

May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

## This week at Harewood

**Turquoise Class** have had a busy week and have enjoyed watching the seeds they planted two weeks ago, germinate and start to grow; Reception are growing some different herbs and Year One, sunflowers. Year One are working hard to write with more independence and with increased pace, and, although it has been tricky, they are getting better every day. In



Reception have been exploring days of the week and Year One have finished their 'comparing numbers' unit of work. They were all super sports people in PE where they have been learning to play the team sport of 'bench ball'; they used carefully practised chest passes to move the ball between team mates to score. It was lovely to see them celebrate each other's wins - true Ruby Power in action! In **Blue Class** this week, the Year 1 children have written a simple recount of the water cycle using the story language they have learned.



In Reception the children wrote words and sentences using their phonic

knowledge. In art, the children explored abstract artworks of rain using cool colours and then recreated their own. In Design Technology the children made a rain gauge for the outdoor classroom and discussed why it was useful to know how much rain fell and what it told them. In maths, the Reception children have been exploring the teen numbers 16-20 and learning that they are made of a ten and some more, and the Year 1 children have been adding and subtracting numbers to 100 using different methods. In **Lilac Class** this week, the children have continued retelling the story of the water cycle. Year One have written recounts all about it and Reception have been showing off their oral story making skills individually to an adult. In maths, Reception have been learning to count on and back using their fingers to help them calculate and Year One have been learning about money. In RE, the children continued thinking about special stories and they learned about the story of Ruth and Naomi as a story that has special meaning for Jews. In DT, the children enjoyed learning about rain gauges and helping to make one for our outdoor area. They were so excited when rain started to fall and were looking forward to being able to measure it in the rain gauge! In PSHE, the children learned about good and bad secrets and learned that while some secrets are exciting and should be kept, if secrets make them feel worried or anxious, they should be shared with a trusted adult.

This week in **Yellow Class**, the children in Year One retold the story, 'Rain' in their writing. We are so impressed with their story recall and their use of spelling and grammar. Reception continue to impress us also with their ongoing sound knowledge and ability to 'fred talk' in order to write words. In maths, Reception children are learning to identify the missing numbers in a number line and Year One were finding one more and one less from numbers to 100. In science, we identified different seeds and saw which fruit or vegetable they grew into, and in computing, we decided if we preferred to write using a keyboard or a pencil. **Green Class** enjoyed a wonderfully sunny afternoon at Forest School. We looked at plants and talked about their structure. In writing this week, Year One wrote a recount of the water cycle and Reception re-told the story independently. In maths, Reception learned about different ways we measure time. We sang the days of the week and months of the year songs and learned when our birthdays are. Year One continued looking at tens and ones and talking about which number was the greatest in a pair. In PSHE, we talked about how we feel if someone touches us and we don't like it. We learned the importance of our own personal space too and we sang the Pantosaurus song from the NSPCC. In PE, we practiced the underarm throw using tennis balls.



This week, the children in **Red Class** have been busy across the curriculum. In history, we explored the work of Jacques Cousteau and learned about his ocean discoveries. In DT, the children designed and made their own RNLI lifeboats, showing great creativity. In geography, we have been learning about the key characteristics of Northern Ireland, and in art we explored the bold and colourful work of Henri Matisse. The children also made posters about the rainforest in science. In writing, the children produced some fantastic stories inspired by *Sylvie the Seahorse* – we are very proud of their



imagination and effort! This week in **Orange class**, the children have written their own versions of the story 'Sylvie's Seahorse'. They included lots of interesting sentences. In maths, they have been re-capping multiplication and division. In art, they learned about Henri Matisse and started practicing some techniques ready to create some artwork based on his work. To finish the week, the children had a fantastic time in Forest School. This week in **Pink Class**, we have continued exploring digital media in computing and dance in PE. In English, we have been adapting the story *Sylvie's Seahorse* by creating our own characters, and in maths we have been focusing on multiplication. In geography, we have carried on learning about the characteristics of countries in the United Kingdom, with a focus on Scotland. In DT, we

have started making lifeboats and trailers using the boxes the children brought in.

### Attendance and Value assemblies

Congratulations to Lilac Class who won the attendance cup this week with 99% attendance for the week. Pink, Turquoise and Green classes also had over 95% attendance and so got to play our Classopoly game. Our 'In to Win' winner this week was Ella from Green Class who chose a prize from the box. Cooperation is our value this term and in this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Cowyn, Lottie, Alfie, Ernie, Poppy, Annabelle and Tilly.



### Bike and scooters on the playground

We hope that you like the new bike and scooter storage area. We know that it was far from ideal having to tiptoe over the grass area to where the racks used to be. Some parents have shared their concern about children riding their bike or scooter on the playground at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. We do share this concern and would not want anyone to be knocked over or injured by a bike or scooter. Please can we all ensure that the children walk their bike or scooter to and from the racks and only ride them when they are outside the playground gate. Thank you so much for your support with this.

### Forest School

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Yellow Class
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Red Class



### Dates for your diary

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff training day – school closed for children
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Blue and Turquoise classes visiting Bristol Zoo
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Yellow and Green classes visiting Bristol Zoo
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Circus Skills Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Lilac Class visiting Bristol Zoo
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 Circus Skills Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Performance at 2.15pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Circus Skills Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Performance at 2.15pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sea Legs Puppet theatre visiting with a performance of Three Little Pirate Pigs
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Fun Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year iRock concert Last day of term. School closes at 12.30pm. There will be a joint picnic on the field with Harewood Junior School starting at 12.40pm. All are welcome!

### Menu for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May

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

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT HALO LEISURE

Every school holiday we have a fantastic lineup of activities to keep kids active, engaged, and having a blast!

**FAMILY FUN  
SWIMMING**

**RACKET SPORTS**

**JUNIOR GYM  
SESSIONS**

**JUMPINGYM  
INDOOR  
SOFT PLAY**

**INTENSIVE  
SWIMMING  
LESSONS**

**AND MORE...**

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