



# ✧ Newsletter ✧

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

We have had another extremely busy two weeks! Your children are amazing us every day by how they are adapting to new routines in their classes and continuing to display 'Take Care' attitudes and behaviours everywhere they go in school. Our topic 'School Days' is now well underway and after such a wonderful introduction from Mr Maddison, the children have enjoyed observing, discussing and handling artefacts from a Victorian schoolroom. Our forthcoming visit to Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre next Thursday will provide opportunities for our children to further enhance their learning and understanding of Victorian school days. (Please refer to the letter for further information). We have also been very busy learning words to our Harvest songs and a poem in readiness for the service in St Peter's church later this half term – you may have heard your child singing or humming the tune at home!

Our R.E learning is now underway and we have introduced the children to our new topic of 'belonging.' We have thought about what it means to belong to different groups and the children have enjoyed sharing their own experiences of groups they belong to; rugby and dance classes were particular favourites! We have started to think about how we can also belong to the church and how we traditionally welcome new members of the church family through Baptism. **We would love to see any photographs of your children on their Baptism or Christening day so if you have any, please bring them to school on Monday so your child can share with their peers.**

## Learning this week

**English:** 'Whiffy Wilson, the wolf who wouldn't go to school.' We introduced time connectives to the children this week and they used these to place the activities Whiffy did in chronological order. They then used these words to write simple sentences explaining what order Whiffy did things in when he was at school. The children have also continued their work on verbs, thinking about what actions they could do at school and where they might take place. We had a WOW word from Billy, 'gobble' and it has been lovely to see other children use it too. We have planned our list poem and will be writing it up in our neatest handwriting next week.

**Maths:** We have been exploring different ways of sorting objects, counting them and representing their numerical value in a range of ways. We looked at counting forwards from any number up to 10 and counting backwards. The children have been using practical resources to find one more and one less than a given number up to 10 and we were really impressed with how well they picked up this concept.

### Homework:

We were so pleased to see some homework books in school today and last Friday. The children were very proud of their efforts and were proud to share their work with adults and their peers. There were also house points as an extra well-done! As mentioned previously, children can complete as little or as much as they would like from the tasks outlined on the homework grid. Please **do not** send homework in on other week days as we do not have the time to share it every day!

### Reading:

Please aim to read with your child at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner. We can see that the reading pages are getting filled up very quickly. As previously mentioned, we are quite happy for children to record their own home reading into their diary under your supervision if this is easier. We will be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers and house points as a reward for regular reading. The children are being sent home with two books. Miss Lancashire and I are working on a 'how you can help' sheet for reading at home. For example, we read the same book 3 times at school during the week, the first looking at the HFW words and making predictions based on the front cover. The second to phonetically sound out the book. The third to develop fluency and look at the comprehension side of the book!



### Share a Book Friday:

Last week Adriana kicked off our 'Share a book Friday' with her favourite, 'Pirates love Underpants'. She would love her classmates to read this book because she finds it really funny. Her favourite part is right at the end when you get to see all the golden treasure and pick out your favourite piece!

### Additional Information:

Visit to Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October (during school hours).

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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Adriana	Freddie	Billy	Winnie
Archie B	Emily	Olivia	Oscar
Molly		Sophia	
Harrison S			