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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed your week!

PRIMARY

What a lovely week. Some of our younger pupils have been joining in with action rhymes and songs in maths to help them to look for patterns and develop some counting and number skills. It has been lovely to see them so active and engaged in their learning. In some classes, pupils are extending their skills even further by exploring the length of different objects in and around the classroom; using vocabulary such as short, long and tall. In order to extend this further, some pupils have used standard units of measure and have been supported to use rulers and metre sticks.

In English, work has continued on Fables. Our Little Explorers have shared the story of the 'Lion and the Mouse' and matched adjectives to the two characters in order to describe them. Other classes have been sharing the story of the 'Tortoise and the Hare', acting out the events together.

Our Animal Kingdoms topic is now in full flow and all classes are working on finding out about animals. In Rainbows, our pupils have been exploring different animals from the jungle and have made handprint pictures to represent their favourites. Their artwork is simply stunning and we are very proud of their efforts! Well done everyone!

SECONDARY

It's been another fab week up in secondary and 6th form, with everyone engaged in their learning and showing great enthusiasm:

Holly class – have been celebrating Chinese New Year through exploring musical instruments and Dragon dancing. They have also looked at 'ready, steady, go' references for our sensory story of the Hare and the Tortoise and we have used water shoots, car tracks and the Blue Bots.

Willow class – have explored and created patterns in numeracy, created some beautiful pieces of art work out of natural materials inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and have enjoyed reading and learning about 'fable stuff and just dance' according to Georgia 😊

Beech class – Lots of work has been done around PSHE and relationships, they have looked at division in numeracy and have been creating our own spin on the tale of The Boy Who Cried Wolf – Oscar has produced an amazing picture of this story and shared this with his friends.

Dates for your diary Spring 1:

Name of Event	Date & time
School Opens to pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Nexus Dance Festival Part 1	Friday 12 th January
Sensory Diets & Routines – link to be sent home in newsletter on 12 th January	Wednesday 17 th January
Whole School Holocaust Memorial Day	Friday 26 th January
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 th February
Nexus Dance Festival Part 2	Thursday 8 th February
School Closes	Thursday 8 th February
INSET Staff Training Day	Friday 9 th February

Check out these dates!!!



Oak class – have been busy this week looking at healthy and unhealthy relationships, making pizza and eating every last crumb! They have enjoyed an afternoon out of the school visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Pupils are starting to look at habitats of different animals and food chains.... Speaking of food, Niamh has been busy in the kitchen helping 6th form to cook their lunch!

Cherry class – have been looking at different animals and their habits and this has led us to try and make our own from varying craft materials. Have also enjoyed making Pizza – Jayden made us all laugh when rather than putting the sliced mushroom on top of the pizza, he put a full one on! Pupils have also enjoyed swimming and practising their independent skills through dressing ourselves.

SF1 – Have been in the mood for love this week and have made some lovely valentines rock cakes – these should have been biscuits but we used the wrong flour...oops! We have continued with our life skills and made toast and beans according to Seth 😊 Pupils have also been busy visiting different places like the base, Social Eyes and Forest View.

SF2 & SF3 – have been listening really carefully this week and have followed instructions to make their own edible wall paper based around our theme of Willy Wonka. They have also been busy making bird feeders and fat balls and doing a bit of bird spotting. This week for lunch we have made creamy garlic chicken – it was delicious!

As you can another busy week has been had by all! Have a fab weekend and get ready for the final week before we break for the half term holiday.

FOREST VIEW

Students have been working on time and measurement in Functional Skills Maths lessons, looking at the differences between analogue and digital clocks and different methods of measuring items large and small.

For leisure, FV1 and FV2 visited a new gym and were full of enthusiasm on their return. Over the next few weeks, students will be looking at different forms of exercise and how each one benefits the body in different ways.

With Spring being tantalisingly close, horticulture students are busy preparing seeds that will be planted once the weather becomes a little warmer, there are plans to make and sell hanging baskets in time for the Summer.

REMINDER

School closes at 3.30pm on Thursday 8th February for the half term holiday. School reopens on Monday 19th February to all pupils and staff.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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Sarah Mulhall – Headteacher