



## 'Sowing Seeds – Bearing Fruit – Harvesting Potential'

Hustwaite CE Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery Newsletter

### Your fortnightly note from your Headteacher...

We have had busy weeks both before and after the half term holiday.

Before half term all our children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our annual FOHS Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Competition which was judged by Robin and our Pet Therapy Dogs Tinker and Conker. We had some extremely creative designs!



A huge thank you to FOHS for such a fabulous school disco to end the first half term of the academic year. As always the event was very much enjoyed by all and we certainly saw some movers on the dancefloor!



This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning about Remembrance Day and I look forward to all classes sharing their learning in celebration assembly this afternoon.



### Your fortnightly class summary from ...

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

Class 1 have really enjoyed the start of our new topic "The Polar Regions" with lots of amazing language to describe the ice in the tuff tray. The Year 1 and 2 children remembered lots of facts about compass directions from previous years and used it really well to explain where the Antarctic is in relation to various other places on a globe.

EYFS are loving our winter themed travel agent and have been doing some wonderful passport making using their phonics to write lists for their packing. They have also been practicing putting on their winter wear for their holiday, gloves are very tricky!

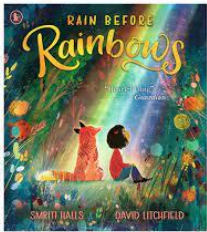
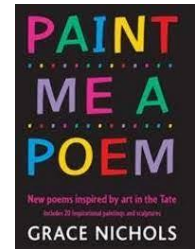
All the children enjoyed learning about Diwali, and we learnt the story of Rama and Sita and made Diva lamps to celebrate the festival of lights.



### Class 2, Miss Goodchild

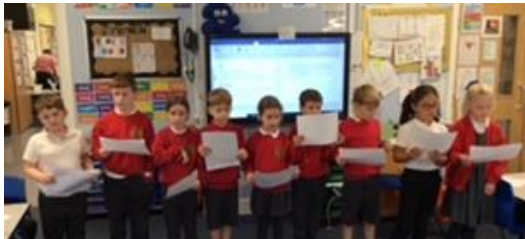
Y2 and Y3/4 have enjoyed their poetry in English. Y2 have been using the book *Rain before Rainbows* and the poem *Pink* by Christina Rossetti as stimulus to write encouraging message poems.

Y3/4 used art and *Paint Me a Poem* by Grace Nichols to create freeze frames and write direct speech. They are now moving onto writing some poetry based on a special person.



In topic with Miss Wilkie Y3/4 the children were split into 2

groups. One researched Roman V Celtic houses and the other, Roman towns and the road network. They then had to present to each other, with the audience deciding whether they had learned anything from the presentation, what they learnt and ask any questions. They did brilliantly! Year 2 impressed Mr Chapman with their growing computing skills and enjoyed beginning their new Computing topic Technology outside of school.

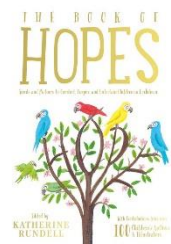


### Class 3, Mr Chapman

Y5/6 had an amazing trip to The Life Centre, Newcastle. We arrived and took part in a workshop on light, linked to our science topic. The children had the opportunity to be in the planetarium looking at constellations, again linked to our topic work, this time on the Ancient Greeks. The children also loved the exploration areas.



Coming back after half term, the children have been reading and writing around the theme of 'hope'. We have used this idea to think about Remembrance Day. In Y5/6, the children enjoyed our new dance topic, *Dance through the Decades*. We acquired and developed new skills such as 'The Twist'.



### Friday 10 November Awards All classes Remembrance Day Sharing

#### Class 1, Mrs Chappell.

*Bird Award* – Ivor for his super role play, he makes an amazing travel agent and loves taking bookings from his friends.

*Headteacher's sticker* – Frank for his willingness to try new activities.

*Writer of the week* – Freya for her super oral blending and mark making, she “writes” lots of lovely lists and can orally blend lots of words with a grown up before writing them on her list.

**Class 2, Miss Goodchild.**

*Bird Award* – Wilf B for his increased independence with his learning especially in maths. You make fabulous use of the enable table resources now, well done!

*Headteacher’s sticker* – Evie for brilliant spellings, she ALWAYS practises. Arthur for his increased confidence with all the technology that was new to him such as Google Classroom and Century Tech.

*Writer of the week* – Pippa for her super similes and original ideas in her Flint poem.

**Class 3, Mr Chapman.**

*Bird Award* – Evelyn for her maths problem solving, discussing her learning with her peers and helping them to progress as well.

*Headteacher’s sticker* – Niamh for her enthusiasm in reading practice sessions.

*Writer of the week* – Rhys for his amazing descriptive writing.

**Miss Goodchild’s Superstars**

Ana for amazing alliteration.

For your information our Collective worship Christian value this half term is Thankfulness. Your child has got a home school values sheet of ideas in their book bag today, should you wish to explore their understanding of this value further at home.

This afternoon you are warmly welcome to **Friday Celebration assembly** in the school hall at 2.45pm, this half term hosted by myself.

Have a great weekend.

**NOTICES:**

- We would like to warmly welcome Mrs Hagland our **new school cook** to our Husthwaite family.
- **‘Life Skills’ whole school curriculum enrichment day – 14 November.** A final plea to any parents who would be willing to spare half an hour and come in to speak about their job would be very welcome as part of our career aspirations work. Please let your child’s class teacher know as soon as possible.
- Liz Hebdon your Husthwaite parent governor will be doing her **‘Governor Surgery’** on 17<sup>th</sup> November at drop off at the school gate. This is an opportunity where you can meet your parent governor for an informal chat and ask any questions you may have. Liz is also available by email [lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:lhebdon@husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- **BAGS2SCHOOL** – there will be a Bags2School collection at 9am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please bring bags of clothing, shoes, handbags, belts and accessories in a bin bag to the front of school before 9am. The more weight we collect, the more money we get (effortless fundraising!). This time you are being asked to use your own bin bags to cut down on plastic wastage.
- **Class 1, Mrs Gears** will be sadly leaving us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Husthwaite, working with all our fabulous children, staff and parents. We wish her all the very best in her new post. Mrs Turner and current staff who already know and work with Class 1, will be doing increased hours to ensure stability and continuity for all our children.

**Tax Free Childcare:**

Did you know that you can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare? If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you’ll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you’re eligible for both.

To find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

**DIARY DATES:**

13-17 November	Anti-bullying week. This year’s theme is Make A Noise About Bullying.
14 November 1-2pm	Life Skills whole school curriculum enrichment day Class 1 Stay and Play for all preschool children – All about Me and Life Skills theme.
15 November	Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew visit, working with our local emergency services.
17 November	Parent governor surgery with Liz Hebdon at drop off.

	Children In Need
18 November	Husthwaite CE Primary School open day 11-12 o'clock FOHS Nearly New Sale at Husthwaite Village Hall 10am-1pm
22 November	Bags2School
26 November	Community event - Husthwaite Village Christmas Market, Husthwaite Village Hall. 11am – 2pm.
29 November	Year 6 KS2 SAT's Parent Information Evening (Zoom 5pm)
1 December	FOHS Hearts Fashion Show, Husthwaite Village Hall 6.30-9.00pm. Tickets from Lou Atkinson, Holly Fawcett and Emily Buchanan.
8 December	Husthwaite School Christmas Fair
11 December	Year 3/4 Murton Park Trip
12 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Nursery – Year 2) Dress Rehearsal
12 December	Class 1 Stay and Play for all preschool children – Christmas theme. 1-2 pm
14 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Nursery – Year 2) 2.30pm & 5.30pm
18 December	Christmas Parties in school
19 December	Christmas school lunch
20 December	Pantomime in school
22 December	Christmas Church Service 9.30am School closes 2.30pm