



Howden Church of England Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embrace the theme of **family** this half-term, our focus during worship this week has been on the importance of **teamwork**. We have been reflecting on how working together allows us all to flourish in every aspect of our lives. Our class reflection spaces provide a wonderful opportunity for our children to consider the people around them and to think about who offers support when they face challenges or need a helping hand.

We are also excited to announce our new **Worship Squad**. Their names can be found further along in this newsletter, and we are confident they will do a fantastic job in their new roles. **Play Leaders** will be announced next week.

Looking ahead, we have a variety of events coming up, some of which are bookable via the 'Trips' section on Arbor, so please be sure to check our noticeboard and newsletters for more details. Our Stay and Connect session, on February 11th, with the NHS Mental Health team is now fully booked but we will try to run other sessions later in the year. Your involvement is invaluable to our school community.

There are a number of free of charge parent workshops run by EYRC. Please see pages 41-42 of their brochure which you can find on the SEND section of our website: [SEND INFO](#)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Chan Amorl

Acting Head

TREE TEAM POINTS

Birch

Chestnut

Oak

Sycamore

			
295	316	317	316

VALUE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK	
 Curiosity 	Charlie - Rabbits
 Family 	Harvey - Badgers
 Nurture 	Maximus - Hedgehogs
 Respect 	Eloisa - Foxes
 Joy 	Seth - Owls

CLASS STARS					
Badgers	Foxes	Hedgehogs	Rabbits	Owls	Squirrels
					
Edie	Daisy	Reya	Elliot	Leo	Harry

Year 2 Worship Squad Spring Term 1

Ted	Evie	Esther
Michael	Leo	Taylor

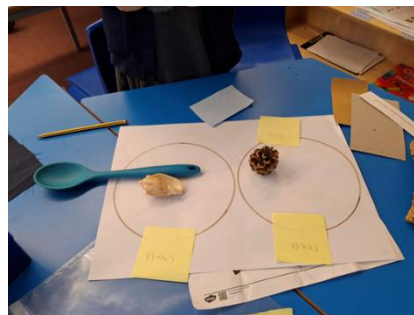
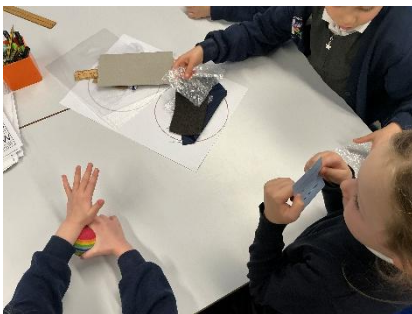
What's been happening....

FS2



- We have had a fabulous week in FS2 talking about Winter. The children have been talking about how we keep warm. They have enjoyed exploring our Arctic small world area.
- The children enjoyed listening to the snowball story and writing in their literacy books.
- In maths, we have been making numberblocks 1-5.
- In RE, the children have been learning about the Chinese New Year.
- The children have amazed us with their incredible storytelling in our Talk for Writing lessons.

Year 1



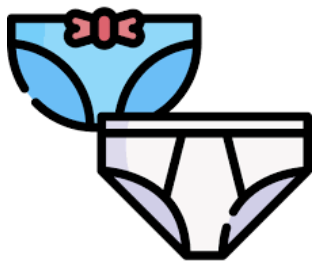
- This week in Year One, we have continued to learn the 'Papaya that Spoke' and have thought about how the main character might feel at different points in the story.
- We have described the properties of materials and decided how to sort materials.

- In maths, we have positioned numbers on a number line and sorted numbers into odd and even.
- We have started to explore a box of toy artefacts and asked questions to help us use objects to learn about the past.

Year 2



- This week in Year Two, we have continued to learn the 'Papaya that Spoke' and have thought about how the main character might feel at different points in the story. We've learnt about how adjectives and verbs can be used to create a vivid picture in the reader's mind.
- In science we have been learning about the difference between needs and wants. We've been thinking about what we'd need to take on a journey to Mars and things we'd like to take.
- In maths, we've been learning about the link between multiplication and repeated addition.



We are always in need of spare underwear, socks and tights in school. If you are having a clear out, please bear us in mind!



Natalie's next session in school is on Tuesday 27th January. You can book a

FS2 Phonics Workshop for Parents

Wednesday 28th January
0900 - Bookable via Arbor

The meeting aims to discuss the early stages of reading and writing, as well as how we teach children to develop their phonics skills using the Little_Wandle programme. We will also be talking

	slot on Arbor - See 'Guardian Consultations'	about ways you can support your child's development of these skills at home.
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Keys Dates Going Forward		
Celebration Assemblies	You will be informed by email if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate.	Fridays 0855
Natalie - Schools and Communities	0830-1000 Bookable via	27 th January
FS2 Phonics Parents Workshop	Bookable via Arbor	Wednesday 28 th January 0900
Children's Mental Health Week	We will be promoting caring for our mind, body and soul.	w/c 9 th February
NHS Mental Health Workshop - Stay and Connect	For Parents - Bookable via Arbor	Wednesday 11 th February 0900
Children are invited to Wear Something Green	In line with our Zones of Regulation - good to be green.	Wednesday 11 th February
Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshops	Bookable via Arbor	Weds 11 th February 1530
Natalie - Schools and Communities	Drop in Session 0830-1000	24 th February
Mastering Numbers at Home - Parent Workshop	Will be Bookable via Arbor soon	Tuesday 3 rd March 0900
World Book Day	Dress as your favourite book character or wear your cosiest PJ's!	Thursday 5 th March

Book Breakfast	Join us for a breakfast snack and a chance to read in school to your child.	0800 - School Hall
SEND Drop in Session for Parents		Tuesday 17 th March 1030-1200
Parents Evenings	More Details to follow	18 th & 19 th March
Easter Minster Service	Parents Invited	1030 Thursday 19 th March
Y1 Phonics Screening Info for Parents	Bookable via Arbor	March 25 th 1530
Little Big Sing	The Junction Goole - More details to follow	Thursday 11 th June