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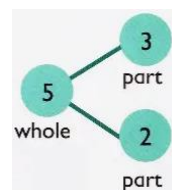
This week at Harewood

This week, the Year Ones in **Turquoise Class** have done a super job finishing off their animal science reports, and Reception have wowed us with their 'Fred Talk' and writing. In maths, Year One have been exploring 2d and 3d shape patterns, and Reception have been exploring breaking numbers to five into two parts and putting them back together again. They have all been geographers and learnt lots of interesting things about Zambia; they have thought carefully about how you can compare and contrast Zambia with the UK. They were fascinated by the video showing 'A day in the Life of Francesca'; a short documentary showing the life of a child in Zambia. On Thursday, they had a wonderful time at Forest



School where they enjoyed hunting for signs of winter and playing in the mud! In **Blue Class** this week, the Year 1 children have completed their report about an animal from each of the five categories of animals; reptiles, amphibians, mammals, birds and fish. Reception have been honing their handwriting skills using the letters e, l, h, r and j. They also wrote simple words with these sounds, together with those they had already practised. In geography, the children looked at how different weather and life is in the UK compared to Kenya and they looked at pictures representing the

physical geography of each country. They then discussed the differences they could remember with an adult. In maths, the Year 1 children have again been exploring teen numbers to 20 whilst the Reception children have been composing and decomposing numbers using the part, part, whole model. In **Lilac Class** this week, the Year One children have been writing their retell of the story 'A Night World' and they have done a great job of including story language and thinking carefully about presentation, punctuation and grammar. The Reception children have been practising writing words containing the letters; e, l, h, r and j and have also done a great job of trying to write neatly and form each letter correctly. In maths, the Year One children have been learning to estimate numbers on a number line while the Reception children have been thinking about pairs of numbers that make 5. In PSHE, the children thought about trust and enjoyed talking about adults they trust, both at home and in school. They have continued learning and practising the dance and songs for our Christmas performance and are doing a great job!



This week in **Yellow Class**, the Year One children have been hard at work finishing their report writing on animal facts. They have all been super focused on correct letter formation. The Reception children have also been focusing on forming letters correctly in their writing books and have been sounding out simple words to write. We had a visit from the police who showed us their police car and let the children sit in it! This week we have also been busy practicing Christmas songs for



our performance. This week in **Green Class**, the children have been busy and enthusiastic learners! In geography, they have been comparing the physical and human features of Zambia and Gloucester, exploring how places can be both similar and different. In science, the children have been identifying the key differences between amphibians and reptiles, building their understanding of animal groups. They have also been hard at work practising their Christmas performance, showing great teamwork.

Everyone has had a busy week in **Red Class**. The children have worked hard to show off their skills when doing some busy jobs in maths and reading. Everyone thought carefully about using conjunctions in SPaG and they have also started to learn the spelling rule 'when o is spelt with an a'. In Sports Friday, they focused on ball skills and also have almost perfected their Christmas dance in PE. The children used printing skills in art to complete their tiger pictures. In PSHE, we had some great discussions about rights and responsibilities both in and out of the classroom. This week, **Orange Class** have been using lots of emerald power by being very resilient when completing some maths and reading quizzes. In PSHE, the children learned about their rights and responsibilities and they worked in pairs to create some great posters. In history, the children compared how Charles Darwin and Sir David Attenborough explored the world. This week in **Pink Class** the children have been learning their new story 'Gary', in preparation for next week's writing. In maths, we have been focusing on money by making different amounts. In geography, we have been looking at different aspects of Ghana and comparing life there to our lives in the UK. In PSHE, we have been talking about rights and responsibilities and we have enjoyed practicing our singing and dancing in preparation for the Christmas performance.



Termly Value

Care and Respect are our values for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Theo-John, Nicholas, Marley, Enaiah-Jean, Vienna-Rose, Vinny, Sienna and Adam. Orange Class won the attendance cup with over 99% attendance for the week. Turquoise, Blue, Lilac, Orange, Green, Yellow and Pink Classes all had attendance over 95% so got to play our Classopoly game. Freddy from Pink Class was our 'In to Win' winner for the week and got to choose a prize from the prize box.



Attendance

We have now received our minimum attendance improvement target from the DfE, which is **0.3%**. For our school, this means pupils collectively need to attend **an additional 106 days** compared with last year. The report also shows two key areas where we need to improve:

- **Attendance at the start of the week** is lower than in similar schools.
- **Persistent absence**—children missing more than 10% of school remains significantly higher than average.

Some of you will have received attendance letters last week, and we hope this helps explain why we must now take a more rigorous approach to improving attendance. We are very keen to work with families. If you have any ideas about how we can support you to get children into school more reliably, especially at the beginning of the week, please do come and talk to us. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Christmas post at Harewood

The Harewood Christmas postal service will begin deliveries from next week! The post box will be in the entrance hall and our Year 2 post persons will do a great job delivering the Christmas mail. Please make their job easier by making sure that your child writes the name and class of their friend clearly on the card that they are sending. We do have quite a few children with the same forename and it can be impossible to tell who the cards are intended for if there is no surname or class!

Forest School



Thursday 4 th December	Orange Class
Friday 5 th December	Pink Class

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3 rd December	Festive Bake Off competition
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 2.15pm
Friday 12 th December	iRock concert at 9.00am for parents of children who have attended these sessions
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and Christmas party day!
Thursday 18 th December	Term finishes for the Christmas break. School closes at 1.30pm

Menu for the week beginning 1st December

	Hot meals Week 2			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Beef Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Veggie Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken with Fluffy Rice	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Minced Beef Pie with Diced Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baguette Slice	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	BBQ Mixed Bean Fajita	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich



**St George's Church,
Tuffley GL4 OPE**



**Christmas
Craft Fayre**



Sat 29th Nov



12-3pm



**Craft stalls, jacket potatoes,
grand raffle, mince pies,
children's activities,
Santa's Grotto!**



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