

September 25th 2026
This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have had a lovely week, exploring our 'Breakfast' topic a little further. Year Ones have used their knowledge of their 'Magic Porridge Pot' story making to write some lovely stories, thinking carefully about their handwriting. All of the children enjoyed learning a porridge pot song and adding a rhythm, and they have even made a thumb pot porridge bowl of their own using clay. Reception have started to use the sounds they have learned to make and read words. In maths, Year One have been investigating numbers, comparing them and deciding which numbers were less or greater. Reception have been learning all about the number 2; counting groups of 2, writing 2 and thinking about what would happen if there was one more or less. In **Blue Class** the Reception children learned the sounds c, k, u and b whilst the Year 1 children have been retelling the start of the story 'Magic Porridge Pot' using all the rich story language they used whilst story making. In maths the Year 1 children have been finding one more and less than any given number to 10 and using mathematical language such as greater than and less than. Reception have met number 2 in their semi-circular house and have explored finding, writing and counting to 2 as well as finding 1 more and 1 less than 2. In art,

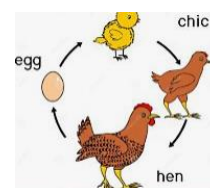


the Year 1 children made their own magic porridge pot out of clay whilst the Reception children experimented with making a pot out of playdough. In science, the children explored the sense of hearing and in computing they discussed how to keep themselves safe when using technology. In **Lilac Class** this week, the Reception children have continued learning new sounds and this week they have focused on c, k, u and b. We are so grateful to parents for practising these sounds at home and for reading the sound blending books; it makes such a big difference to the pace of learning. In maths, the Year One children have been comparing quantities using the words greater than and fewer than, and they have also learned to use mathematical symbols to compare numbers. The Reception children have been learning all about the number 2 and have practiced finding 2 objects, writing the number 2, exploring what is and isn't 2, and also finding one more or less than 2. All of the children enjoyed sorting fruits from vegetables and talking about how they could tell the difference. In art, they enjoyed exploring pointillism and printing and have created some lovely artwork for the classroom.

Yellow Class had another fantastic week full of exciting learning and creativity! We have been exploring the story of *The Magic Porridge Pot*. We are pleased to see the children's confidence growing as they remember the story and join in using actions and expressive voices. In writing, Year One wrote their own versions of the story, while Reception continued to practise writing the sounds that they learned this week. In history, we explored how we have changed over time and in PSHE, we have continued to learn more about our feelings. The children enjoyed lots of nursery rhyme singing in music! The children have shown wonderful enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness throughout the week - we are very proud of them! This week in **Green Class**, we have had another fun and busy week! The children loved making their own clay pots inspired by The Magic Porridge Pot. They carefully shaped their pots and used different tools to create patterns and textures. In science, we explored our ears and thought about how we use them to hear the sounds around us. Everyone had a fantastic time in music, and in RE we discussed what the word 'God' means to different people. In PE, all of the children explored space and movement. A definite highlight was playing Stuck in the Mud together!



Red Class have had a fantastic week! In English, the children wrote their own retells of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In maths, the children continued practising addition, focusing on regrouping. The children explored the life cycles of chicks and butterflies in science. They created Mayan hot chocolate cups using clay in art and in computing, the children learned about information technology in school. It has been another lovely week in **Orange Class**. In writing, we have been retelling the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In maths, we have been learning how to add two-digit numbers to other two-digit numbers. In art, we have been painting our Mayan pots and they are looking fantastic. In science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a chicken. In RE, we have been talking about forgiveness, and in PSHE we have continued learning about different families. We are especially proud of the children this week for being so kind to one another. They have been helping their friends whenever they need it and showing what a caring class Orange Class is. Well done everyone! This week in **Pink Class** the children have been learning and talking about happy families in PSHE. In RE, we have explored forgiveness through the Bible stories of 'The Prodigal Son' and 'Zacchaeus the Tax Collector'. As our theme this term is chocolate, the children have been learning about where chocolate comes from and how it's made so in art we created our own hot chocolate mugs and decorated them with Mayan patterns. They have also enjoyed creating posters all about the Cadbury family for history.



Termly Value

Responsibility is our value for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Jesse, Seth, Summer, Archie, Roman, Isla, Emilia, Henry, David and Elliot. Well done for being such great role models!

End of the Day

We recognise that it can be very busy on the playground at the end of the school day. Some parents have expressed concerns that they find it difficult to see when their child is at the front of the line and the teachers are also finding it very hard to spot parents. It can also be quite daunting for young children to walk through a big crowd. To make it a little easier for everyone, we would really appreciate it if you could stand a little bit further back. It makes it much easier for everyone to see and simpler for children to get through to their parents. This is particularly important when it is raining and we have umbrellas to contend with us as well!

Bungalow

Please ensure that older siblings **remain with you and are supervised** while you are waiting for your children to come out at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, older children have been seen opening the gate to the bungalow and damaging some of the outdoor ornaments in that area which VIPs and Tuffley playgroup have put there to make the area feel more welcoming. This is obviously upsetting for them and not acceptable behaviour on our school site. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

The Big Future Survey

The Big Future is a project which is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza, will be using what children tell her to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete with your child and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Forest School

Thursday 1 st October	Orange Class
Friday 2 nd October	Red Class



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14 th October	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 21 st October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
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Menu for the week beginning 28th September

	Hot meals Week 2			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese & Baked Bean Puff	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Beef Burger in a bun	Veggie Burger in a bun	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Chicken Nugget & chips, peas or baked beans	Veggie Fingers & chips, peas or baked beans	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich

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