

**February 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

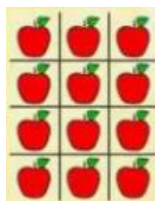
**This week at Harewood**

**Turquoise Class** have been amazed at the growth of our class bulb that we only planted last week; they rush in each day to see how much it has grown! Year One children have written some interesting facts about the Montgolfier brothers and their first hot air balloon flight and Reception have tried hard to use the new sounds they are learning in phonics to write words and simple phrases. In maths, Year One have been exploring length and height and Reception have met number '0'. All the children have evaluated a range of different space art by different artists. They spoke thoughtfully about the pieces they liked or disliked and why. They then created their own amazing space art using similar bright colours and shapes. This week in **Blue Class** the children explored space art and discussed which pictures they liked and disliked. The Year 1 children started to write about the Montgolfier Brothers and their first hot air balloon flight in France. The Reception children wrote some simple sentences, showing the letter formation they have practised throughout the term. In history, the children looked at different Victorian artefacts and what their modern day equivalents are. They discussed how things were different and how they have changed or stayed the same. For example, the iron was the same shape but not electric. In science, the Year 1



children explored materials that were absorbent and non-absorbent and talked about why the absorbency of a material may make it useful for certain objects, such as umbrellas. In maths, the Year 1 children have been exploring length and height and the Reception children met zero, who is nothing and has nothing!

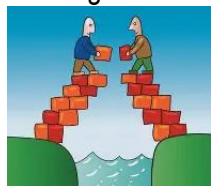
**Lilac class** have enjoyed learning more about the Montgolfier brothers this week. The Year One children have written about their lives and Reception have practised applying their phonic knowledge to help them write simple words and sentences. In maths, Year One children have been learning about arrays and have begun to draw their own to help them solve simple multiplication problems. Reception have been adding practically and writing simple addition sentences in response to pictures. All of the children enjoyed learning about maps; Reception looked at lots of different maps and talked about what they could see, and Year One created their own maps showing geographical features they might see if they went on a train journey around the UK. In PSHE, the children learned about the difference between being unkind, or making a bad choice, and bullying. They really enjoyed listening to different scenarios and deciding whether they were examples of bullying or not.



This week in **Yellow Class**, the children really enjoyed using the gym equipment in the hall in their PE lesson. They were very sensible and careful when on the frames and they practised their balances and jumps. In science, Year One tested materials to see if they were waterproof and Reception explored mixing sand and water in order to build sandcastles. They planned their sandcastles on paper before building them. In maths, Reception explored 'zero' and reviewed numbers 1 to 10 and Year One focused on length. This week in **Green Class**, the Year 1 children have been writing about the Montgolfier brothers. The Reception children have been writing sentences and have impressed us with their letter formation. In science, the children have been exploring which materials are best for different jobs. They conducted an experiment to test how waterproof different materials are and then used their findings to decide which materials would be best to use for an umbrella. In art, the children have been looking at space art created by different artists. They have been describing and comparing different pieces of artwork. I would like to say a big thank you to Green Class for a lovely couple of terms. It has been a pleasure to work with them all, and I wish them all the best for the rest of the year.



This week in **Red Class**, we have loved writing our own version of *Ben and the Shuttle*. The children used exciting adjectives to create detailed settings and thought carefully about their characters' emotions. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and the children enjoyed creating fun stories to help them understand numerators and



denominators. In history, we explored life in the 1960s, and in geography, we used coordinates and map keys to make our own maps of the UK. We also continued learning about how to be safe and kind online in PSHE. Another brilliant week in Red Class!

This week in **Orange Class**, the children have been writing descriptive stories inspired by the book *Ben and the Shuttle*. In maths, they have been learning about fractions, focusing on recognising, finding and writing fractions, as well as ordering and comparing them. In history, the children used lots of Opal Power to create fantastic posters about life in the 1960s. In geography, they have been learning about grid references and compass directions. This week in **Pink Class** the children have been continuing to learn about materials in science. They investigated the best material to construct a bridge which could hold certain weights. In DT, they designed and created a moving picture of a plane which flies across the page, then evaluated their work. In maths, we have been focusing on division and multiplication and the link between them. The children enjoyed using equipment in the hall for gymnastics in PE and they enjoyed making art work of planets using chalk pastels.

## Half Term Break

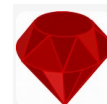
We break up today for the half term holiday. School will reopen on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We hope you all have a lovely and well deserved break!

## Attendance and Value assemblies

Congratulations to Pink Class who won the attendance cup this week with over 99% attendance for last week. Every class had over 95% attendance and so got to play our Classopoly game. Our 'In to Win' winner this week was Priya from Yellow Class who chose a prize from the box. Tolerance is our value this term and in this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Wenzel, Tiala, Ihalakshmi, Khazia, Rayna and Finley.

## Student Teachers

We are very sad to be saying good bye to Miss Canfield who has been working in Lilac Class and to Miss Frisby who has been working in Yellow Class. They have both been fantastic student teachers and the children and staff have loved having them. We wish them both the best of luck in their future careers.



## Forest School

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Orange Class
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Lilac Class



## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to the Black Country Museum
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Reception / Year 1 children can come to school in pyjamas / onesies ready to cosy up and read

## Menu for the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February

	Hot meals Week 1			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
<b>Monday</b>	Chinese Chicken Noodles	Vegetable and Five Bean Noodle	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef Lasagne with Herby Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby Potatoes	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken 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