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This week at Harewood

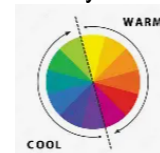
In **Turquoise Class**, the children have been looking at the illustrations in the book 'In the Rain' by Elizabeth Spurr and Year One have used these to help them write their own story. They used lots of interesting describing words. Reception have been using the special friends they are learning to write simple phrases. Reception have continued to learn about teen numbers in maths, while Year One have been consolidating their understanding of partitioning numbers into tens and ones and using this to order and compare numbers. In PE, the children have impressed us with their chest passes and they enjoyed challenging themselves by standing further apart from each other. They have all continued to explore our 'Rain' topic by looking at the UK weather in geography and making a weather chart in DT. This week in English the Year 1 children in **Blue Class** have been writing



a story based on the pictures in the book 'In the Rain' whilst the Reception children wrote words and sentences using their phonic knowledge. In science, the Reception children learned the different parts of a plant and the Year 1 children learned about the different parts of trees as well as plants. In PE, the children have been learning how to throw a ball using different techniques and they then used these skills to play a game of Benchball. In computing the children learned about the function keys on the keyboard and how they could use them to improve their work. In maths, the Year 1 children compared numbers within 100 and learned how to see which one was

greater or smaller. The Reception children have been exploring the teen numbers 11-15 and learning that they are made up of a ten and some more. In **Lilac Class** this week, the children have enjoyed sharing a book called 'In the Rain' by Elizabeth Spurr. The book has very few words and the Year One children have been writing their own versions of the story and adding lots of detail. Reception children have continued applying their phonics knowledge to help them write sentences. In maths, Year One have been learning to identify the tens and ones in a number and using this knowledge to help them add and subtract. Reception have been adding using cubes and have learned to write simple addition sentences. The class all enjoyed finding out about the Gloucester floods of 2007 and they learned a simple song about what happened. In PSHE, the children talked about good types of touch, such as holding hands with a friend or a cuddle from a parent, and they also enjoyed listening to the Pantosaurus song. In RE, they continued learning about special stories and listened to the Bible story, 'Jesus calms the storm.'

This week in **Yellow Class**, the children have been working hard on their independence in writing. They are now writing in bigger groups and are trying hard to focus and apply all their writing skills. We are impressed with how resilient they all are! In maths, Year One learned all about positional language and Reception discovered the composition of teen numbers. In PE, the children are learning and practicing catching and throwing skills. In art, they were mixing colours to explore warm and cool shades and created some beautiful abstract artwork. In computing, they practiced using a keyboard to edit typed text on a word document. This week, **Green Class** have enjoyed reading a new story called 'In the Rain'. The Year One's used their imagination to write their own version of the story using pictures from the book to help them construct their sentences. Reception have all been super focused on their letter formation and short sentence writing. In art we looked at pictures and talked about whether the colours used were warm or cool and then sorted the colours into groups. In RE we talked about special books to our school, our teachers and ourselves and we learned what a story with a moral means before making stick puppets to re-enact the story of The Little Red Hen. We enjoyed our first ball skills lesson in PE and learned how to chest pass to a partner. We're looking forward to learning the skills and rules for bench ball soon!



This week in **Red Class**, we have been doing lots of exciting learning! In English, we wrote reports about sharks, and in maths we have been adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. In geography, we explored some of the characteristics of England and Ireland while in history we learned about the RNLI and their important work. We also enjoyed celebrating Earth Day with fun books and creative crafts.

This week in **Orange Class**, the children wrote non-chronological reports about sharks, organising their ideas into clear sections and sharing fascinating facts. In maths, the children have been focusing on addition and subtraction, building confidence with calculations. In science, the children explored different habitats, learning about where animals live and why. In DT, they had great fun making their own lifeboats and will have a go at making a moving trailer with wheels next. This week in history, **Pink Class** have learned about Jacques Cousteau, the famous diver. They used evidence to work out facts about his life and then created posters to show their learning. In PSHE this term, they are learning more about looking after themselves, their minds and their bodies. They created healthy diet plates, thinking about what a balanced diet is, and how food gives us energy. In DT, we looked at the RNLI and designed a life boat trailer, which we will go on to construct. In maths we are working on addition and subtraction and in English we are writing fact files about sharks.

Attendance and Value assemblies

Congratulations to Blue Class who won the attendance cup this week with 100% attendance for the week. Green, Turquoise, Orange and Lilac classes also had over 95% attendance and so got to play our Classopoly game. Our 'In to Win' winner this week was Brodie from Turquoise 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 Jamie, Dolcie, Nicholas, Phoebe, Sonny, Matias, Violet, Antoni and Sara.



Dog Fouling

We have had a few parents raise concerns about dog fouling on the path just outside the school gate. We completely understand how unpleasant and frustrating this is, and we agree that it's not acceptable, especially on a route used daily by our children and families. While this section of the pathway is not owned or maintained by the school, we recognise that it forms part of the journey into school. Our caretaker has kindly helped by clearing the area on several occasions when issues have been reported, and we will now include the public footpath immediately outside the gate as part of our morning safety checks. That said, as this is a public footpath, any checks we carry out can only reflect the condition at that particular moment, and unfortunately it may become fouled again later in the day. We will also be contacting the local council to request increased monitoring, cleaning, and enforcement in the area. In the meantime, we would really encourage parents to report any incidents directly to the local authority, as multiple reports can help to prioritise action. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep the approach to school safe and pleasant for everyone.



Bicycle Racks

We are pleased to share that new bicycle racks have recently been installed under the trees, a little further down the ramp. This new location has been chosen to improve accessibility, particularly during the winter months, as it helps avoid the muddy grass that many families were encountering. The racks are also positioned further away from the fence, providing an added level of security. Some of you have already started using the new racks, but we wanted to highlight their location for those who may not yet have noticed them!

Forest School

Thursday 30 th April	Green Class
Friday 1 st May	Orange Class



Menu for the week beginning 27th April

	Hot meals Week 3			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Ham, Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Mixed Bean Fajita	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Pork Sausage and Tomato Pasta	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Pasta Bolognaise	Vegetarian Mince Chilli with Fluffy Rice	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with Chips	Vegetable fingers with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich