

**December 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**

## **This week at Harewood**

The Year One children in **Turquoise Class** have been thinking carefully about the handwriting skills they are learning in our new handwriting sessions and have tried hard to use these skills whilst writing a lovely story based on the book, 'The Night World'.



Reception have continued to use their phonic skills to 'Fred Talk' and write simple words. In maths, Reception have been exploring the number 5 and discovering the different ways they can make 5 by splitting it into two different parts. Year One have been consolidating their understanding of teen numbers. They have all put a lot of effort into learning the nativity songs and have impressed us with their dancing; they are looking forward to performing for you all next week. The children have been creative in thinking about the design of the Christmas card they are making. They have thought about the different artists

they have learned about this term and chosen their favourite style to create their masterpiece. This week in **Blue Class** the Year 1 children have retold the end of the story 'The Night World' and the Reception children have, using story making, orally retold the story to an adult. Reception have also been honing their handwriting skills using the letters v, y, w, x and z. and have written some simple words containing these sounds. In science, the Year 1 children made a fact file about their favourite animal and the Reception children matched baby animals to their mothers. In computing, the children discussed the SMART rules and how to stay safe online and then looked at the art of Matisse and Kandinsky before producing their own art using a digital programme. In maths, the Year 1 children have been exploring number lines to 20 whilst the Reception children have been exploring number bonds to 5. In **Lilac Class** this week, the Year One children have continued writing their retell of the story 'A Night World'. The Reception children have been practising writing words containing the letters; v, w, y, x and z and have been thinking carefully about the sounds they can hear in each word. In maths, the Year One children have been learning all about number bonds within 20 and the Reception children have been learning to recognise British coins. All of the children have enjoyed creating their own pieces of winter artwork and were proud to show them off to you in the classroom earlier today! They are still practicing the dance and songs for our Christmas performance and are excited to show off their skills next week!



This week, the children in **Yellow Class** have been super busy practising for our Christmas performance. They are enjoying singing the songs and adding the actions and are very excited to perform next week. In writing, Year One have been retelling the story, 'The Night World' and Reception are focusing on using their phonics knowledge to write simple words. In computing, the children learned about the famous artist, Piet Mondrian and recreated his artwork using an art app. They



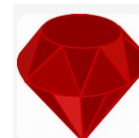
thought carefully about the shapes and colours used. We also thought about the rules we need to remember to keep us safe online. This week in **Green Class**, the Year 1 children have been retelling *The Night World* using expressive story language. In geography, they compared and contrasted daily life in Zambia and Gloucester, discussing similarities and differences. During PSHE, the children learned what healthy friendships look like and how to make sure everyone feels welcome and included.

This week in **Red Class**, the children have been busy writing their own fantastic stories based on *Gary the Racing Pigeon*. They transformed Gary into a puffin who set off to explore Ghana! The children used lots of interesting adjectives and thoughtful ideas to bring their stories to life. In maths, they continued to solve problems involving money. In RE, they explored the Jewish celebration of Shabbat and reflected on how they spend time with their own families. Everyone worked hard in DT to make moving toys, thinking carefully about pivots and joints. **Orange class** have had a great week practicing for their Nativity performance. In writing, the children have written very descriptive stories based on the story - Gary. In maths, the children have continued to learn about money and have begun learning about measure. The children learned about stereotypes in PSHE. This week in **Pink Class** the children have been focusing on length in maths and have enjoyed measuring everything in the classroom! In English, they have been writing their own version of the class story using their brilliant imaginations. We have continued to dance and sing to be ready for the Christmas performance next week! In PSHE we have continued discussions about tolerance and acceptance by learning about rights, responsibilities and stereotypes.



## Termly Value

Care and Respect are our values for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Esmae, Norah, Winter, Arshiya, Seth, Kaisha, Olivia, Archie and Cowyn. Lilac Class won the attendance cup with over 98% attendance for the week. Orange, Blue, Lilac, Green and Red Classes all had attendance over 95% so got to play our Classopoly game. Erica from Blue Class was our 'In to Win' winner for the week and got to choose a prize from the prize box.



## The Great Harewood Festive Bake Off

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all the children and grown-ups for all the brilliant bake off entries that were sent in! We were so impressed!! We are very pleased to announce the winners.

Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Paper entries all won joint 1 <sup>st</sup> place
Turquoise	Brodie	Bailey	Nevaeh	
Blue	Max	Arlo	Roman	Wenzel & Elliot
Lilac	Phoebe	Alfie	Gabi	Dillion, Jack & Evelyn
Yellow	Ezra	Cole	Jemima	
Green	Amelia	Olivia	Lily	Callie, Seth & Emrys
Red	Clara	Zion	Luna	
Orange	Sofia	Hunter	Antoni	
Pink	Evelyn	Tilly	Elodie	

The children will be receiving their exciting prizes and certificates in assembly very soon!  
We raised £325 and are very grateful for your kind generosity and support.

## Forest School

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Yellow Class
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Red Class



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas performance at 9.30am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance for Green and Yellow classes at 9.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance for Blue, Turquoise and Lilac classes at 9.30am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Repeat Year 2 Christmas performance at 2.15am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	iRock concert at 9.00am for parents of children who have attended these sessions
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and Christmas party day!
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Term finishes for the Christmas break. <b>School closes at 1.30pm</b>

## Menu for the week beginning 8th December

	Hot meals Week 3			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Ham, Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Mixed Bean Fajita	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Pork Sausage and Tomato Pasta	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Pasta Bolognaise	Vegetarian Mince Chilli with Fluffy Rice	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with Chips	Vegetable fingers with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich