



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 13th January 2023 – Newsletter
This term our Christian Value is Perseverance

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week at Middleham and Spennithorne.

How can I keep my child safe online?

During the Summer Term 2022 our Year 2, 3, 5 & 6 pupils took part in the ‘Growing up in North Yorkshire Survey’. The results of the survey have been very useful for us to be able to tailor our curriculum to meet the needs of our pupils. I thought as parents/carers you might be interested in the results around online safety:

These questions are about using the computer, tablet or mobile device:	Year 2 & 3 %
Does an adult always know what you are watching on YouTube/videos?	53
Does an adult always know what games you are playing?	47
Does an adult always know what else you are looking at online?	53
Does an adult set rules about what you see and do online?	59
Do you have any friends online that you don't know in real life?	18

Are you able to use the Internet at home without adult supervision?	Year 5 & 6 %
I never use the Internet at home	8
Never supervised	46
Never supervised, but device has filter system (parental controls)	15
Sometimes supervised	8
Often supervised	23

Following this data, I thought that it would be useful to share ‘10 Top Tips’ on how to keep your child safe online (attached with this newsletter). As a mum of two teenagers, I know how challenging monitoring what your child is viewing online can be. The world of technology rapidly changes, and it is hard to keep up and often the children are a step (or more) ahead of us! While it is important not to obstruct them from developing skills and using these devices, it is essential that parents and carers support our children in navigating the online world in a safe way.

Please check out our ‘Online Safety’ page on the school website which contains some useful information for both children and parents/carers: <http://fed-mas.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/online-safety/>

Skip2bfit

The children across the federation had a fantastic time taking part in Skip2bFit on Thursday! Dave was very impressed with the level of ability and resilience shown by all the children. He talked to them a lot about believing you can do it and having a “don’t give up” attitude,



which the children recognised linked brilliantly with our Christian Value of ‘Perseverance’. Every child has a skipping rope in school so we can keep practicing our skipping skills and refining our techniques! We hope to invite Dave back in the future to show him how much progress we have made.





Walk through the Bible

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Carol Holland from New Life Baptised Church, Northallerton, in to school this week to work with Oak Class. She is taking the children on a journey through the Old Testament of The Bible and helping the children to develop a deeper understanding of how the journey fits together. This is done through stories, drama involving all the children and they learn an action for each part of the journey to help them remember it. This week they explored 8 different stories!

School Uniform

Please find attached with this newsletter a copy of our latest 'School Uniform Policy' which was approved at the Governing Body meeting in December. If you require help with purchasing School uniform, then please do contact the school office. We do have a number of second hand items, free of charge. Again, please contact the school office and Mrs Durrant or Mrs Clarkson will be happy to help you.

Lego Club

On Wednesday, we had our first Lego Club and it was a lot of fun! It was wonderful to see the children using their imaginations and working together to build some fantastic creations. We had spaceships, diggers, a husky house and even a whole town! It is amazing what you can build in 1 hour!



Middleham site

Please can we request that all children at Middleham bring a pair of wellies, clearly labelled in a carrier bag, that can be put on their peg. The children can then change at break and lunchtimes to use the school field. You might also like to send a change of socks in the event that they get wet. If your child does not have wellies they will be unable to go on the field.

Maple Class News

As part of our new topic 'Ticket to Ride' we have been learning all about space travel. We have had lots of fun building our own space rocket and finding out what essential training and items we would need to take into space. We enjoyed designing our own astronaut suits and even created funny aliens after reading the story 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram.



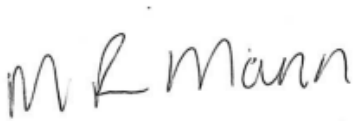
Sycamore Class News

In art this half term we are looking at prehistoric art. The children have enjoyed making sketches using charcoal and oil pastels to add colour, texture and tone to their animals drawings. They smudged charcoal on the paper to create a cave wall inspired canvas.



Stars of the week 13.1.23:

Maple Class	William – using his phonics knowledge to help him become more independent when spelling words.
Willow Class	Tia - for coming up with some great ideas for descriptive writing. Samuel - for good understanding and enthusiasm when solving maths problems.
Elm Class	Sofia - for working exceptionally hard in every lesson and showing great perseverance when work was tricky. William - for contributing excellent ideas in all subjects and showing a positive attitude.
Sycamore Class	Maya - for perseverance in swimming. Olivia - for taking her time and putting lots of thought into her Prehistoric style artwork. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Ophelia -for having a 'can do ' attitude and pushing herself to do her best in every subject.
Oak Class	Izzy - for great focus in maths and science, producing some super work. Mikey - for sharing some amazing science knowledge. <u>Growth Mindset Box</u> Deacon for a super, positive start back to school. Well done.

Have a lovely weekend.


Mrs Mann
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Mann's availability week beginning 16th January 2023

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

Diary Dates

16.01 Year 6 Parents/carers SATS information evening at Middleham, 5pm.
20.01 Oak Class Forest School
27.01 Sycamore Class Forest School
3.02 Elm Class Forest School
10.02 Oak and Sycamore Forest School
10.02 School closes for half-term holiday
20.02 School opens