



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

Another busy, fun filled fortnight at Sessay and firstly a huge thankyou to all for your generous donations to our Harvest charity this year the 'Thirsk Homeless Organisation', we raised an amazing £186 which we celebrated at our fabulous Harvest Festival in church on Tuesday.



Our Years 2, 3 and 4 Dodgeball team came third in a cluster competition last week and were awarded bronze medals.



Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed taking part in a cluster Cross Country Run at Thirsk High School yesterday. They all tried very hard and completed the run. Well done to all!

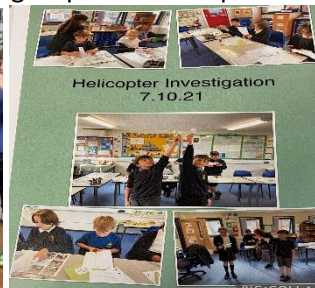
Byland have been busy designing their houses and made them using junk materials. They enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and baking their own bread. In Science, they have been learning about the changes which take place in Autumn, thinking about the weather, trees, what they wear and how some animals start preparing for the winter months.



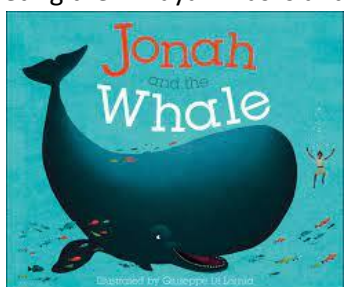
Fountains have been busy learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and sorting the bones in the human skeleton. They have been designing 'Wanted' posters in English and in Geography looking at the difference between human and physical features and studying aerial photographs and seeing what we they can spot! In Forest Schools the children have been making natural paint and colour mixing with a view to painting their pictures next week.



Bolton have been super busy this fortnight. They have been solving maths problems involving addition and subtraction and have grown so much in confidence with multi-step problems. In English they have been writing letters to inspirational mountaineers, linked to their Geography topic. They have also continued learning about mountain ranges across the world and adding even more detail to our 3-dimensional model mountain ranges. To celebrate National Poetry Day yesterday they created a shared class poem which was read aloud to other schools across our cluster. In PSHE they have been thinking about what makes up their identity including their culture, ethnicity, faith and gender. They have had their dancing shoes on in PE, dancing in a group and with a partner.



Rievaulx have been busy using formal methods for multiplication and checking their knowledge and understanding on the Chrome Books. They have been writing descriptions about Mexican cities, using Google Earth as a stimulus. In French they are learning about parts of the body and have been making wanted posters for pirates! Rievaulx children enjoyed completing their Mayan masks and carried out another investigation into air resistance in science.



Yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day in school by taking part in a virtual Church School YoYo drama and poetry cluster workshop based on the bible story Jonah and the Whale, lots of fun was had by all. This afternoon we warmly invite you to our Friday celebration Assembly at 2.30pm in St Cuthbert's (this half term hosted by myself).

### Friday 1 October Awards

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

Squirrel Award – Teddy for his super listening skills and for being a kind friend.  
 Headteacher's sticker - Alfie for his fantastic work in PE – he demonstrated excellent balancing skills.  
 Mathlete – Isabel for persevering with her work on comparing numbers.  
 Handwriter of the week – Ebony for practising writing her name independently.

#### Fountains, Mrs Sowray.

Squirrel Award – Ellie for some super contributions about lifecycles in science this week.  
 Headteacher's sticker - Edward for some fantastic running skills, building up his stamina and speed this week.  
 Mathlete - Jack Mi for really challenging himself with 2 and 3- digit number addition.  
 Handwriter – Niamh for some super presentation in English and R.E. this week.

#### Bolton, Miss Southward.

Squirrel Award – Noah for his hard work with reading especially this week as he has been challenging himself to read at home more and more!

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

Squirrel Award – Maddie for her positive attitude towards her learning, even when it is tricky.  
 Mathlete– Ruby for perseverance with her times tables and column multiplication

<p>Headteacher's sticker – Connor for putting so much effort into his presentation- especially in maths when using column subtraction.</p> <p>Mathlete – Esme for becoming a 'timestable graduate' which means she can confidently recall multiplication and division facts for everything up to 12x12</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Ava for an absolutely fantastic legend full of metaphors.</p>	<p>Head teacher's sticker- Freddie for working with such enthusiasm across the curriculum</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Hannah for a superb piece of descriptive writing about a Mexican city.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Tyrka's Superstars</b></p> <p>Zoe for continuing to read at home and making great progress.</p> <p>Imogen for being independent in her new class and doing superb writing this week.</p> <p>Olivia for being independent in her new class and working really hard.</p>	

<b>Friday 8 October Awards</b>	
<p><b>Byland, Mrs Tyrka and Mrs Bennison.</b></p> <p>Squirrel Award – Ella for trying really hard with her writing and for her great ideas writing our Jonah and the Whale poem.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Elkie for persevering with getting herself changed for PE.</p> <p>Mathlete – Rosie for her super work using and writing ordinal numbers.</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Connie for great work with her learning her tricky words.</p>	<p><b>Fountains, Mrs Sowray.</b></p> <p>Squirrel Award – Alfie W for an excellent attitude to all his work this week.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker - Georgie for her enthusiasm during PE yesterday – she listened well and really enjoyed the different activities</p> <p>Mathlete – Jack J for some super work on the addition of 3 single digits.</p> <p>Handwriter – Farrah for working extremely hard on the presentation of her work.</p>
<p><b>Bolton, Miss Southward.</b></p> <p>Squirrel Award – Charlie for being brave and stepping out of her comfort zone to read her writing to a group of children. Keep up the increased confidence.</p> <p>Headteacher's sticker – Asta for reading aloud our class poem to an audience across the cluster over zoom, with clarity and expression .</p> <p>Mathlete – Elliott for excellent problem solving skills in maths. Elliott is a whizz at missing number problems!</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Adele for her beautiful presentation across the whole curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Rievaulx, Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder.</b></p> <p>Squirrel Award –Hannah for carefully and creatively making her Mayan mask.</p> <p>Mathlete – Finlay for persevering with multiplication.</p> <p>Head teacher's sticker- Robert and Ella for outstanding effort in the cross country at Thirsk.</p> <p>Handwriter of the week – Zara for beautifully writing out her poem about 'Choices' after the poetry workshop.</p>

Have a lovely weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- 6 September – 24 October Morrison's 'It's Good to Grow' gardening equipment vouchers for schools. Please select our school on your MyMorrisons app to donate your grow tokens, the school will get 1 token for every £10 spent instore or online.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October FOSS School Disco in the school hall. Reception and KS1 (Years1 and 2) 5-6pm. KS2 (Years 3-6) 6-7pm. £3 entry which includes crisps and a drink. Glow sticks, hot dogs and sweetie bags 20p-£1 will also be on sale.

**DIARY DATES:**

11-15 October	Healthy Schools Curriculum Enrichment Week
Monday 11 October	Individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 12 October	FOSS School Disco Reception KS1 5-6pm KS2 6-7pm
Wednesday 13 October	Young Voices tickets and t-shirts deadline
Thursday 14 October	Parents Evening 2 (zoom)
Wednesday 20 October	School Christmas Tea Towel and Shopper Bag order deadline
Friday 22 October	Break up for half term, normal finish time
31 October	Year 6 applications for Secondary School deadline

1 November	Autumn term 2, back to school. FOSS Pumpkin carving competition
2 November	Flu Jabs (must be booked online)