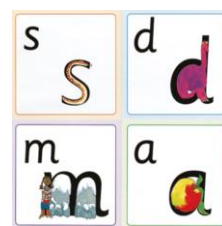


September 12th 2025
This week at Harewood

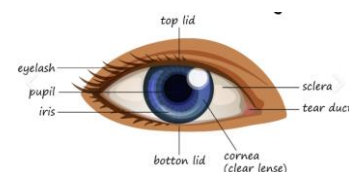
We are so proud of our new Reception children in **Turquoise Class** and how quickly they have settled in. They have enjoyed learning the first set of letters and were excited to go home and tell their grown-ups. Year One have started to write reports about nocturnal animals and have tried hard to write neatly. In maths, Year One have been practising careful counting skills and in D&T they have been thinking about the good design features needed to make a hedgehog home. It has been lovely to have the Reception children in for the mornings this week in **Blue Class** and they have all got used to school life really well. Thank you to all the Year 1 children who helped



guide them and set good examples. The Reception children learned their first sounds; m, a, s, d, and t and how to talk like Fred Frog. They played games with Fred Frog and blended the sounds they heard into words. They also had a go at writing the letters using the rhymes they had been taught. The Year 1 children are writing a report about nocturnal animals, using all the new knowledge they have. In maths, the Year 1 children have been exploring numbers to 10 and practising counting objects accurately. In RE, the children thought about belonging and they explored hedgehog homes in Design Technology. The Reception children have had a great first

week in **Lilac Class!** They have enjoyed making new friends and playing with lots of exciting toys! They have learned the sounds m,a, s, d and t and have practiced writing them. They have also had a go at drawing and painting their faces for our classroom wall. The Year 1 children have been writing a report about nocturnal animals and have thought about which animals are nocturnal, how they find food at night and why some animals sleep during the day. They have also been learning about staying safe online and have designed and made a hedgehog home.

This week in **Yellow Class** we have enjoyed welcoming Reception children into our class. In RE, the children discussed the different groups that they belong to outside of school. They looked at logos and talked about what these groups mean to them. We thought about what it means to belong and how we all belong to the Harewood school family. In science, we thought more about the human body. We learned to identify different parts of the eye including the pupil and iris and studied how our eyes change when we turn off the lights. The children then drew detailed pictures of their own eyes. It has been lovely to welcome the Reception children into **Green Class** each morning this week. We have all been very busy getting to know each other and learning lots! The children have drawn self-portraits in art and they impressed us with their brilliant drawing and painting skills. In writing this week, the Year Ones have been writing a report all about nocturnal animals. In science, the children have been learning all about the parts of the human body.



Red Class have enjoyed writing a non-chronological report all about animals found in Africa. The children thought carefully about the sentences they used and also about the adjectives they could include. In science, we continued to think about life cycles and looked at the life cycle of a chick. In history, we thought carefully about life in Victorian Times and in computing we thought about the different uses of information technology. Everyone had a great time in geography where they did a treasure hunt using maps on the playground. All of the children had a fantastic time in Sports Friday and in Forest School too. In **Orange Class** we have been learning about how to write non-fiction texts. We have gathered facts about animals that live on the African Savannah. We included titles and sub-headings in our writing about lions, elephants and giraffes. In maths, we have been counting on and back in 10s and finding the missing number on a number line. In geography, we looked at images of Gloucester and Ghana and compared their physical features. We have been very creative in art, earning lots of Opal Power. We mixed colours to make tints and tones of orange to create an African Savannah sunset. This week in **Pink Class** the children have been learning about the life cycles of humans and other animals. In geography we carried out some field work using maps and aerial photographs of the school site. The children deepened their understanding of place value in maths and in English, they have written a report on African animals of the Savannah. In computing, they have continued to develop their understanding of technology and how to use it safely.



Reception Children

The Reception children have settled into school really well and next week they will be staying for lunch. Their school day will finish at 1.00 and they can be picked up from the playground as usual. From Monday 22nd September, they will be able to stay all day and go home at 3.15pm with the Year One and Two children.

Phonics Meeting

It was lovely to see some of our Reception parents at our phonics meeting this morning. Practising sounds and oral blending with your child really does help them to consolidate their learning and ensures that they make the best progress possible. Hopefully, you find the phonics pack we sent home today useful, but if you need any help or support at all, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Names and labels

A **HUGE** thank you to all those parents who have labelled their child's clothes and other belongings clearly and permanently! It is so upsetting for the children when they lose new items and very difficult for us when we are faced with several identical lunch boxes, coats or book bags, none of which have a name label. It just makes life so much easier when we can quickly reunite the children with their possessions.



Nuts

We currently have a few children in school with a serious nut allergy. Our school kitchen doesn't use nuts but obviously some children bring in lunchboxes from home. While we recognise that nuts are a great source of protein, and are far healthier than many other snacks, we would ask you to save them for home in order to ensure all children are safe.

Forest School

Thursday 18 th September	Lilac Class Year 1
Friday 19 th September	Yellow Class Year 1



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 18 th September	Roller skating club starts
Friday 3 rd October	School photographs

Menu for the week beginning 15th September

	Hot meals Week 3			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Beans	Cheese & Baked Bean Puff	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Ham & Cheese Pizza	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with Chips	Mixed Bean Fijita	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich