

Spring Term
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Grassington CE (VC) Primary School



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UPPER WHARFEDALE PRIMARY
FEDERATION



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have some new pupils within the federation this half-term. We would like to welcome Tilda and Layla-May to Grassington Primary and Austen to Burnsall Primary. I hope that everyone has made them feel welcome.

Author Visit

On Monday 18th March, author and astronomer, Colin Stuart came to visit our Key Stage 2 children at Cracoe Village Hall. He led an inspiring talk about the wonderful mysteries of our night skies and showed many interesting photos of what can be found out there!

Colin visited along with Katherine from the Yorkshire Dales National Park who was promoting the Dark Skies Festival. The fourth annual Dark Skies Festival runs from 15th February to 3rd March and has many activities for families to enjoy.

Find out more here:

<http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/visit-the-dales/things-to-see-and-do/stargazing/dark-skies-festival>

Swimming Gala

Some of our KS2 pupils enjoyed a morning at Upper Wharfedale School competing in the Swimming Gala. Local schools all competed with children showcasing their best strokes. We are delighted that Grassington Primary School came in first position overall. A big 'Well Done' to all those who took part in the competition and what wonderful feedback we received from staff about the behaviour of our children.

Teaching News

We are delighted to announce that Miss Smith will be continuing to work with us next academic year. Miss Smith, Class 1 teacher at Cracoe and Rylstone Primary, started with us in September. Those of you who know Miss Smith will know what an asset she is to our federation and the improvements she has made with our Class 1 children at Cracoe and Rylstone.

Reminder - World Book Day – Wednesday March 6th

Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

Breakfast Club at Grassington

We still need someone to cover Breakfast Club from 18th February until 16th July from 7:45 – 8:45am, Monday and Tuesdays only . If you are interested in then please contact Mr Davey, the Administrator at Grassington Primary.

The Executive Leadership Team

Mrs Besharati, Mrs C Boxall and Mr C Norris

Federation Dates

The following dates show when pupils or parents across the Federation have opportunities to come together. Dates relating to individual schools are below. Details of each of these events will be provided nearer to the time.

Date	Details	Location
Wednesday 6 March	World Book Day	Grassington School
Monday 18 March	Y5/6 Netball	Upper Wharfedale School
Thursday 21 March	Swimming Gala Finals	Craven Pool
Wednesday 10 April	Parents Evening	Except Burnsall Primary

Regular Activities and Events

Every Friday 3.00pm Praise Assembly – All welcome

March Diary Dates

Monday 4 March 8.55 am School reopens

PE & Swimming Kit

Mr Baines would like to remind everyone that all children **must** bring their PE kit with them on Tuesdays and KS2 need to remember to bring their swimming kit as well.

PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA Coffee Morning in Church House will be held tomorrow morning, Saturday 23rd February. It would be wonderful if you could volunteer to help for one hour (or more) on that morning.

We also really need donations of either home-made or shop bought cakes for the Coffee Morning. If you haven't yet thought about it and would like to donate a cake please can you drop it off at Church House, first thing (8.30—9.00 am) on Saturday morning?

If you can't spare the time to help, please try and support the Coffee Morning by calling in for a brew and cake/biscuits any time between 09.00 and 12.00.

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th April at 8.00 pm at the Devonshire.

This Week's Award Winners

This week's award winners are:

Class 3

Ben— For creating a fabulous poem based on the conventions and structure of *The Jabberwocky*.

Philip— For his creative vocabulary choices.

Class 2

Niamh B — Mathematician of the Week—for identifying acute and obtuse angles and lines of symmetry.

Henry— For reading and editing his extended writing.

Class 1

Finley— For confidently using his number bonds to 10 in his addition and subtraction work.

Isla, Aaron

and Angus— For confidently working together to write about the things that maybe found in a shipwrecked pirate's pocket.

Class 2 News

Our last week of the half-term has been no less busy than any other!

Most of our beans have now germinated and we have managed to take two separate measurements to see their growth. Some now have very obvious roots (we planted them in clear containers, so we could see root and shoot development). Unfortunately some children's beans haven't developed at all and so we've started some new ones off. Hopefully they'll catch up while we're on half-term

We have also planted mint, sage, thyme and chives as part of our sustainability work in Science - planting flowers to encourage bees. We've planted these in soil, so we won't be able to watch root growth, just the shoots.

In Maths, Year 3 have continued looking at 2D shapes and the acute, obtuse and right angles in them. Year 4 have been learning about quadrilaterals and their angles and lines of symmetry.

In English, we have written our long versions of Pik's day (our Mayan story) in preparation for diary writing, which we will do after half term.

In Topic, we have been learning about foods that the Mayans ate and we learnt about how chocolate is made and then made our own Mayan hot chocolate with cinnamon and chilli powder to spice it up. In Art, we had a look at Escher's work and created our own tessellations, to fit in with our work on shape, angles and symmetry.

On Thursday, we had a lovely visit from Mrs Steeples, who came in to see everyone and brought Poppy with her. We were all very pleased to see her and look forward to her popping in more often before she comes back to Class 2.

There are only spellings for homework this week, there is no written work, so have a rest and try to read, instead.

Here's hoping for some lovely weather over half-term.

Have a lovely break,
Mrs Pettavel and Miss Crosby

Class 1 News

In English this week, we have been learning about writing instructions, how connectives help us order the instructions and how 'bossy' verbs (imperative verbs) tell us what to do. Firstly, the children rehearsed saying a set of instructions about how to catch a dragon and then adapted the instructions to write about catching a magical character of their own.

In Maths, Reception have been investigating the number 8, as well as using the Numicon to add two numbers together. Year 1 have been counting back on a number line to subtract within 20 and partitioning to help them subtract larger numbers. Year 2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Please can Year 2 parents ask their children to look at home for everyday 3D shapes, such as cuboids, cylinders, cubes, cones, square based pyramids and spheres?

Reception have been working very hard learning their sounds and writing words by sounding out and matching the letters to the sounds they hear. This week they confidently worked together to make a list of objects that might be found in a shipwrecked pirate's pocket and wrote their own list as a poem.

In Computing, Year 2 have started to learn how to type using the BBC Dance Mat Typing programme. If they have access to a laptop at home, they can practise on <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3c6tfr>

Over the holiday Year 2 have a reading activity to complete in their home learning book, as well as their reading books. Year 1 and Reception have their reading books to share and sounds or words to continue to practise.

Thank you and have a super half-term holiday.
Mrs Tulley, Mrs Naisbitt, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Buckley.

Class 3 News

In Maths, we have been adding fractions and have moved on to adding fractions with different denominators.

A useful website is BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z9n4k7h>

Equivalent fractions

However, sometimes the denominators are different.

You use equivalent fractions to make them the same.

A **common multiple** of 2 and 3 is **6**.

So, for each fraction we need an equivalent fraction with a denominator of 6.

Now you can add these together.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{3} = \frac{3}{6} \qquad \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{2} = \frac{2}{6}$$

$$\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

When we come back after half term, we will be subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions.

In English, we have been learning about '*The Jabberwocky*', which is a poem from Alice in Wonderland. We have been looking at poetic conventions such as simile, metaphor, rhyme, rhythm, personification and portmanteau. We created our own poems based on the structure of The Jabberwocky.

HOMEWORK – Y6 to do adding and subtracting fractions in the CGP book to be handed in on Monday 4th March.

Y5 and Y6 - Science Life cycles activity to be handed in on 11th March.

Have a lovely holiday,
Mrs Harrison and Mr Willis