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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We can certainly hear the distant sound of Christmas approaching! We have started casting our Christmas performances and rehearsing some of the songs, and excitement is beginning to build. If you haven't already received it, you will soon be sent information about how to book your tickets so that you can join us for our Christmas performances. We look forward to welcoming you into school to share these special occasions with us.

On the subject of welcoming you into school, it has been wonderful to see so many of you joining us for our KS2 'Join Your Child for Maths' sessions. The children were delighted to have the opportunity to share their learning with you, and we hope you enjoyed seeing what they have been working on. After Christmas, we will be hosting a similar opportunity for Reception and KS1 parents to join their children for a maths lesson.

In terms of our curriculum, this week we have shone the spotlight on reading. A particular highlight was seeing our Year 4, 5 and 6 children visit Yarm School to take part in a live book event with children's author Sam Copeland. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate books, reading and the magic of storytelling.

We haven't forgotten our younger readers! To ensure that our Early Years, KS1 and Year 3 children don't miss out, we have arranged for an author to visit us in school next week. We are looking forward to sharing more details about this exciting visit with you in next week's newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend!

ATTENDANCE

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

Nursery	100%
Reception	97.13%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	95.24%
Year 3	98.46%
Year 4	93.21%
Year 5	99.68%
Year 6	89.58%

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

Nursery	94.44%
Reception	96.96%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.14%
Year 3	96.48%
Year 4	95.07%
Year 5	97.96%
Year 6	93.83%

Cumulative whole school attendance:
95.8%

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

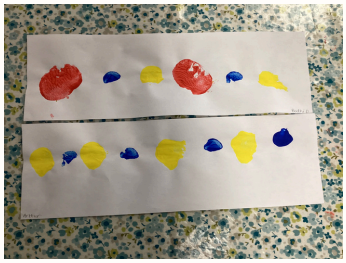
Please contact Miss Lock, Mrs Smith or Mr Pinkham if you have any safeguarding concerns.

THIS WEEK IN

NURSERY

Nursery have been reading Oliver's Vegetables this week and have been tasting some of the vegetables in the story. The children enjoyed spinach and celery but not as many children enjoyed trying the beetroot! We also made repeating patterns using vegetables and paint. This week has also been Road Safety Week so we have talked about staying safe by roads and how to cross safely by looking left and right, using out listening ears and keeping hold of our grown up's hand.







RECEPTION

This week we have read a variety of stories linked to 'Anti bullying week'. We have carried out various activities linked to the books. Our favourite activity was during circle time we passed a bucket around the circle and every time a child shared a kind word or said something nice they had done for a friend we dropped a pom pom in the bucket and watched the bucket fill up with kindness.



YEAR 1



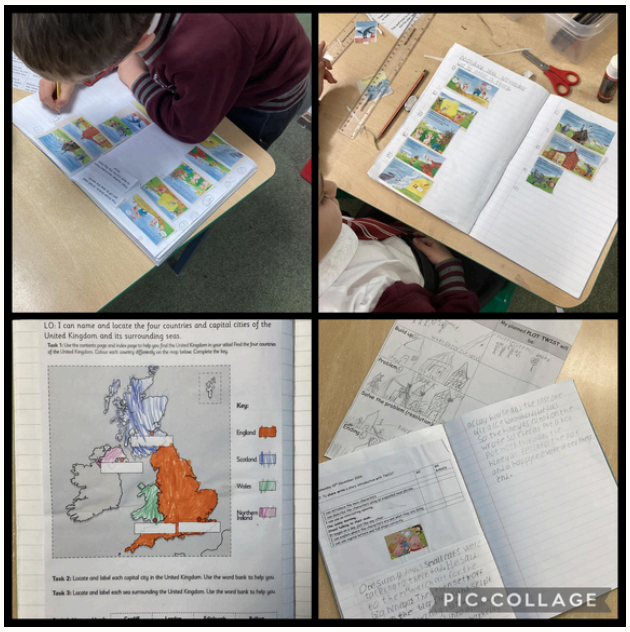






This week in DT year 1 have been developing their practical skills by learning how to cut and join materials safely. They explored mechanisms and created and tested their own wheels and axles.

YEAR 2



In year 2 this week, we have continued to read 'Little Red' in our daily reading sessions after phonics. In English, we are beginning to learn how we can map out our own traditional stories, but apply little plot twists to create our own twisted tales. In PE, we have worked on linking between apparatus. Pupils were challenged to balance and move at various levels while applying control.
In Geography, we are looking at maps of the United Kingdom. Today pupils will be identifying counties, seas and capitals around the UK.

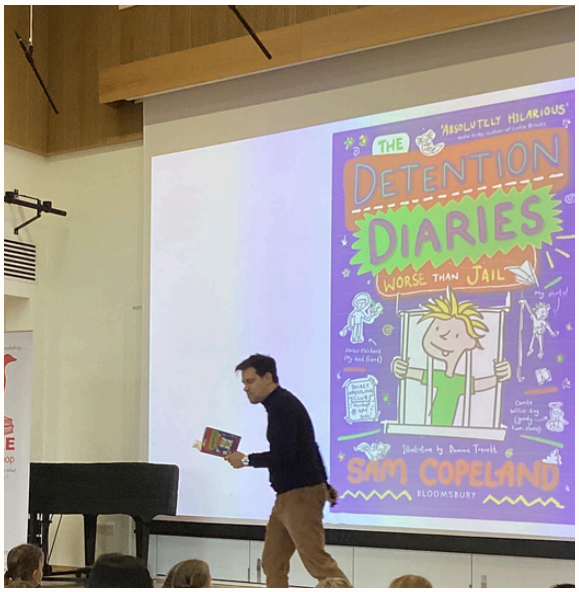
YEAR 3

Please see attached for some pictures from maths this week in Y3. In Key Stage Two, we have welcomed parents this week to our maths lessons, which have been very well attended and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank parents for taking the time to come into school to share our lessons with us. We have made a start with our multiplication and division topic recapping some knowledge from Y2 and learning some new things. Here you can see some of the hands on activities that we have been doing this week.



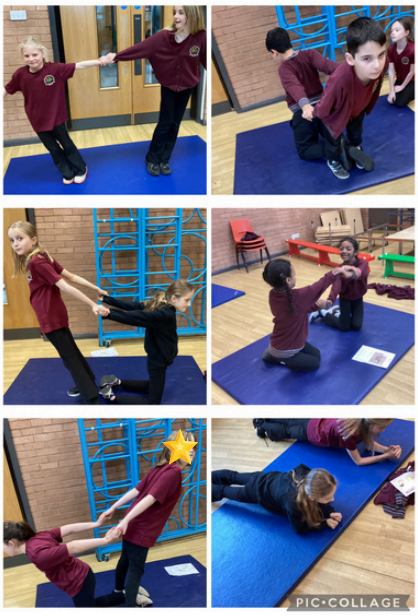
YEAR 4

Year 4 have enjoyed welcoming their parents to our maths lessons this week. We also enjoyed our visit on Thursday afternoon to meet the author Sam Copeland. It was a fun afternoon filled with laughs!



YEAR 5

In Gymnastics week, Year 5 worked on balance and counter balance. They sequenced moves in pairs and also worked on developing core strength. Thank you also to all the parents who have been able to join our Maths lessons.



YEAR 6

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents into our Year 6 classroom this week for our 'Join Your Child for Maths' sessions. The children have enjoyed sharing their learning and tackling fraction challenges alongside their grown-ups. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the week such a success!



SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday 2nd November - Friday 11th December 3:30pm-4:30pm

MONDAY	Choir - Year 1 - Year 6 (Mrs Rosana Turton)
TUESDAY	Arts & Crafts – Reception to Year 6 Karate – Year 2 to Year 6 (Yarm Martial Arts)
WEDNESDAY	Football – Reception to Year 2 (DF Coaching) Diva Dance – Year 1 to Year 6
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)

WEEKLY MENU 1

Weeks beginning - 31ST August, 21st September, 12th October, 2nd November, 23rd November & 14th December, 2026

Dish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Traditional	Toad in the Hole Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Cobbler Creamed Potatoes Broccoli Diced Carrots	Homemade Pizza Roasted Potatoes Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon & Pineapple Baby Boiled Potatoes Garden Peas Baked Tomato	Harry Ramsden Fish Fillet Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Popular	Mini Cheese Slice Potato Wedges Baked Beans	Fish Star Baked Jacket Potato Baked Beans		Jacket Potato Filled with Tuna	
Vegetarian	Quorn Toad in the Hole Creamed Potatoes Cauliflower Mixed Vegetables	Quorn Cobbler Creamed Potatoes Broccoli Diced Carrots	Mediterranean Quorn Bolognaise Homemade Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato Filled with Cheese or Baked Beans	Baked Cheese Roll Oven Baked Chips Mushy Peas Baked Beans
Sandwich Selection	Tuna Mayonnaise Potato Wedges	Roast Ham Baked Jacket Potato	Egg Mayonnaise Roasted Potatoes	Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Jacket Potato	Cheese Oven Baked Chips
Dessert	Apple Crumble & Custard Sauce Crispy Cake Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Syrup Sponge & Custard Sauce Iced Bun Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Sauce Raspberry Bun Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Lemon Sponge & Custard Sauce Cup Cake Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Decorated Iced Sponge & Custard Sauce Ice Cream Homemade Biscuit & Fresh Fruit

Available daily – Salad bar, milk and drinking water

All our menus are compliant with the School Food Standards - we only serve farm assured meat, MCS fish and free range eggs.
Low fat milk. If you require advice regarding allergens, please contact the School Catering Supervisor.

Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL

On Thursday it was lovely to be able to take our Year 4s, 5s and 6s to Yarm Prep school to meet the author Sam Copeland. The children enjoyed hearing about the inspiration for his books and learning about the funny situations from his own life that contributed to the characters in his stories.

