



# The Federation of Middleham (VA) & Spennithorne (VC) CE Primary Schools

Executive Headteacher – Mrs Marie Mann

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 24th February 2023 – Newsletter

This term our Christian Value is Justice

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely start to the half term, spring has definitely sprung.

On Tuesday, Sycamore Class headed to Spennithorne to meet with Willow and Elm Class. Sycamore led workshops, games, drama and so much more to help Willow and Elm Class understand and learn more about how Muslim people pray. The children in Sycamore planned, prepared and delivered the whole session independently and with such brilliance – well done Team Sycamore.



### Reading Champions

Before the holidays, Mrs Bradbury was delighted to present Pippa, Evie and Abbie with 'Star Readers' awards. They have taken charge of the class library, are devouring the new reading scheme books and other novels and have been encouraging other children to read and try new books. They met with Mrs Mann to buy some new books for Oak and Sycamore Class as a reward for their efforts.

### World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

On Thursday for World Book Day, we are looking forward to welcoming Antony Wootten into both our schools. Antony was a primary school teacher and has taught in a number of different schools, including several in London and one in Canada. He lives in a tiny North Yorkshire village – I wonder if it is as tiny as Spennithorne?!

At the end of the day Antony he will be signing and selling his books so that children or parents can buy signed copies at Middleham. To find out about his novels head over to his website: <https://antonywootten.co.uk/more%20books.htm>



### World Book Day – Book swap

We would like to invite each child to bring a book into school to swap for another one. Please choose a book that you would like to give away and wrap it up before bringing it to school. You can write a little bit of information about the book on the wrapping to give a clue about its contents. On World Book Day, each child will swap their book for another one, unwrapping a mystery text to enjoy!



### Maple Class News

Maple class have been busy this week tidying, weeding and preparing the soil in the school garden so that they can plant their own seeds. Over the next few weeks, Maple class will be learning all about growing plants and caring for their environment as part of their new topic 'Come Outside!'

**Stars of the week 24.02.23:**

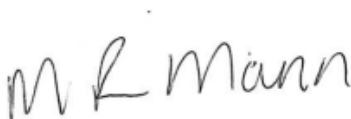
<b>Maple Class</b>	Bonnie for showing great determination, effort and enthusiasm when completing all of her challenges this week. Well done!
<b>Willow Class</b>	Jude for excellent work in phonics. Molly for fantastic phonics and super sentence work.
<b>Elm Class</b>	Andrew for working hard and not giving up to understand new concepts in maths. Ruby for listening well and following instructions to complete her work.
<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Oliver for being a star in our class collective worship. You spoke clearly and projected your voice brilliantly! Lailah-Faye for a super start back after the half term. <b>Growth mindset:</b> Nina for always challenging herself and having a go even if she is unsure.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Lola for a super, positive start to school and we all welcome her to our Federation. Kaitlin for persevering and fantastic listening in Maths. <b>Growth mindset:</b> The mindset box this week goes to Deacon Coxon for a much improved week, for showing interest and enthusiasm and for persevering.

**Diary Dates**

- 1.03 KS1 Skip 2B Fit workshop Cluster event at Wensleydale School
- 2.03 World Book Day author visit
- 3.03 Elm Class Forest School session
- 6.03 & 9.03 Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings
- 7.03 No Craft Club
- 17.03 Sycamore and Oak class visit to The Life Centre, Newcastle – letter issued this week
- 22.03 No Lego Club
- 23.03 Year 5 Winter Sports Day at Wensleydale School – more information coming soon
- 24.03 Oak Class Forest School session
- 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
- 29.03 No Lego Club
- 30.03 Stay & Play for Maple Class and younger children
- 31.03 Federation Charity Fun Run organised by school council – more information coming soon
- 31.03 No Eco Club
- 31.03 School closes for Easter holidays
- 17.04 School closed – staff training day
- 18.04 School opens for the summer term

**Mrs Mann’s availability week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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**Have a super weekend.**


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