



# Weekly Newsletter

**Week ending 04/03/2022**

## 'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

A special mention for our highest scoring 'Doodle Maths' superstars in each class:

**Reception – Theo**

**Year 1 – Owen**

**Year 2 – Florence**

**Year 3 – Zac**

**Year 4 – Ellis**

**Year 5 – Isobel**

**Year 6 – Rowan**

**Top Doodling Class – YEAR 6!**

### *A message from the Head:*

What a super 'World Book Week' it has been !

Our week of activities began with a visit from the excellent children's author and illustrator, Al Murphy. Al spent time in each class, reading his books, leading drawing workshops and helping our older pupils make a start on their own story writing. The day was a huge success and it was lovely to hear the pupil's enthusiastically discuss their own ambitions 'to become authors' by the end of the day. While visiting the area, Al Murphy has also installed a window display and dropped off a variety of his books at the Blue House Children's Bookshop in York, should you wish to take a trip and see why he was such a big hit ! The rest of the week has been spent celebrating the wonderful world of literature, with everything from 'book tasting cafes', to reading with our friends from other classes and joining schools up and down the country for the big 'Live Lesson' stream on Thursday. Everyone should have now come home with their World Book Day token and the chance to pick up a new book for just £1.

Thank you to everyone that made it along to this week's 'Open Classroom' event, it was lovely to see families back in school now that we can finally start to ease some of our COVID measures. This continues next week when we invite the families of our Year 6 pupils in to their 'Open Assembly' at 3pm on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

Finally, just to remind everyone that while we adopted a more 'relaxed' uniform this year, uniform expectations are still firm. Please ensure pupils are wearing plain or school logo sweaters, plain black bottoms and simple black trainers. Can we also please remind you that a PE bag should be in school at all times, holding a change of clothing should it be required. This is particularly key at this time of year when the children encounter wet and muddy playing fields etc. Thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend !

## Reception/Year 1:

Time flies when you're having fun and this week certainly has flown by! Our author and illustrator visit from Al Murphy on Monday inspired us for a week of book exploration, illustrating and story ideas! We loved listening to Al read his book 'A Duck called Brian' and laughed a lot at some of the pictures! We then created our own duck characters to represent ourselves, in the style of Al Murphy! We also enjoyed reading new classroom books in our 'Book Tasting Tea Room' (with some tasty treats to accompany our reading) As the week progressed, we designed our own book character, created the illustration and then made a pop up book featuring our character! The results are brilliant and we will be uploading short videos of our pop up books onto seesaw! It was lovely to welcome so many of you into our classroom on Wednesday too! Of course, we couldn't ignore Shrove Tuesday, so we talked about the ideas behind 'pancake day', read 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and made our own yummy pancakes to enjoy!

In phonics, Reception have been practising their blending and have learnt a new digraph /ay/ as in 'May I play?'. Year 1 have learnt the new digraph /ew/ 'Chew the Stew' and the trigraph /ire/ 'Fire, Fire'.

In maths, Year 1 have completed the unit of work on addition and subtraction and have been working through a review of the concepts we have learnt. Reception have been exploring 'pairs' and used the theme 'Noah's Ark' to look at counting things in twos. They then moved onto combining amounts.

Phew! It's been a great first week back!!

Home learning this week:

Reception:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your journal. Practise recognising your red words on your new bookmarks.
- Stay in the orange on Doodlemaths, but reach for the green.

Year 1:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your journal.
- Stay in the orange on Doodlemaths, but reach for the green.
- Complete your extra on DoodleSpell.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Wilson.

## Year 2/3:

What a fab first week back in school! It has been fantastic to focus on reading for pleasure for the whole week rather than just on World book day. On Monday we were very lucky to have author/illustrator Al Murphy in school who showed how to draw ducks and other character based on his new book *A Duck called Brian*. On Tuesday, we had a class competition to guess the name, front cover and blurb of our new class book *What I love about trees* after hearing the book being read. Well done to Adam and Eliza who were closest! On Wednesday, the class continued practising their retrieval skills with Mrs Townend. On Thursday, we took part in the BBC Teach live lesson with schools around the country and created a poster advertising our favourite book. Finally on Friday, we started to read *There's a pharaoh in our bath!* And had a debate about whether it was right for the characters to open the ancient sarcophagus. In Maths, we have moved onto our new topic, statistics. This week the class have been focusing on collecting data using tally charts and pictograms and then interpreting that data. In Geography, we looked at where most of the world's volcanoes are located and why people choose to live near volcanoes despite the risk. In P.E., we started to learn the basics of netball and practised passing in a variety of

styles. Finally in Music, the children continued to develop their bowing skills and started to learn even more complex pieces of music.

Home learning this week:

- Read at least three times this week and record in your journal.
- Stay in the orange on Doodlemaths and reach for the green (10 mins a day!)
- Complete your extra on DoodleSpell

Have a fab weekend! Mr Hedges

## Year 4/5:

Year 4/5: Year 4 /5 love to read! So, this week they have thoroughly enjoyed all the extra reading activities for Book Week. Our week started with a visit from author and illustrator Al Murphy. The children were given the opportunity to ask him questions about his work and certainly rose to the occasion. Their questions were thoughtful and they were able to find out about the process of becoming an author, his ideas for future books and what inspires him. Together with Al they came up with ideas and drawings for what happens in the classroom when the children and teachers go home (we had lots of dancing pencils and mischievous rulers). We followed this up with written work with many children choosing to write in the style of 'Kitchen Disco'. Throughout the week the children have also had extra opportunity to read and comment on different genres, read with others and share their favourite books. Reading is something we always greatly encourage but hopefully this week has given the children ideas of further books they could try.

As well as reading we have also enjoyed active maths and started to add fractions. We began with fractions that have the same denominator and used a bar diagram to help us visualise the calculation and have moved onto converting fractions (using our knowledge of equivalent fractions) so that they have the same denominator. We have begun our new topic on Forces in Science by completing forces diagrams and have learned about the history of the Space Race in our new History topic.

Year 4 / 5 homework

Doodle maths (stay in the yellow, aim for green)

Doodle spell extra activity

Reading (recorded in their home school journal)

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

## Year 6:

On Monday AL Murphy the illustrator of bathroom boogie and the author and illustrator of a duck called Brian came to visit us. We prepared lots of questions to ask him. Then, in English Miss Rose set us the challenge to write our own version of Bathroom Boogie but instead of Bathroom Boogie we did Classroom Boogie. In maths we have been learning units of measure for length and mass and converting between them. In reading we finished WHO LET THE GODS OUT we did a worksheet to see how Elliot felt all the way through the book at different times. We are looking forward to our visitor and open assembly next week. Ameliya and Coby.

Year 6 homework

Doodle Maths - stay in the yellow, aim for green

Doodle English - stay in the yellow, aim for green

Doodle spell – complete your extra activity

Reading – minimum 3 x and recorded in your home school journal

## Diary Dates :

**Fri 11/03/22** – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 6 Open Assembly

**Mon 14/03/2022 to Fri 21/03/2022** – Forest School Week – Sessions for all pupils.

**Fri 18/03/2022** - Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' focus activities in school.

**Fri 1/4/22** – 3.00/3.30pm - Year 4/5 Open Assembly

**Wed 6/4/22** - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 3 (WS)

**Thur 7/4/22** - 3:30pm onwards - Home / School Conference Evening 4 (WS)

**Mon 11/04/2022 to Fri 22/04/2022 Easter Holiday**