

Dear Parents/Carers,

Virtual book club

As a school we take every opportunity to promote the love of reading through a variety of experiences. As such, we have set up a virtual book club run by Mrs Wood and Miss Newbery. The group are enjoying 'The Beast and the Bethany' currently at home. Questions are set through Class Dojo and staff have also managed to speak to the children in class about each chapter. Two children have already finished as they loved the story so much and are now writing a book review to share in the library. If your child would like to join then we shall be reading another book after Christmas.



New books to support our phonics programme



We have recently purchased new reading books to support our teaching of systematic phonics. Class 1, 2 & 3 have received a selection of books to share at home and at school which will match the phonic phase that they are on.

If you would like to know more on how we teach reading at Yorkley then please look at the English overview on the website.



You will find a progression map which details how your child will move through the scheme and book bands. The children are taking great care of their new books at home and continue to read regularly.

Well-being and mental health



As part of our recovery curriculum, we are actively promoting and supporting the children's mental and physical wellbeing. Early morning, small group PE sessions are taking place across the school in supporting the children to enjoy and achieve. Mr Tomley is teaching the children new skills and energising the children ready for the day ahead.

House Points:

Week ending 13th November: **Red 105, Blue 104, Yellow 97 and Green 90**

Week ending 20th November: **Yellow 92, Red 90, Blue 77 and Green 77**





Each class is also taking part in the 'Daily Mile Destinations' a challenge with a twist! The classes have decided where they want to start on the map and after each daily mile they get to move their marker along the map. Each time they arrive at a new destination, they collect a flag sticker and find out some fun facts about the landmarks at the destination.

Class 4 have visited England and France already!

Virtual Competitions:

The school entered a virtual Cross-Country Competition whereby children from Year 2 up to Year 6 ran different distances on the school playground. As it was a competition their times were submitted to the School Games Organiser against other schools from the Forest.

Usually, Yorkley do very well in the live competition at Five Acres School and it is a great shame we couldn't go up there this year. The next virtual competition is the Indoor Athletics that children are practising for in lessons now.

Attendance and Punctuality:

If your child is displaying symptoms and absent from school, please get them tested as soon as possible and keep the school informed with test results. If they have come into contact with a positive case, they need to self-isolate for 14 days but aren't required to get a test unless they are showing symptoms. Please don't panic if unsure what to do, just ring 119 and seek advice, then ring the main office.

Classes	Week beginning: 9 th Nov 2020	Week beginning: 16 th Nov 2020	Overall Percentage:
Class 5	97.14%	96.80%	97.12%
Class 4	100% - Fantastic	98.75%	98.52%
Class 3	93.53%	94.00%	95.76%
Class 2	97.58%	97.37%	97.44%
Class 1	100% - Fantastic	100% - Amazing	98.97%

Star of the Week

13th November congratulations to: Lily, Poppy, Millie, Noah and William



20th November Congratulations to: Arthur-Joe, Ted, Ray, Rosie and Freddie



TT Rock Stars we achieved 30,000 points as a school in the Rock Out 2020 competition. That's fantastic as our Target was 20,000

Riley T and Sam in Class 3 were 1st and 2nd with the highest scores. Daisy Lewis came 3rd.

Children in Need Day:



Thank you for your donations towards Children in Need

The school donated £113 to the charity.



School Council:

School Council spent some socially distant time on Wednesday brain storming ideas for our 5 ways to well-being at Yorkley. They are; Connect, Take notice, Keep learning, Be active and Give to others. The children will be creating posters for the display in school and this will link to a whole school zoom where their ideas will be shared with all classes.

They are also in the process of writing a thank you letter to Whitehouse Press for producing our anti-bullying posters and for making a video explaining the process. We are hoping this will be up on our website soon.

Cross Curricular Links

Last week Class 3 spent a brilliant afternoon cave painting to explore their Stone Age topic. They turned the lights off to create a dark environment, so the pictures are a little grainy. Discussions were had around the use of earthy tones and how they could use black for charcoal, white for chalk and red for berries - just like they would have done in the past.



Achievements out of School:



Congratulations to Poppy for her Silver Award in Cubs. This is the highest award a cub can get. It was lovely that Mrs Chapman could present the certificate to her at school as she leads the group!

Kind regards

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

IMPORTANT DATES:

Autumn Term 2

- Monday 30th November: Whole School Flu immunisations
- Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 18th December: End of term

Spring Term 1 & 2

- Monday 4th January: School open
- Friday 12th Feb: End of term

- Monday 15th - 19th Feb: HALF TERM
- Monday 22nd & 23rd Feb: INSET days - school closed to children

- Wednesday 24th Feb: School open
- Thursday 1st April: End of term