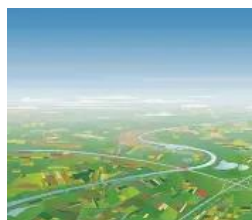


October 17th 2025

This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have enjoyed being geographers this week. They used fieldwork skills to explore our school site, locate different nocturnal animals and plot them on to a map using their understanding of aerial views. Reception have now met all the single letter sounds and are trying really hard to remember them and use them to read simple words. Year One have written wonderful versions of the story 'Oliver's Wood'. In maths, Reception have learned about the number 4 and Year One



have been working systematically to explore number bonds to 10. In **Blue Class** this week the children have been exploring aerial photographs in geography. They saw how the geographical features they know looked different from an aerial perspective, and labelled aerial photos of the school. In Reception the children learned to say, recognise and write the sounds w, z and x. Year 1 have been retelling the story of 'Oliver's Wood' and they used all the descriptive story making language they know. In RE the children explored the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan which marks the bond of love and protection between siblings. The children then made bracelets like those used

as part of the festival. In maths, the Year 1 children have explored number bonds and the Reception children met number 4 who lives in a square house. In **Lilac Class** this week, the children have enjoyed looking at a wordless book called Flashlight. They were great at looking at the pictures and making up a story to go with them. The Year One children then wrote the story while Reception continued to learn and practise writing new sounds. They have really impressed us with how many sounds they have remembered this term! In maths, Reception children have been learning all about the number 4 and Year One have been practicing adding by counting on. In PSHE, the children have learned about how families can look different but that love is what holds a family together. They enjoyed talking about things that their family likes to do together and they drew some great pictures.



In **Yellow Class** the children have used actions and expression to help them learn the story, Oliver's Wood. This week as part of the Literacy, the Year 1 children have been writing parts of this story and the Reception children have been retelling it to their class adults. We have all been very impressed by how well they have learned and can use the story language. The children have also enjoyed thinking about families and what it means to be part of a family. They have talked about how our families make us feel and also looked at different families. They recalled happy family experiences or memories and drew pictures of these. This week in **Green Class**, the Year 1 children have been writing a story based on their story making, Oliver's Wood. They used lots of interesting story language. In maths, the Reception children have been learning all about the number 4, while the year 1 children have been learning addition skills, using part whole models and fact families. In computing, the children have been practicing using their mouse skills to create pictures on the computer.

This week in **Red Class**, the children have worked very hard to think of lots of exciting adjectives when creating their own poems about safari animals. They thought about what the animals look like and also what they do. In maths, they have started to learn multiplication strategies and are using knowledge from Year 1 to complete difficult questions. In geography, they compared family life in Ghana to family life in England and made their own clay animals in art. They had to think about how to join the bits of clay together and used lots of diamond power. Everyone had fun in Sports Friday and worked well as a team. **Orange Class** have enjoyed planning and writing their own poems about African animals. We wrote five verses, each about a different animal. In maths, we started to learn about multiplication. We began by writing repeated additions and moved onto using the multiplication symbol. Every day we have been reciting our 2,5 and 10 times tables. Tuesday was DT day! We tasted different foods and chose our favourite combinations to put into our wraps. We explored and used different kitchen tools and worked out which were the best for preparing certain foods. In art we sculpted clay into African animals and are looking forward to painting them next week. This week in **Pink Class** the children have been writing their own poems about safari animals. They enjoyed a special DT day where they made wraps, thinking about flavour combinations and balanced diets, before preparing, tasting and evaluating them. In music, they learned the song 'Down in the Jungle' and then added rhythm to it. In maths, we have been looking at multiplication and in art the children have been learning the technique of joining clay, in order to create their own African safari animal.



Termly Value

Responsibility is our value for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Jake, Roman, Isaac, Jesse, James, Paignton, Poppy and Rosalie.



Forest School

Thursday 23 rd October	Blue Class Reception children
Friday 24 th October	Turquoise Class Reception children

Friday morning drop in sessions

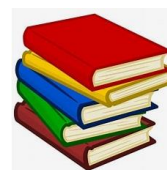
We have now managed to look at all the data from the questionnaires you completed about Friday morning drop ins. Opinion was quite split about how frequently you would like these to happen, but the majority of parents said they would like us to continue holding these sessions weekly. While we love welcoming you into school, please don't feel guilty if you're not able to attend. We completely understand that many of you have work, family and other commitments that make it difficult for you to join us. Your support for your child's learning shows in so many different ways, from conversations you have at home to reading with your child in the evenings. We will continue to share children's work and achievements in other ways so that everyone has the chance to see how proud we are of their efforts. Our first Friday drop in session will be after the half term on Friday 7th November.

Parent's Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at our first parents' evening on Wednesday. Our second session is next week on Wednesday 22nd October from 3.30pm onwards. If you haven't yet booked an appointment please call Trina on 01452 526889 and she will arrange this for you.

Book Fair

From Wednesday next week, we will be hosting a book fair in the school hall. It will be open from 3.30 – 6.30pm on Wednesday, from 2.45 – 3.15pm on Thursday and from 3.15-3.45 on Friday. We are able to accept cash payments and there will also be an online payment system that can be used. It involves scanning a QR code on your phone and entering card details so that the payment goes straight to the book company. There will be lots of exciting books and other small gifts to choose from. We hope to see you there; it could be a great opportunity to get some of those stocking fillers!



Collections for the Food Bank

The tinned tomatoes have finally been counted and we managed to collect 170 tins for Gloucester Foodbank. Thank you once again for your kind support.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Book Fair from 3.30 – 6.30pm in the school hall
Wednesday 22 nd October	Nasal flu immunisations – details can be found on the school app
Thursday 23 rd October	Book Fair from 2.45 – 3.15pm in the school hall
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
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

Menu for the week beginning 20th October

	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	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake	Chick Pea & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Beef Lasagne with Baguette Slice	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baguette Slice	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	Vegetable fingers with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich