

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

A big focus in school this week has been elections, giving our children the opportunity to learn about democracy, leadership and the importance of having their voices heard. In Year 6, the children have listened carefully to the cases put forward by all of the candidates wishing to take on the important roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. We are incredibly proud to announce that these roles have been filled. We are all looking forward to working with them over the coming year and seeing them develop their leadership skills while representing our school community.

Our School Council elections have also taken place this week. Our School Council plays an important role in school life, providing children with a real opportunity to share their ideas, express their views and contribute to decisions that affect our school community. It is important that our children understand that their opinions matter and that they can play an active part in making our school an even better place. Being a member of the School Council also helps children to develop important skills such as confidence, communication, teamwork, listening to others and taking responsibility. We look forward to working with our new School Councillors and hearing the ideas and suggestions they bring forward on behalf of their classmates.

We are looking forward to sharing the outcomes of the elections with the children very soon. A huge well done to everyone who has taken part this week — whether as a candidate, voter or supporter. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm for leadership, democracy and pupil voice across the school.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures for this week (Thurs-Thurs) is summarised below. Well done to Year 5 for having the highest attendance this week!

Nursery	95.57%
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	96.55%
Year 2	91.32%
Year 3	94.05%
Year 4	93.15%
Year 5	99.68%
Year 6	94.88%

Whole School Attendance:
Cumulative attendance, since
September, is shown below:

Nursery	95.04%
Reception	96.63%
Year 1	96.39%
Year 2	92.21%
Year 3	95.94%
Year 4	94.64%
Year 5	99.65%
Year 6	94.78%

Cumulative whole school
attendance:
95.5%

Attendance	Description
98-100%	Excellent
95-97.9%	Good
92-94.9%	Caution (Below national)
90-91.9%	Cause for concern
89.9 or below	Presistent Absence Serious Concern

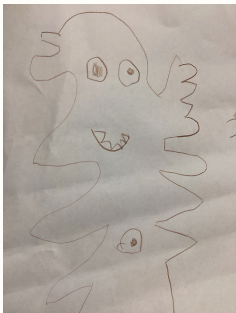
SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Please contact Miss Lock, Mrs Smith or Mr Pinkham if you have any safeguarding concerns.

THIS WEEK IN

NURSERY

Nursery's learning this week was based around friendship and being kind. The children listened to a story called 'The Selfish Crocodile'. They drew pictures of the crocodile and played a game of hide and seek with him. They also made some feathered friends to be displayed in our classroom. We are very proud of how well our new children are settling.



RECEPTION

This week Reception have enjoyed reading **The Selfish Crocodile**. We have carried out different activities related to the book. Here are some pieces of work the children have created in our provision. We used our binoculars on our welly walk.



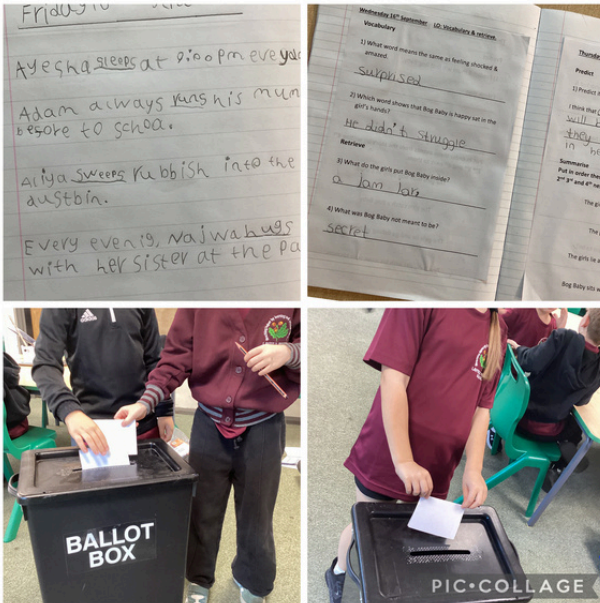
YEAR 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been building confidence with our 'Flashback in 4' maths challenge and using manipulatives to explore 1 more and 1 less. In English, we have been reading **Monkey Puzzle**, practising retelling and sequencing to help us accurately label animals. The children have also enjoyed creating their own doodle art and exploring our outdoor area.



YEAR 2

This week Year 2 have been enjoying the book **Bog Baby** after their morning phonics sessions. We have worked primarily in retrieving information from the text. In English pupils have begun to explore action verbs.



YEAR 3

Y3 have been working on light in their science work. We have been learning about things that are sources of light and materials that reflect light well. We have then talked about and created posters to show how to be safe and be seen by wearing bright colourful clothes or clothes with reflective materials on them.



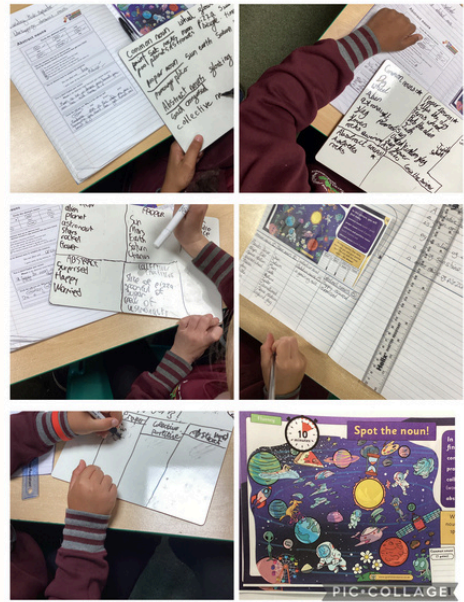
YEAR 4

Year 4 have made a fantastic start with their swimming lessons this week. We were also very impressed with the they speeches made for their school council manifestos. Here are some photos of us casting our votes.



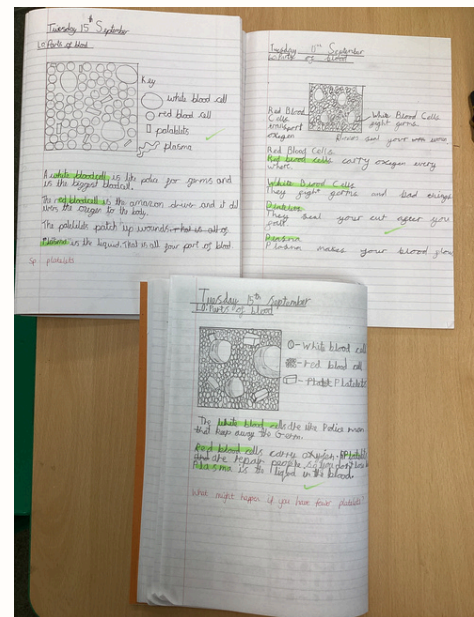
YEAR 5

Year 5 used an intriguing picture to help them to identify different types of noun. Working in teams, they reviewed their understanding of nouns and then explore the image to see what they could spot.



YEAR 6

This week in Science, we learned about the four main parts of blood and created diagrams to show what blood is made of. We were surprised to discover that blood isn't just liquid, it contains solid parts too!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday 8th September - Thursday 22nd October 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 3 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6 (Miss Rachael)
THURSDAY	Sports Stars – Year 1 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)
FRIDAY	Dodgeball – Year 1 to Year 3 (DF Coaching) Football – Year 3 to Year 6 (DF Coaching)