

October 24th 2025

This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have had a busy last week of term. Year One have written some lovely stories based on the wordless book, Flashlight by Lizi Boyd; they thought of some fantastic words to describe the different things Tom found in the dark. They amazed us with their careful counting to solve simple addition problems. Reception have met the Set 1 special friends

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and have been practising writing them. In geography, the children thought about aerial views and made their own map of our playground, they included as much detail as they could. They have all thought about the artist, Pablo Picasso and have created their own cubism inspired nocturnal animal art. In **Blue Class** this week the Reception children learned to say, recognise and write the special friend sounds sh, th, ch, qu, ng and nk.

Year One wrote a story based on the wordless book 'Flashlight' using the illustrations to inspire them. In art, the children explored cubism and looked at the work of Pablo Picasso. They recreated their own cubist art using both traditional art materials and an iPad. The children then evaluated their work and discussed which

medium they preferred working with. The Reception children had a wonderful time at Forest School and enjoyed exploring a new area of the school. In maths, the Year One children have explored addition problems and the Reception children met number 5 in a pentagon shaped house. In **Lilac Class** this

week, children have been learning all about badgers. They learned lots of interesting facts about them and the Year One children wrote lovely reports which were full of interesting facts. In maths, the Reception children have been learning all about the number 5 and the

Year One children have been practicing subtracting by crossing out and then by counting back. In science, the children started learning about identifying and classifying animals and the Year One children had a go



at sorting animal cards into amphibians, reptiles, mammals, fish and birds. The Reception children enjoyed completing animal puzzles, talking about the animals they had made and sharing facts they knew about them. All of the children enjoyed an exciting dance lesson where they practiced moving in different ways to represent some of the animals we have been learning about in class.



In **Yellow Class** the children enjoyed reading the wordless book, Flashlight. They used their own words to add details, emotions and descriptions to the story. They thought about the conversation that could be had between the characters and added personality traits to the woodland animals. This week the children have been learning about and looking at pumpkins and have had a go at drawing and painting them using different media. They measured and compared the weight of different pumpkins. They also looked at the different colours, textures and shapes and even scooped out and counted the seeds inside the pumpkins. It has been messy, but fun! This week in **Green Class**, the children have

been conducting science experiments, testing the taste and smell of different foods using their senses. In geography, the children used their map skills to independently to draw an aerial view map of the school. They impressed us by including lots of the key features. In writing, the Year 1 children have been writing their own stories based on the wordless book Flashlight. They thought carefully about what they could see in each picture and came up with their own characters. The reception children have continued to impress us with their phonic knowledge and have started to learn set 1 special friend sounds.

This week, the children in **Red Class** have written a lovely story about Zeraffa the Giraffa, based on a true story of a giraffe travelling from Africa to Paris. They used lots of descriptive language to make the story more exciting. In maths, they worked hard to complete difficult multiplication and division problems, using manipulatives and pictures.

Everyone enjoyed painting their clay animals in art and made some wonderful rangoli patterns in their free time. In computing, they thought about the safe use of ICT and remembered our 'Stay Safe' rules.

Everyone had a fantastic time in Sports Friday. **Orange Class** have worked hard on writing their recount of Zeraffa Giraffa, the true story of a giraffe travelling from Egypt to Paris. In maths, we started to look at division by sharing numbers of objects into equal groups and we thought about how to record this as a calculation. We painted our clay African animals and learned to be resilient if the odd limb fell off! In science, we talked about the basic needs for human survival and the difference between what we actually need and what we want. Mrs. Lightfoot would like to thank you all for your kind messages and lovely gifts. She has greatly enjoyed teaching Orange Class and hopes that everyone has a super half term. This week in **Pink Class** the



children have been exploring healthy eating and learning about food groups. We have also thought about what animals, including humans, need to survive. In English, we have been writing the story of Zeraffa Giraffa and in maths we have been finishing our work on multiplication and division, and begun learning more about fractions. In art, the children have enjoyed learning how to join pieces of clay whilst creating African animals.

Termly Value

Responsibility is our value for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Noah, Ella, Tilly, Le'Vai, Alannah, Rayna and Elodie.



Half Term

The first Autumn term ends today and school is closed next week. We hope you all have a lovely and well deserved half term break! School reopens on Tuesday 4th November at 8.40am.

Goodbyes and Welcomes

This week, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Lightfoot who has been a wonderful part of our school community. We wish her all the best in her next chapter and are grateful for her dedication and hard work. She has asked us to thank you all for your kind messages and lovely gifts. At the same time, we are thrilled to welcome back Miss Drummond from maternity leave. The Year 2 team have missed her and we know that the children are looking forward to having her back!

Forest School

Thursday 6 th November	Orange Class
Friday 7 th November	Pink Class



Dates for your Diary

Friday 24 th October	Book Fair from 3.15 – 3.45pm in the school hall
Friday 24 th October	Last day of the first term
Tuesday 4 th November	School reopens for children. Please note – school is closed for children on Monday 3rd November as there is a training day for staff.
Wednesday 5 th November	Vision checks in school for Reception children
Friday 7 th November	Friday drop in sessions start again
Tuesday 11 th November	History Workshop at 2.15pm for parents and children of Red Class
Wednesday 12 th November	History Workshop at 2.15pm for parents and children of Orange Class
Thursday 13 th November	History Workshop at 2.15pm for parents and children of Pink Class
Thursday 20 th November	Open Evening at 5.30pm for parents of children starting school in September 2026
Monday 8 th December	Year 2 Christmas performance at 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas performance for Green and Yellow classes at 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas performance for Blue, Turquoise and Lilac classes at 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	Repeat Year 2 Christmas performance at 2.15am
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and Christmas party day!

Menu for the week beginning 3rd November

	Hot meals Week 1			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Beef Lasagne with Herby Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby Potatoes	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Mince Pie with Roast Potatoes	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Beef Chilli Con Carne with Fluffy Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with Chips	Vegetable Enchilada with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich