

CLASS NEWS

Willow:



This half term Willow class are exploring Space. So far, we have baked galaxy themed cakes, put the planets in order, made shape aliens, designed and made junk model rockets and written alien Wanted posters.

I'm sure we'll have more exciting things to come!



Oak:



This week Oak Class went outside for a spring walk and stumbled across a spaceship in the forest! We have been investigating all week, so far we have found out that the aliens crashed whilst on a journey from Neptune - they seem very friendly! We also know that one of the aliens is called Sandra. We have been recording our findings in our diaries.



In maths we have been looking at weights and measure. To put all of our skills learned to good use, we took part in the Oak Class Bake Off! Children were set a technical challenge to make tray bakes. They had to weigh their dry ingredients and use a jug to measure liquids. Once the tray bakes were set, the children had to cut and measure their bakes into squares of equal size...Prue and Paul would have been impressed!





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Beech:

Beech Class have had a great fortnight. Last week, they were temporarily promoted to the top of the school while Sycamore were on residential and rose to the challenge. The children were sensible and worked hard, producing some great work.



Over the past two weeks we have looked at measuring and calculating the perimeter of shapes. We have done some practical activities to develop understanding

before applying this to reasoning and problem solving questions.

In literacy the children have been learning how to punctuate direct speech. They used pictures to help plan what somebody might say, then practised writing it up with inverted commas. We are using these skills to help us write a story set in the Stone Age to finish our topic.

We have also done some excellent cave art, lying under the tables to help imagine what it might have been like in Stone Age times.



It has been lovely to have the class back after a week away and I am proud to hear how well they behaved last week.

Sycamore

After our great week at Low Mill, it has been a bit of shock coming back into a classroom again! We have all been very tired and would much rather compare our tales of abseiling, gorge walking and zip-wiring than multiply and divide decimals. However, the children have worked incredibly hard in numeracy, doing just that. They have literally devoured all the



decimals work set for them this week which has been an unexpected but very welcome surprise! They have moved on to percentages and the year six children will shortly be starting on their revision timetable in order to fully prepare them for the up-coming SATs.

In literacy the children have been writing letters of thanks to Low Mill. Every child wanted to start their letter by thanking the staff for the amazing food, rather than the activities! They were clearly very impressed with the comfort of the bed and showers too.



In science we have been learning about how nutrients are transported around the body. We discussed osmosis and the children carried out an experiment involving jelly worms and water - ask them for details!

We have recently received some money from the PTA, for which we are really grateful, to update the reading areas across the school. We have many new books in our classroom, both fiction and non-fiction. In addition we have a good selection of magazines including, Horrible Science, The Week Junior and Nature magazine. If you have any appropriate magazines at home that you think would be a good addition to our collection, then we'd be really grateful if you could send them in with your child. Lots of our children are really interested in science and the natural world so anything along these lines would be much appreciated.

Just a reminder that we will be holding a SATs meeting on Wednesday 27th March at 3.45pm in Sycamore. All parents/carers of year six children are invited, as well as the children themselves. We will be talking about the timetable



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for the week and you will have an opportunity to look at past SATs papers.

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There's been an awful lot to do since we got back from half term. We made sure to do something for Shrove Tuesday and made our own delicious pancakes from scratch! Everybody got a chance to take part in adding and mixing the ingredients together. We've also started getting ready for spring. Some of the children have created some wonderful crafts to go on our spring board. We've had tissue paper birds' nests, decorative daffodils, and some adorable baby chicks! The recent sunshine has had everybody begging to play outside; it's been wonderful to play outside in the sun again. The children even started up their own outdoor café and ice cream parlour.

Our next big activity afternoon is right around the corner. **'Escape the Room' is all set up for Wednesday 27th March.** Places have been going really fast so make sure to book in soon to guarantee your place!



Upcoming After School Club Activities:

Week Commencing 25th March:

Monday	Tuesday	BIG ACTIVITY Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	Sensory Friday
Paper Plate Birds	Outdoor Chalk Games	Escape the Room	Paper Flowers	Flower Pressing

Week Commencing 1st April:

Monday	Tuesday	STEM Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	Sensory Friday
Rounders and Tennis	Egg Carton Daffodils	Experimental Pinwheels	Flower Pot Decorating	Kinetic Sand Creation



FOSPCS

The next FOSPCS meeting is on Tuesday 26th March at Riverside Farm at 7.30pm. We hope to see some new parents next Tuesday. Everyone is welcome. Come along to find out more about our upcoming events.

EASTER TRAIL



Hop along to our eggciting Easter Trail on Saturday 6th April, 1-3pm. Pick up your map in school. £3 per trail which includes a small prize for each completed trail. Refreshments and tuck shop will be available all afternoon at school.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 26 th March, 7.30pm	PTA Meeting, Riverside Farm
Wednesday 27 th March, 3.45pm	Year 6 SATs meeting
Wednesday 27 th March, after school club	Escape the Room event
Friday 29 th March	Vale of York Talent Contest, 6pm
Wednesday 3 rd April	First Beech Swimming Session
Thursday 4 th & 11 th April	Beech Pedestrian Training
Saturday 6 th April, 1-3pm	Easter Trail
Friday 12 th April	Last day of term



Please take a look at our website (www.skeltonprimaryschool.org), which has a new look and a great search feature to enable you to easily find information. It is also linked to our school Facebook page, where you can see daily updates and photos from our class teachers.



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Easter Egg Trail
Saturday 6th April 1-3pm
Maps available from Skelton School
£3 per trail
All welcome



Refreshments & Tuck Shop available @ school

