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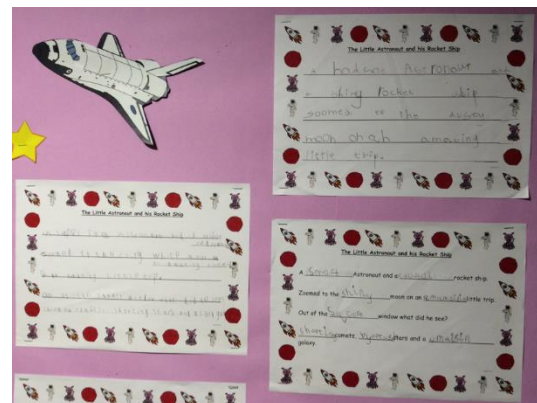
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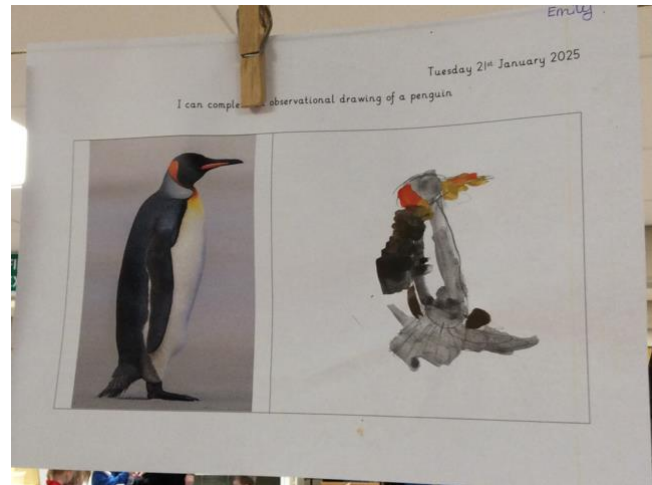
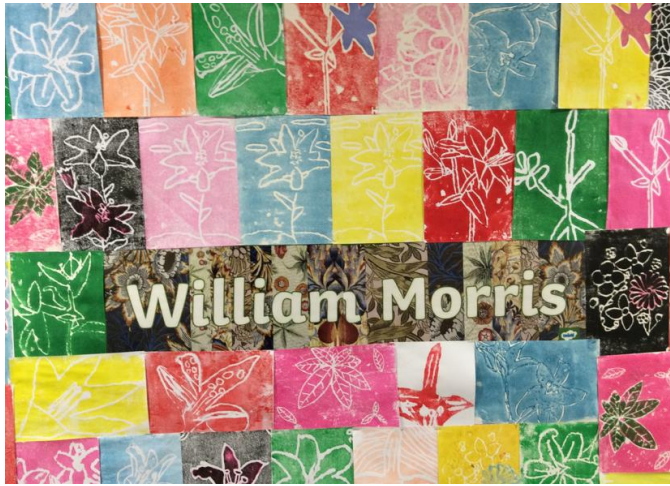
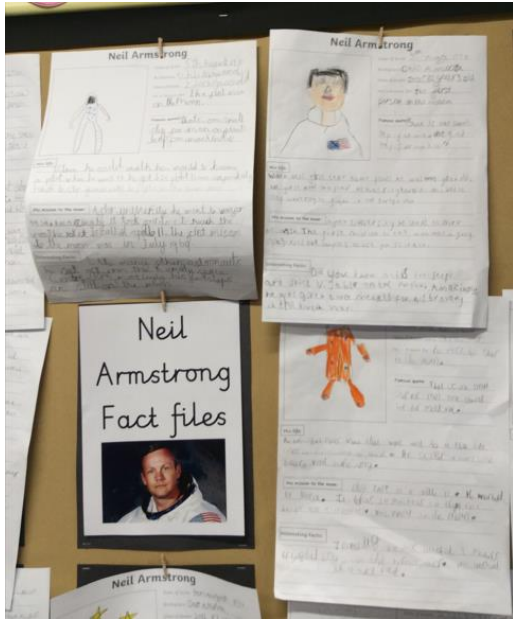
Thursday 23rd January 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our open evening yesterday. I was lucky enough to be in the year 5 classroom and it was so clear to see how proud the children were to share all of their brilliant work. We really do appreciate you taking the time to come and I am sure you will agree that the classrooms were looking wonderful. Thank you to the staff and children for all their hard work and for all the amazing learning opportunities they experience.

Here are a few snapshots of work currently displayed around school.







RESPECT



Well done to Izzy, Olivia, Edie, Lottie, Avalyn, Heidi and Blake who epitomised our values of RESPECT last week. It was so lovely to hear how all of these children demonstrate our values every single week and could be chosen for any letter.

Well done also to Freddie and Benjamin, who wowed the whole school with the number of Numbots certificates they received in assembly last week. You are working so hard boys!

Rowntree Breakfast

We had a great time at the Rowntree breakfast last week! Thank you to the year 6s for helping me – they were quite willing to after the promise of double helpings of pastries! I wonder if a different house can get next term's treat? Options include early lunch for a week, a sports afternoon, a pizza party, a board game afternoon, bring a toy to school day and many more! It is always wonderful to see the children going above and beyond to earn those house points. Keep it up everyone!

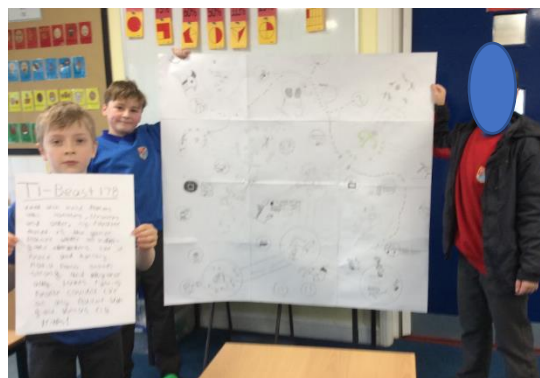


Year 6 SATs meeting

A reminder that Mrs Bradley will be holding a year 6 information evening about SATs on Tuesday 28th January at 5pm. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the tests, have a look at the sort of questions the children will be asked and ask any questions you have.

Year 5 homework

We were blown away by some of the amazing space-themed homework created by year 5 over the last few weeks! The sight of the solar system being walked to school caused quite a stir! Well done for all your hard work and dedication year 5.



Maths Day – Wednesday 12th February

Over the last term we have been really focussing on maths, looking at the way we teach lessons, the resources we use, the level of challenge we provide and the children's perceptions of the subject. As you know, we have also had a big push on TTRS and Numbots, and have seen such an improvement in maths fluency in the children who are using these frequently. All of the children's hard work is paying off - having started the year in 12th place across York for the speed in which we can answer questions on TTRS, we have now shot up to 3rd! Well done to everyone – I wonder if we can make it to first by the end of the year?

On **Wednesday 12th February** we are having a maths day to celebrate all things maths!

Children in KS2 can come dressed as a 'rockstar' for the day, perhaps even as their TTRS avatar if they so wish, and will spend parts of the day playing on TTRS, and competing in Battle of the Bands competitions. Times table facts are a really important aspect of the maths curriculum, and we are looking forward to celebrating the hard work the children have done this year to secure their times table knowledge. Get ready to rock!

Children in EYFS and KS1 can wear their own clothes. We will be sending home headbands for them to decorate "robot style" to celebrate all of their hard work on Numbots. The headbands will be sent home on Monday 3rd February – if they would rather design their own robot head piece, they are of course welcome to!

Cool Milk

Cool milk has been having issues with milk delivery meaning only limited milk has been received for the children this term. Anyone who pays for milk will receive a refund from Cook Milk. They have promised us that this issue will be remedied, but this will not be until the 5th February.

If your child would normally have milk, you are welcome to send them in with an additional snack in the meantime.

Cool Milk apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Big Garden Bird Watch

The Big Garden Birdwatch is running this weekend (24th – 26th Jan). There are lots more details on the website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> if people would like to join in. Reception are making bird feeders in forest schools tomorrow to celebrate.



Donations to school

Last year we set up a donations page on ParentPay to help cover the cost of enrichment activities. We wanted to extend a huge thank you to some families who have continued to donate – it really does make a difference and supports us to be able to deliver the learning experiences that make such a difference to children. Thank you!

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

January 2025	
Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting	5pm
February 2025	
Maths Day	Wednesday 12 th February 2025
Last day of half term for pupils	Thursday 13 th February 2025
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 14 th February 2025
Back to school	Monday 24 th February 2025
March 2025	
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March 2025
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 th March (until 7pm) Wednesday 19 th March (until 6pm) Thursday 20 th March (until 6pm) <i>Teachers will be available on two out of the three nights.</i>
Down Syndrome Awareness Day	Friday 21 st March 2025
Year 3 and 4 Production	Wednesday 26 th March 2025 (6pm) Thursday 27 th March 2025 (6pm)
April 2025	
Year 5 Virtual Reality Space and Robotics Day	Tuesday 1st April 2025
Autism Awareness Day	Wednesday 2 nd April 2025
School closes for Easter	Friday 4 th April 2025

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Links/ Attachments:

- **City of York FC Poster Competition – Design a poster to tell your friends how and why football is for everybody.**
- **City of York Families Update:**
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3cc87eb>
- **Parent Carer Forum York Newsletter**
- **What parents and educators need to know about Just Talk Kids**



February Holiday Club at Over the Rainbow



Come and join us for our February Half Term Holiday Club!

We are open 7.30am-6pm every day for children aged 2-11. The cost per day is £30.50 and includes all activities unless stated otherwise, and a morning and afternoon snack. Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis, so we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment. **To book a place**, please email otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk with your child's name, age, and days you would like to book. **We cannot accept any bookings via any other method of communication.** Payment is required to secure your place. Once booked we require 2 weeks written notice to cancel a place to avoid being charged. We accept BACS/Childcare Vouchers/Cash/Tax Free Childcare Scheme.

What activities are we going to be doing?

Please see our activity planner for details. Some activities may change as we love to follow the children's interests on the day.

Outdoors we have a range of sports equipment, bikes and construction equipment, and indoors we have a wide range of art and craft resources, toys, puzzles and games in addition to the activities below to keep children of all ages entertained.

What does my child need to bring?

Please bring a packed lunch, water bottle, warm clothing, waterproof coat and perhaps some wellies each day as we do like to explore outside (everything named please!).

Contact Details for Over the Rainbow:

Email: otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk
 Address: Church Lane, Dunnington, York, YO19 5QG
 Phone: 01904 489 053

Day	Am	Pm
Friday 14 th February	LIMITED CAPACITY, running alongside Preschool Valentine crafts	LIMITED CAPACITY, running alongside Preschool Heart shaped biscuit baking
Monday 17 th February	Hama Bead Art Smoothie Making	Sand Art Large games on the field
Tuesday 18 th February	Baking: Banana octopi Under the Sea pictures	Design your own tote bag Frisbee
Wednesday 19 th February	Flower Art Parachute or ball games	Plant your own Grass or Cress Head!
Thursday 20 th February	Baking: Chocolate crispie buns Quiz Time	Treasure Hunt on the field Origami
Friday 21 st February	PAMPER DAY, PJs optional!	
	Nail art Temporary tattoos	Movie Afternoon with popcorn

FREE SIGNPOSTING EVENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, LOCAL FAMILIES, PARENTS & CARERS.

Join us at York St Johns Creative Centre where local support services will be available to give advice and information on mental health, neurodiversity, legal support, parents who are finding their early parenting journey a challenge, financial or health concerns, women's refuges, family abuse support, and much more.

**4TH FEBRUARY
DROP IN FROM
2PM - 6PM**

Attending services include:
HomeStart, York Integrated Care Board, Citizens Advice, Big Future Foundations, IDAS, York SENDIASS, The Retreat Clinics, SJPLAW, York Maternity Voices Partnership, Raise York / FIS, Foundation Positive Choices Services...

**AT YORK ST JOHN
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