



Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17: 7 - 8

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 – Newsletter**  
**This term our Christian Value is Perseverance**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Candlemas**



On Sunday, the children helped to lead a beautiful service at St Alkeda's Church for Candlemas. It was lovely to see so many families come together. Thank you to Rev Liz and Rev Jeff for making us feel so welcome (and for all the candles and chocolate!) and to Mrs Bowkett for preparing the children for the service.

**Sycamore Class Collective Worship**

On Tuesday, Sycamore Class led a thought-provoking worship on the lives of famous people and the challenges that they have faced, reminding us that we too can persevere through challenging times. Thank you to all those parents and carers who joined us.

**Maple Class Visit to Shildon Locomotion Museum**

What a wonderful day Maple class had at Shildon Locomotion Museum. We explored a variety of different trains, made a train using soft play and learnt about the history of locomotive transportation. Have a look at our Facebook page for more photos of the fun we had.



**Sumdog competition**

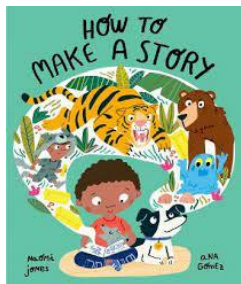
What an exciting contest that has been, questions included telling the time, number bonds and times tables. Well done to everybody who took part and a special congratulations to Sycamore class who came 8<sup>th</sup> out of 26 classes and Ollie who came 5<sup>th</sup> overall from 454 students.



**Governor Update**

On Monday, Mrs Rebecca Fortune came in to school to look at pupils' maths books with Mrs Bradbury (our Maths Subject Leader) and Mr Scott (from Yorkshire Riding Maths Hub) who is working with our schools to refine our teaching in mathematics. Mrs Fortune and Mr Scott enjoyed seeing first-hand the coherence and progression in the children's books and could see how the curriculum is being implemented across the schools, enabling our pupils to flourish.

## Online Author webinar



This week, the children in Maple, Willow and Elm Class enjoyed a virtual visit from the author Naomi Jones. She read her new book 'How to Make a Story' then talked through how to create your own stories and answered some questions.

We have copies of the book in school and all children will have opportunity to look at them for hints and tips.

### Stars of the week 3.02.23:

<b>Maple Class</b>	Woody – for contributing super ideas and asking carefully considered questions during our trip to Locomotion.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Walter - for demonstrating fantastic geographical knowledge. Sid - for writing a brilliant 'Little Red Riding Hood' story.
<b>Elm Class</b>	Scarlett - for working hard to produce excellent sentences in English. Elliott - for listening well and trying hard to show his learning in his work.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Kacie - for being a brilliantly supportive friend. She was absolutely amazing at swimming and supporting the other children. Reuben - for super contribution in science lessons. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Lailah Faye - for fully embracing our growth mindset focus of "mistakes help us grow."
<b>Oak Class</b>	Ollie - for showing fantastic perseverance and enthusiasm in the latest Sumdog competition and for doing so well! Poppy - for working so brilliantly on number bonds and times tables this week. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Shay - for a super, positive attitude towards his learning, for asking questions and showing bundles of enthusiasm! Well done Shay.

### Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spennithorne	am -Middleham pm- Spennithorne	am -Middleham pm - Spennithorne	Middleham	am - Spennithorne pm – Middleham

Have a lovely weekend.

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### Diary Dates

7.02 Maple, Willow, and Elm class visit to Metcalfe and the local area

9.02 Wensleydale House Team treat at the park

10.02 Oak and Sycamore Forest School

10.02 School closes for half-term holiday

20.02 School opens

2.03 World Book Day author visit – more information coming soon

16.03 KS2 Archery Cluster event – more information coming soon

17.03 Sycamore and Oak class visit to The Life Centre, Newcastle – more information coming soon

23.02 Year 5 Winter Sports Day Event at Wensleydale School – more information coming soon

27.03 Federation Day at Thorp Perrow – more information coming soon

29.03 Easter Service at St Alkeda's Church, Middleham 2pm – more information coming soon

31.03 Federation Charity Fun Run organised by school council – more information coming soon



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