

Class News

Willow:

This week we have been exploring colours and friendship, reading the Elmer books.

We have enjoyed using lots of ways to mix colours, in the water tray, using paints in pipettes, and mixing powder colours in our mud kitchen.



We have been matching numbers to quantities – and we are very good at it! Well done everyone.

Next week we will be embracing



the children's fascination with all things Autumn. If you collect conkers, pine cones, coloured leaves or any other outside treasures this weekend we would love for the children to bring them to school next week to share! Thank you.



Last week we pulled up the remaining carrots from our vegetable bed. We ordered them,

measured them and weighed them

– there was one huge carrot! We peeled and chopped them and made a soup to try – not a big favourite but we enjoyed the process!



Beech:

This week in Beech class we have been learning how to think of what can help our learning, as well as what can hinder it too. We discussed challenging ourselves when we need to problem solve that require us to show perseverance. In Maths the class have shown their ability to improve their times tables raps with actions, even to the degree of going faster! Earlier in the week we have been learning how to round numbers to the closest 10, 100 and 1000 and then applying these to solve problems. We have also learnt how good we are at working out the rules when translating Roman numerals to 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers, with some even showing an interest in 6 digit numbers! In English the class have been writing the

1	I
2	II
3	III
4	IV
5	V
6	VI
7	VII
8	VIII
9	IX
10	X
50	L
100	C
500	D
1,000	M

Oak:

We have been doing lots of great counting this week using the conkers we have been collecting, we now have over 200! We have enjoyed counting these every day - it has really helped us with our counting to 100 and above.

On Monday we spent time outside with Willow Class using meter sticks and trundle wheels to measure how big safari animals are. We measured a giraffe, an elephant, a zebra, a lion and a crocodile! We enjoyed drawing them to scale on the playground using chalk.

We have also enjoyed spending time outside collecting natural resources to make beautiful pictures.



Next week is Art Week in school. During art week we will be making Harvest Crowns by weaving willow.

If possible, could you please spend some time collecting a couple of natural resources to help with the decoration of our harvest crowns? Thank you.

Sycamore:



We started reading 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom' by Louis Sachar this week. The children have done some brilliant character work based on the book and we've had some very thoughtful discussions about whether the main character, Bradley Chalkers, is actually a bully or just a very misunderstood child. The children have very skilfully put forward their ideas whilst listening and responding respectfully to others. We made rock-pools in science this week, complete with mini models to represent different stages of a food chain. The children can confidently explain different parts of the chain, explaining what will eat what!



resolutions and endings to their stories, while incorporating their learning of commas, dependent and independent clauses. The class have also been working hard to improve their times table levels and spelling scores. Many have been 'tested' with their concepts in Science when we investigated the conditions needed to melt a solid, as part of our topic on states of matter.

Special Achievements

Mathemagicians

Willow: Mirabelle for super shape problem solving.

Oak: Henry for great understanding of 2-digit numbers.

Beech: Everyone who improved their maths score.

Sycamore: Kieran for quick and accurate written addition.

Caught you caring: Megan for looking after Mirabelle and reading to her beautifully when she was hurt.

Staff Spot: Mrs Pennick, Miss Greaves and Mrs Moore.

Special Mentions

Willow: Jamie for working really hard to learn his sounds and blend them to read real words.

Oak: Olivia for great reading with Mrs Poulter.

Beech: George for working hard at putting his words into sentences.

Sycamore: Grayson for excellent attitude to work and enthusiasm for apostrophes!

Mr Clark's Sports Awards

Willow: Miles for his great football skills.

Oak: Tommy for some great turns in football.

Beech: Finley for showing great effort in PE, with some fantastic dribbling.

Sycamore: Alice for solving the riddle in PE.



Reminders

OLD POUND COINS

Please note that **from Monday 9th October, we will no longer be able to accept old pound coins, as they cease being legal tender from 16th October. Thank you.**



PE KITS

Please can we ask that children have their PE kits in school all week as we have made some exciting changes to enhance our PE provision, which means that alongside having a Total Sports PE session every Thursday, the children also will be engaging in several shorter sessions of PE throughout the week including a range of different fitness/sport activities. **Children who take part in football training on a Thursday also need their kits and football boots/trainers on the day please.**



WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure children bring a water bottle (filled with water only) to school each day. No squash or fizzy juice please.



HEALTHY SNACKS

 Reception and Year 1 and 2 children are entitled to free fruit as a playtime snack. If you are sending older children with a snack, please make it healthy – no chocolate bars, sweets or crisps, but more importantly, **NO NUT-related products** as we have a child with a severe nut allergy.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that children wear the appropriate school uniform – navy, black or grey trousers/shorts, dress or skirts (no leggings) which should be labelled with names. We already have a collection of lost property which has no name!



Friends of Skelton Primary (FOSCPS)

On Friday 13th October 3.30pm - 4pm FOSCPS will be holding a celebration event (and rescheduled AGM) to talk about the work we have done for the children this year and our plans for the future. There will be free tea and coffee for any adults attending and the tuck shop will be held in the hall at the same time. If you've thought about helping out at events and raising money this is a good opportunity to find out more.



Friday 20th October - Autumn DISCO! 5.30pm - 7pm in the school hall, followed by a small fireworks display at the back of school from 7pm to 7.30pm. Parents/carers **must** collect their children from school at 7pm and be responsible for them during the fireworks display. **£2.50 per child to include hot dog, drink and fireworks display.** Fancy dress optional! Pre-school children welcome if accompanied by an adult throughout. Letter with more details to follow. If anyone would like to help at the disco by helping with the tuck shop, taking money at the door or supervising the children please email chairman@foscps.co.uk

Skelton Pre-School/OOSC/Holiday Club



If you are looking for childcare for children aged 16 months upwards we currently have spaces available. We are open from 7.30am -6pm daily all year round.

Fees per child:

Playgroup/Pre School Fees

Morning session 8.50am -12 noon £9.00

Afternoon session 1pm-3.20pm £8.50

All day 8.50am - 3.20pm £18.00



October half term holiday club

(activity schedule to follow).

Full day cost £20

Half day £10.50

Please call Lisa and Paige 07934631844 for details and to arrange a visit.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held during the last week of term (w/c 23rd October). As with previous years, you will be able to book a consultation through eSchools or at the School Office. The booking system will be available from Friday 13th October at 11pm.

Important Dates

Thursday's until half term, 3.30pm	KS2 Total Football
Tuesday's 3.30-4.15	La Jolie Ronde French (Rec-Y2) – further details from the school office
Friday 13 th October, 3.30-4pm	FOSCPS AGM and celebration
16 th -20 th October	Walk (Cycle or Scoot) to School Week
Wednesday 18 th October - afternoon	Visit from author Gillian Lewis (Sycamore & Beech) – parents invited, further details soon
Wednesday 18 th October	Willow and Oak trip to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park
Friday 20 th October 5.30-7pm	School Disco followed by fireworks at 7pm
w/c Monday 23 rd October	Parent Consultations
Friday 27 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 6 th November	Return to school



Safeguarding – ‘When is my child ready to go out alone?’

As your child is getting older and moving up the school, you may be starting to think about giving them more independence. This may include letting them walk to or from school, going to the park or local shop or popping to see their friends. You will need to consider all the interactions they may have when being more independent such as those with other children and adults as well as considering road and water safety. They will need to know that they can talk to you about issues such as bullying, swearing, drugs, inappropriate behaviour and other matters that can affect their safety and wellbeing. The NSPCC give some top tips below on how to decide whether your child is ready to go out alone or not.

Ready or not?

Our top tips to help prepare your child for going out alone.

Talk about the risks

Talk to your child early on about staying safe. How would they cross the road safely? What would your child do if they were approached by a stranger? Or if they were being bullied?

Make sure they're happy

Take the time to talk to your child, listen to them and check that they're happy to do things on their own. Don't make your child do something they're not happy with.

Set the boundaries

Be clear about any places you don't want your child to go. Be willing to explain your decision so that your child understands your concerns.

Do a trial run

Let your child take the lead when you're out together. Only correct them if they do something that puts them at risk.

Give them a chance to shine

Let your child show you they can be trusted. If they keep to the curfew and rules you set, you'll feel more confident about letting them do other things independently.

Not ready? Don't feel pressured.

Your child might insist that they'll be OK when they're out alone. But if you're still unsure, don't feel pressured. You need to be satisfied your child can make wise decisions on their own – even if they're with a sibling. It's easy to become separated or lost if they have an argument.