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A key notice from this week, which you should have received a letter about earlier today, is that all reports will now be shared using the Parent Portal. You are able to print reports from here, should you wish to. This move is part of the Foundation's commitment to the environment; cutting down on paper use is one of our key objectives. The aim moving forward is for all communications to be done via the Parent Portal, including permissions for trips etc. This will take place over the course of this academic year.

I would also like to mention the guidelines we wish parents to follow regarding requesting work for children when they are at home. If your child is unwell then they should not be accessing online learning or completing work at home. If a child is self-isolating, then this is when they should access our blended learning arrangements and your child's class teacher will be in touch by 10.30 a.m. on the first day of absence to arrange this.

The highlight of this week has definitely been the 'Big Talks' arranged by Bonnie Steel. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the parent talk and felt reassured as both a mum and a teacher that the talks would be pitched appropriately and had appropriate (if challenging) content. I know that the talks have led to quite a few informative (and occasionally hilarious) conversations between pupils and staff, and I can't emphasise enough how impressed I am with both staff and pupils' ability to cope with these challenging conversations. If any of you want a supportive resource to help structure some tricky conversations with your child, please follow this link for a book produced by Big Talk <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/products/bodies-babies-bellybuttons-sre-sex-education-book/>

This week we have also selected our school charity. Staff put forward a variety of charities for consideration, and I presented four charities to the children during assembly. They voted for the one they felt deserved our support the most. This year we will be fundraising for Candlelighters, a charity that 'brings light and hope to families of children suffering with cancer'. If you would like to know more about this very worthwhile cause, please use this link <https://www.candlelighters.org.uk/> There will be a number of House based events across the year to raise money for this charity, and I know that our year 6s can't wait to get started with leading this. Hopefully, as time moves on, we will be able to get parents in to school to help us with fundraising events as well.

Thank you to all parents who sent children in with donations to Pocklington's People's Pantry. I know that these donations will be appreciated by all those who receive them, and I am particularly grateful to Rev Bill for organising this.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Ms Ward

## WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PRE-PREP NEXT WEEK?

### Reception

Next week in Reception, it's all things spotty as we read the story of What the Ladybird Heard. We will be writing Wanted Posters, painting ladybird pebbles, creating maps, playing ladybird number games and investigating ladybirds. All this in addition to specialist teaching in PE, French and Music and to our Greengrocers visit to Browns in Pocklington on Monday 12th. It is wonderful to see how engaged all the children are with our curriculum and I look forward to sharing your children's progress with you on 19th October. Thank you for all your support with phonics and reading practice at home.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Afford & Mrs Davis

Reception SOTW is Marciana for blowing me away with her reading!

Paddington is going home with Robin - he has been so kind and helpful all week long!

### Year 1

Next week in Year 1 we will build up to our Story Adventure on Friday. The children will receive a letter from me (in lesson time) explaining my request to take them on a walk and they will learn the different skills that are needed for them to reply. The children will also learn how to write a list of the kit that we need to take with us, and they will write instructions on how to prepare themselves for the walk. I am very excited about this adventure and I am sure the children will be too. I will also have a route card for them where they will be able to develop their map reading skills at the same time. Our aim is to gather everything that they need for them to create and write their own stories the week after next.

In Maths the children will continue to work on their measuring skills and apply this to real life situations. Perhaps the children can try measuring different things at home to support this learning!

Thank you for your continued support with the daily reading, it is making a huge difference as is your help with the High Frequency Words.

SOTW - Lizzie for working extremely hard in Phonics and creating her very own sentences!

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Steel

### Year 2

Our sculpture theme continues next week looking at another local sculptor, Henry Moore. We will be making comparisons between his work and that of Barbara Hepworth. The children will finish their own clay sculptures and present their designs to the class.

In Maths we will be using Base 10/Dienes blocks to represent numbers with apparatus as well as in pictures. This will help to build on your child's understanding of place value. We will also be working on time, using analogue and digital clocks, as well as recording time in words. The children will be challenged to solve problems related to time as well as complete diaries about their day.

Please continue to collect recyclables for your child's project and send these in at the **end of next week** ready for the final week. Please place them in a named bag.

SOTW in 2X is for William for his kindness towards everyone.

SOTW in 2Y is for Jessica for showing such perseverance in her tasks.

### Information regarding letters

Please note that wherever possible all letters will be sent via email from the school office on a Thursday afternoon.

Copies of all letters relevant to your child/ren will also be available to view on the parent portal.

## LEARNING IN PHOTOS



Year 5 Using cookies to test each other on the phases of the moon.



Reception's class story of the week is 'Superworm' - they have been collecting worms for their wormery.



Year 1 listening attentively to the Big Talk on Tuesday –helping our children stay safe and keep talking to all their trusted adults



Year 4 on their hunt for different lifeforms



Year 4 writing a Celt diary entry



Year 5 and 6 enjoying lunchtime Book Club—this term's choice is a fantasy adventure story called Malamander.



## WHAT ARE WE DOING IN PREP NEXT WEEK?

### Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week and have impressed us with how hard they have been working. Next week we will focus on:

Maths: The children will be adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers and multiples of 100.

English: We will continue to read our book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. The children will 'hot seat' the character of Edward to help them empathise with his feelings to write a diary entry, about what it would be like to travel from America to England on the Queen Mary in the 1930s.

Topic: The children will write a postcard from their 'trip of a lifetime' to include what human and physical features they have seen on their travels and how long it took them to travel there.

Science: We will continue to explore food and teeth and the children will sample different pieces of food to identify which teeth they use and why.

We wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Snelling & Mrs Rogers

### Year 4

Wow! Another fab week in Year4! We have been impressed by the children's knowledge of the Celts and all their super fact finding. This week we have focused our topic and English around diary writing and the daily life and jobs of the Celts. The children have also done some super number bond work.

We have set a piece of Topic homework for both this week and next which is to make a Celtic shield and the children have just over two weeks to do this and these don't need to be in till Wednesday the 14th.

Next week:

English/Topic: Our English/Topic work will focus on looking at Celtic warriors and identifying different features. We also have a special event planned on Wednesday afternoon which will then focus the rest of our topic work...

Maths: We will be looking at using and applying different methods of addition in lots of different contexts.

Science: Will continue to focus on different animals and species found around us.

Please also look out for a letter about us visiting the Beck in Pocklington next Friday (16th Oct). The children will need wellies or waterproof shoes and waterproof coat/trousers but a tracksuit will be fine.

Thank you for all your support. Miss S and Mrs K

### Year 5

This week we have talked about mental health and wellbeing, discussed strategies to support others if their wellbeing is suffering and considered how we can reframe negative thoughts in a positive way. The 'Big Talk' was really useful and we were proud of the mature way the Year 5 children responded and behaved. We have also spent time considering how we could be more sustainable within school and there are lots of fantastic ideas. We plan to take some of these to the School Council.

Next week 5X is very excited about their assembly, linked to our text *Floodland*. We look forward to showing parents the assembly, via Zoom! We will continue to read *Floodland* and think about what advice we could offer Zoe, who finds herself in such a predicament.

In maths, the children will continue to work on methods of addition and subtraction. Science sees the children exploring the terms 'solstice' and 'equinox' as well as researching an element of Space which particularly interests them.

We have been thinking about the seasons and seasonal produce to tie in with Harvest - we would welcome any donations for the collection box in the foyer.

As we approach our D.T. week in the final week of the half term, please may we ask that you help your child to find an old garment that they wish to upcycle for their D.T. project?

Have a lovely weekend! Best wishes from the Year 5 team.

### Year 6

Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard this week in all aspects of their learning and we are looking forward to a busy fortnight ahead leading up to half term. Next week pupils will continue to develop their fractions understanding in maths and we ask that homework continues to be completed, on time, to a high standard - both in terms of presentation and effort. We will carry on reading our class text in English and link the events and factual detail to our history topic. Pupils will find out about the lives of 'Climbing Boys' and will read and analyse a poem 'A Chimney Boy's Story' by Wes Magee, writing their own poems about other Victorians. We can't wait to see what they produce!