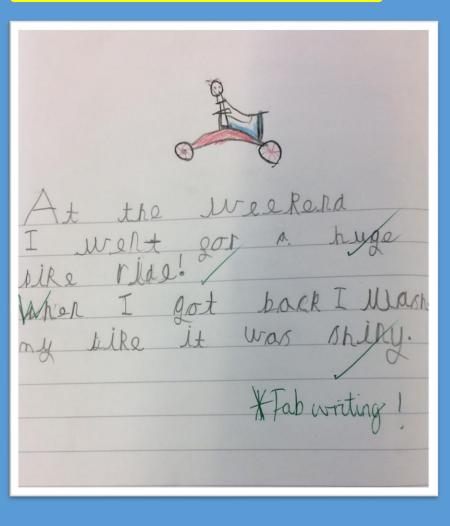


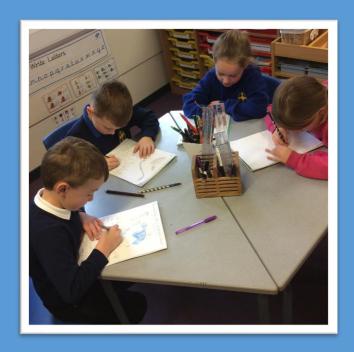






### **ENGLISH**









### **MATHS**

















### **SCIENCE**



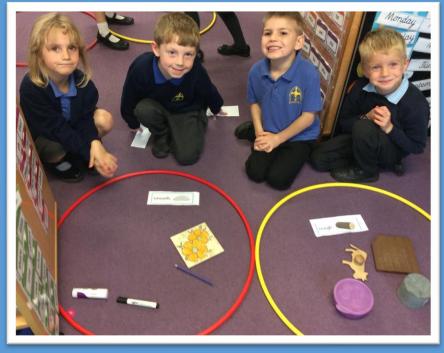












### THE WIDER CURRICULUM



















## WELCOME TO FOUNTAINS



Year 2 Year 3



Mrs Sowray

Teaching Assistants Mrs Gulliver and Mrs Price

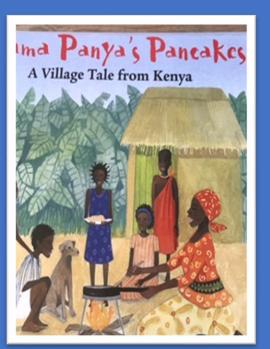


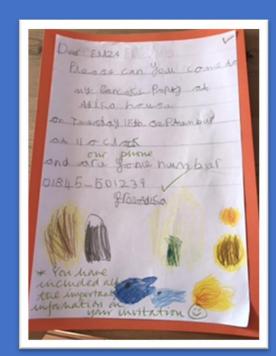


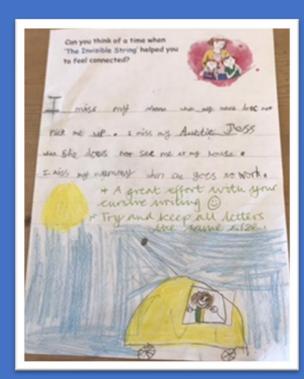
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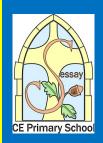












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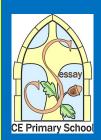












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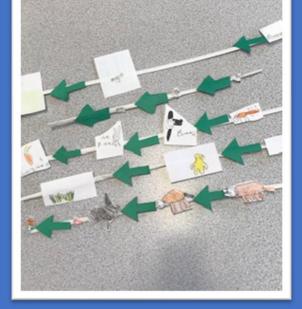






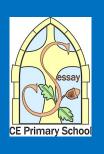








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## WELCOME TO BOLTON



Year 4 Year 5



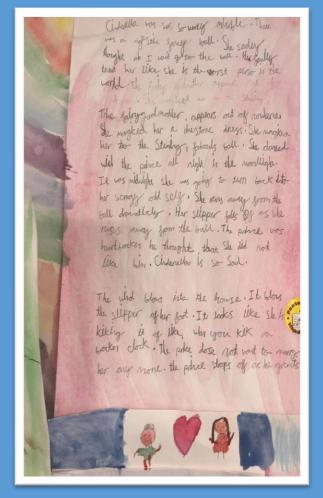
Miss Southward
Teaching Assistants Mrs Marshall and Mrs
Harper



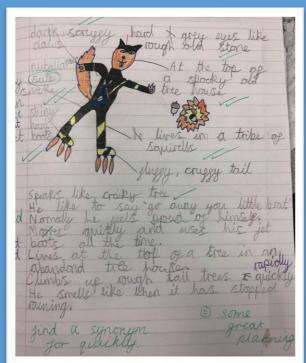


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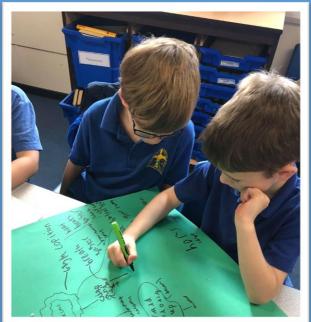
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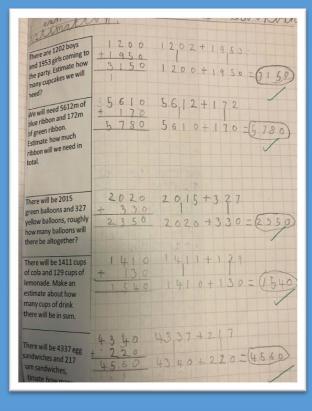
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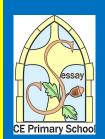






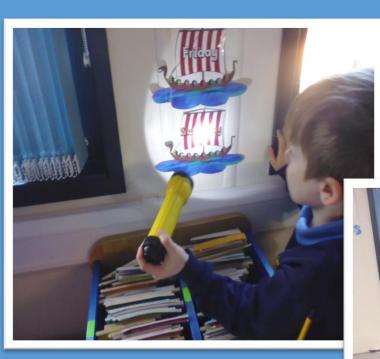


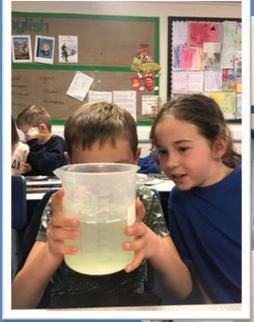




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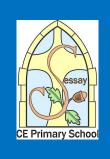






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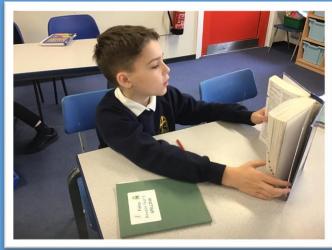
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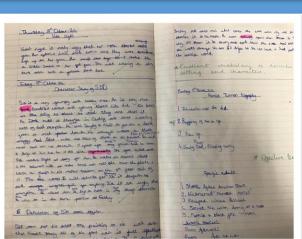


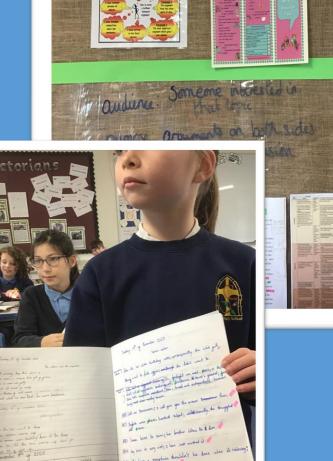


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Year 6
Ms Gauder and Mrs Watson









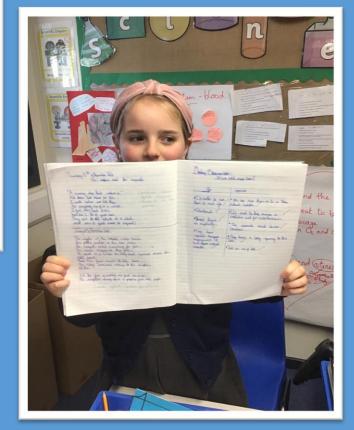
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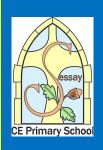
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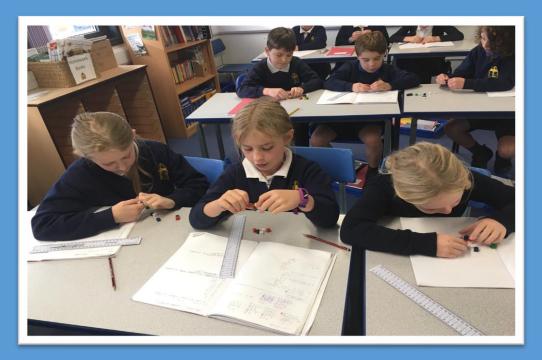




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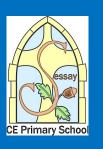


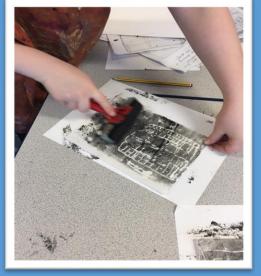


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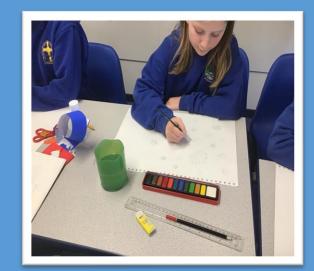
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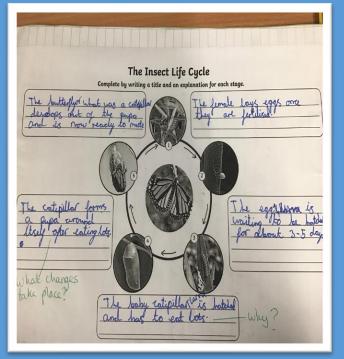


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### EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Visits are linked to class topics helping bring topics to life bringing further enrichment and enjoyment to children's learning. Visits take place each term throughout the academic year.

Children are given the opportunity to experience two school residential visits as a Key Stage 2 pupil.

We join with our Federation School for residential visits. Children enjoy team building games as well as experiencing new outdoor activities such as kayaking, beck scrambling and climbing.

Residential visits equip children with new life skills, self confidence and help them to learn to be independent in a safe environment outside the comfort of school and home.















### Sport & Extra-Curricular Clubs

Children can participate in competitive sport.
This ranges from friendly matches with our
Federation school to
inter-school sports competitions,
representing school at local and district level.

All children can participate in at least one extra-curricular club each year. Clubs have included football, netball, hockey, choir, athletics, multi-sports and gymnastics.

The annual School Sports & Health Week is planned to give children daily physical exercise with a different sport each day and includes the traditional school sports day. Children have lessons on the importance of adopting healthy active lifestyles and a well-balanced diet.

Opportunities are given for children to try new and different physical activities.













## CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT WEEKS

Faith RE Week

Life Skills

STEM

Health and Wellbeing

Performing arts

**Heath and Sports** 



## FOREST SCHOOLS & OUTDOOR LEARNING

Mr Houghton is our Forest School Teacher.

We are fortunate to have
large school grounds and an outdoor
classroom which allows all children to
access outdoor learning. Forest Schools
help to further embed our school's
Growth Mindset philosophy.

Forest school involves a wide range of activities from shelter building, group problem solving, woodwork, wide games, and natural artwork. The emphasis is on teamwork and learning from each other. A focus on perseverance is at the subject's core and children enjoy the satisfaction of tying a new knot or sparking a flint and steel independently.

Forest Schools aims to develop children's education through working outdoors and engaging with the natural world. It aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.











### VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Specialists are invited into school to share their expert knowledge through workshops and talks with the children. These visits support, enrich and often give first hand experience to supplement learning.

Visitors have included professional musicians sharing their talents and musical instruments; record breaking mountaineers have given inspirational talks about their incredible adventures; poets and authors have given tips to help broaden children's imaginations in their written work and travelling artists have entertained children with their live 'theatrical' performances.

As you can imagine all of which are very much enjoyed!







## **St Cuthbert's Church and Community Links**

We have close links with our local churches and community. FOSS – Friend's of Sessay School organise annual events for the children, families and village community.

Regular visits to school are made from members of the Church Community and Methodist Vicar, this currently being done through Zoom. Usually the children visit the St Cuthbert's for various services throughout the year including the Year 6 annual Leavers Service and Christingle.

Members of the Tuesday Club are invited to the dress rehearsal of Byland's Nativity performance.

Our children have performed at Sessay village hall.













### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

**SPORTS DAY** 

CHARITIES MACMILLAN RED NOSE DAY

**CHRISTMAS FAIRS** 

**PUMPKIN CARVING** 

DISCOS

FILM NIGHT





















### Before and After School Club Wrap Around Care

Through school we provide wrap around care for the children of Sessay Primary School. Our staff ensure that all children in our care are safe and happy, providing endless opportunities for planned and child initiated play and activities both indoors and outdoors.

It is a fun atmosphere for the children to relax and socialise in.

'Make it, bake it, play it, move it...'

We provide care from 8am to 5pm from Monday to Friday during term time.

Mrs Harper, Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Day run this much loved club and the children have lots of fun.





















### Is your child due to start school in September 2022?

Under the current COVID-19 restrictions prospective parents are welcome to arrange a personal phone call with Miss Bennett, our Headteacher.

To arrange a call please email the school or phone Mrs Waite in the school office.



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