



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 15.11.24

Genies: This week in Genie class we have enjoyed reading Naughty bus and seeing what adventures he goes on. We had our very own Naughty bus in the classroom who kept hiding from us, and we did a brilliant job of finding him! We have been practicing our counting skills and starting to learn our nativity songs too.

Pixies This week we have read The Journey Home From Grandpa's and started our topic on transport. We could name lots of different forms of transport we have travelled on. In Phonics our new sound was a and in Maths we have been recognising 2 on a 5 frame. During Jigsaw Jenie time we have discussed that even though we are all different and like different things that's okay because we are all special! We may also have started learning songs for a certain show we are putting on at Christmas. Enjoy hearing them on repeat!

Sprites: Sprites have started their Transport topic this week by reading 'Naughty Bus'. We made predictions about which objects would float in water and which would sink like the bus. We then tested our predictions to see if we were right. In Maths, we've looked at ways to represent 4 and noticed that it can be made up of $4+0/3+1/2+2$. In RE, we've read a story from the Bible about Moses, about him sharing rules and we've thought about the rules we have. We were lucky to have a group of fantastic musicians to do a concert for us to enjoy from North Yorkshire Music Centre.

Elves This week our gymnastics has moved on to making shapes. The children really enjoyed this session and we learnt lots about shapes at different heights. In topic, we have been looking at what Captain Cook did before he came to Whitby and his early life. We then made a timeline of these early events and used time adverbials to write about them. In phonics we have been looking at split digraphs. The children has picked these up amazingly well for the first time. We finished off the week with Children in Need day. Well done Year 1 xxx

Phoenixes Year 2 have been learning about fact families in maths. They have written a biography about the Artist Stephen Wiltshire. They have been learning about homophones. Children auditioned for parts in the key stage one nativity and we will be letting them know soon which parts they have won.

Unicorns what a busy week we have had! We have been investigating how the character changes in the book The Dark and then looked at how shadows are made and change depending on how close to the light source they are. We also looked at sun safety

Centaur: In year 4 this week we have kick started our project on the digestion system. We looked closely at our teeth at the beginning of the week and started our tooth decay experiment. In maths we have continued with times tables and the patterns we see between multiplication and division. In PSHE we started our new project which is celebrating differences. We talked about assumptions and to 'never judge a book by its cover' All children have worked hard ! Well done.

Griffins This week in Year 5, we have continued our work on Space and are working hard on producing a non-chronological report all about The Solar System. In PE, we are working on gymnastics and have recapped our knowledge of different shapes as well as moving onto balances. This week in Maths, we have started our unit on fractions and cannot wait to learn more!

Gnomes This week in Gnomes we have continued to look at the book 'Snow white and the seven dwarfs' and have had a go at trying to sequence the story. We have based our reflective sensory tray in the tuff spot round the story, using mirrors, pans, shiny ribbon and other reflective/shiny items while learning the phrase 'Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all'. In maths we have been looking at finding, subitising and representing 4 and 5 using different objects.

Dragons This week in Year 6 we have begun researching why tourists like to come to Whitby and we are combining this with several very effective persuasive techniques for our next piece of writing. It's great to see the enthusiasm the Y6s have for their home town! The pupils have now mastered BODMAS (order of operations) and have shown that they can apply their knowledge to real-life problems. We have continued with our memory tests as well, just to recall and deepen our knowledge of what we have learnt a while ago. An excellent week, Year 6.

Pegasus This week in Pegasus our Emotional Regulation group thought about what they can do if they're feeling scared. Our older Maths group have continued to practise strategies that support mental addition of multiples of ten to four digit numbers. Our younger group have looked at counting and addition within 20. In Literacy we completed some shared writing about Marco Polo; working on pairs or a three the children suggested sentences and then we decided how best to order these. Our Hands, Eyes and Brains Group completed their project creating patterns with quarters of circles.

Friday again and what a lovely way to end the week, all the children look fab in their non uniform and Pudsey Bear gear! We love to get involved in special days like this, there is always a buzz about the place when we do. This week we were super lucky to have a group of visiting musicians come to perform to the EYFS children, it's always great to share new experiences with the children and to see the enjoyment they get from visitors. The children have been working really hard this week and as you can see from the teachers' paragraphs, there has been some fab work produced too. Walking from class to class and talking to the children about their learning is always a highlight for us and we encourage you to talk to the children about the things they do as our children really do love to share.

Remember, if you ever have any worries or concerns, we are here to help in any way we can. You can email us or speak to the office to arrange a call or chat and we will be happy to help Thank you for all your continued support! Have a great weekend! 😊

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Marcus
Sprites	Luna
Elves	Marco
Phoenixes	Charlotte
Unicorns	The whole class
Centaurs	Grasan
Griffins	Tiger Lily
Dragons	Larney
Pegasus	George
Gnomes	Elliot

Attendance this week 96.5%	
Sprites	98%
Elves	95%
Phoenixes	95%
Unicorns	98%
Centaurs	96%
Griffins	95%
Dragons	97%
Pegasus	95%

REMINDER

There should be no parents accessing school via the West side path or any other door other than the main reception door, unless prior arrangements have been made. This is for the safety of children, staff and parents. Parents in school without a member of staff accompanying them or without prior permission will be asked to leave immediately and go to the office to sign in.

Don't forget to book school dinners. Can we also remind you to book and pay for Breakfast and Afterschool Club in advance.



Thank you all for your donations towards Children in need. We will let you know the final total raised soon. 😊



We want to say a massive Thank you to the wonderful team at Interactive. Sadly, they are closing their doors at the end of December after countless years working with the families of Whitby. We are devastated to be losing such an invaluable community resources and we know many of you have joined them for their fabulous sessions over the years. We want to thank them for being such a huge part of our community. We also want to thank them for giving us so many incredible resources as they close, afterschool club, classes and the field study centre are all benefitting from the resources they have shared with us, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Important dates

- 18th November Road safety week, special assembly for all children in school
 - 19th November Y6 Sports hall athletics
- 19th November EYFS open evening....**come and see what our school has on offer if you have a child needing an EYFS space (2yrs to Reception age)**
 - 22nd November Rock Kidz, dress as a rock star
 - 26th November
 - Y4 trip to Life science centre
 - **27th November FOS Christmas Bingo**
 - 28th November Y1 and Y2 illustration workshops
 - 6th December Christmas Fair
 - 9th December Y5 and y6 magic lantern story writing session
 - 11th December EYFS Nativity
 - 16th December KS1 Nativity
 - 18th December Carol service at Saint Mary's
 - 19th December Christmas Dinner and Parties
 - 19th December Hope assembly
 - 20th December break up for Christmas!

Where appropriate additional information will be provided



Next week the weather is set to turn rather wintery. Please keep an eye on the school Facebook page, emails and on "This is the Coast" for any important updates.

Please make sure your child has a coat, hat, gloves and appropriate footwear for the weather at school.



**Eyes down for family
Christmas Bingo On the 27th
November 2024. More info to
follow.**



East Whitby Academy the enquire learning trust

Early Years

Open Evening

The **perfect opportunity** to look around our fantastic **2-year old provision, Nursery and Reception** classrooms, for parents or carers of **children under 5**, with plenty of time to explore the setups and **guided tours** of the whole school at **3:45pm** and **4:30pm**.



For any **further information** please contact our office on

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**Tuesday 19th
November 2024**

3:30pm - 5pm