



Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

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Genies: This week in Genies our new book was Hooray for Fish! We have loved lots of fish and under the sea themed activities. During Forest School we made clay faces in the trees and enjoyed exploring our wonderful woods area.

Pixies We have started the half term and our new project by reading The Train Ride. The train pulls into a seaside town and we have compared this to Whitby. We have talked about Whitby being on the coast, by the sea. Letters have come out for our tour bus trip which the Pixies are very excited about! In Phonics our new sound was z and in Maths we have looked at 3D shapes

Sprites: What a wonderful start to this half term! We've read 'The train ride' and been on the steam train to Goathland. We spotted features in Whitby before we set off - the abbey, the harbour, the station and how the steam engine changed tracks. Then we noticed things on our journey through the countryside - the animals, fields, the river, more stations, the tunnel, bridges and the viaduct. NYMR really looked after us and we got to explore the station too. On the way back we got to swap trains so we had 3 journeys! We were very proud that lots of adults we saw commented on the brilliant behaviour of the children. 😊

Elves: This week Year 1 started our new science topic by exploring our outdoor and spotting plants. In the classroom, we then did observational drawings of plants, looking really carefully at the different parts. We read our new class book 'The Extraordinary Gardener' and we sang our new song about the parts of the plant and what the parts do. We are continuing our revision for next week for our screening check and in maths we have been looking at bigger numbers to 100. All children have worked so hard and we are proud of you all!! Well done Year 1! xx

Phoenixes: This week year 2 started a new science project about plants. The children have examined the parts of a seed and parts of a plant. In maths the children have been learning about fractions of shape and amount. They have started painting cityscapes from their own design and they are looking fantastic already.

Unicorns The Year 3s this have begun their studies on animals including humans by looking at food nutrition and how this differs for different creatures. We have also been looking at money and calculating change in Maths, as well as reading The excellent 'Zoo' by Anthony Brown. The Y3s are finishing off their wire flowers, too. A great start to their final half term as Year 3s.

Centaurs: This week, Year 4 carried out their multiplication check and they were amazing! Huge well done to every single one of them 😊 We started our new project looking at electricity and had a go at making series circuits with buzzers and lights...that was fun! Some of us even managed to add a switch in too! We also started looking at rounders in PE and I fear for the staff v children match when this class get to y6! There is no way the staff will win!! Well done Year 4

Griffins Super first week back for Year 5. In science we did an experiment on water resistance. In Maths we have looked at adding and subtracting decimals. In PE we have started with athletics as we are going to an athletics competition on 20th June (in school time). In Art children are finishing their work on LS Lowry. They have all put a lot of time and effort in using the skills they have learnt.

Gnomes

What a great first week back we have had, the children have settled back in really well. We have started reading the book Erroll's Garden and have planted our own sunflower seeds. In maths we have been weighing different items and have been using the vocabulary 'heavier' and 'lighter'!

Dragons Year 6 have started off their final half term at East Whitby brilliantly. In Science, we are looking at the question 'What is Evolution?' and have begun by looking at fossils and inheritance. We are also producing newspaper reports in English, using the work of Mary Anning and of course we have started real work on our production: Pirates of the Currybean (which may I add, is looking great already!)

Pegasus This week in Pegasus Class our Literacy group has been excited to start not one, but two new books. 'Wild' is our book for exploring a text that will lead to writing projects and 'Flock' will help us as we further develop our understanding of what descriptive language is and how to use it. Some of our children have started a new group called, 'The Finding Out Group,' during which we are going to be testing out experiments from a book called George's Marvellous Experiments to develop their collaboration skills, their communication skills and to practise working out what to do when things go wrong. They will also be watching Newsround and discussing the news stories that they hear to further their understanding of current affairs and the wider world.

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year, how fast has that gone?! It is always bittersweet for the staff working with each class as they know the children are very ready to take the next steps in their learning journeys, but they are always incredibly sad at the thought of saying goodbye! There is an awful lot left to pack in to the next few weeks, please take some time to look at the list of dates that came home. Wherever possible these won't change, however there are always a few bits out of our control such as weather that may mean we need to change things around.

This week saw most classes starting on their final projects of the year, you will be very welcome to come and see all the amazing work the children have done on the 15th July from 1:30. Already we've seen electrical circuits being made, the pro's and cons of Zoos being discussed, evolution being investigated, a trip on the railway and so much more! An amazing start and some incredibly challenging thinking taking place.

You will have noticed that over half term, the building work moved on a great deal with an enormous crane lifting the modular buildings in place. This is going to be used as a field study centre for children from across the Enquire Learning Trust. It is bringing some really exciting resources into school which our children will benefit massively from too and of course, the first ones to use the centre will be from our school...just as soon as we have some beds in there! The team working on the project will soon be replacing the gates and mending the damage to the path too.

We are really pleased with the start to the final half term and are looking forward to the next few weeks together! Have a great weekend!

★ Star of the week! ★	
Pixies	Gracie
Sprites	The whole class! 😊
Elves	Charlotte
Phoenixes	The whole class 😊
Unicorns	Jordan
Centaur	Edie
Griffins	Ethan
Dragons	Honnie
Pegasus	Charlie
Gnomes	Harry and Jack

Attendance this week: Whole school average 94.8% we are aiming for over 95%.

Sprites	94%
Elves	98%
Phoenixes	95%
Unicorns	96%
Centaur	100% woohooo
Griffins	96%
Dragons	81%
Pegasus	97%

Dates

- See additional letter that came out this week.
- THERE WILL BE NO RUGBY NEXT WEEK. Rugby will continue from Tuesday 18th June.

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

EYFS Family Learning

Monday 10th June

8:45-10 am



Sprites had a brilliant day out on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway this week! What a brilliant adventure riding on a real steam train is! Its always lovely to hear how well the children did and to know that members of the public were impressed too! Well done Sprites, we are so pleased you had fun and what glorious weather too!



A really big thank you to Verity Carnie who has made a huge donation of craft equipment and supplies as well as tombola prizes and equipment to be used in classes too. We are really grateful and it will all be put to very good use in the coming weeks



This half term also sees all classes moving on to their final unit of Jigsaw PHSE "Changing me" if you would like any further details of what is covered in this unit please contact me on m.suggitt@eastwhitby.org.uk and I will be happy to share a parents code with you for your child's class.

The PHSE scheme we use is fully compliant with current government requirements and is updated regularly as policy changes.