



'We lift our eyes to the hills'

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This half term we have been thinking about the Christian value of **respect**; how we show respect to our friends, animals and adults. We had a whole school Respect day where our older children on the School Council led our learning about the Global learning Goals from COP26. This day helped us to think about how we can be respectful to our world.

We decided that we would like to focus on the following global goals: life on land, reducing inequality, responsible consumption and production and climate action.

The Adventurers

This term the Adventurers have been taking part in the 'Big Schools bird watch' in Outdoor learning, making bird feeders and testing our observations skills in our school grounds. When learning about 'The three little pigs' the children have been exploring traditional tales and writing their own stories with new and exciting characters. In science we have been exploring different materials and their properties before testing materials for pigs' umbrella. In DT the children have been experimenting to find out how to build strong and solid structures using stable foundations. The 2nd February kicked off 'Lunar new year' celebrations by learning about Chinese traditions that welcome in the new year. We have cleaned and decorated the home corner to prepare for our Chinese banquet. We ended our celebrations with a dragon parade to bring good luck in the year of the Tiger! The class were inspired by looking at Chinese dragons so in Art they explored textures and patterns using oil pastels to create dragon eyes and design their own special dragon. Finally, the children have been writing similes to help their friends imagine how big or how fast our dragon could be!



The Explorers

The Explorers have had a half-term packed full of science. We have learnt all about rocks and soil, how to test them and how to make predictions based upon what we know already. We

have had lots of opportunities to get outside the classroom and explore what is around us! Further to that, we have just started our new science topic about states of matter- we will be comparing solids, liquids and gases and using our scientific minds to determine what each of these terms actually means.



The Discoverers

The Discoverers started off this term with a DT project. We made automata toys with a simple cam mechanism. The process was quite tricky but we were so happy with how they turned out. Since then, we have launched into writing a diary entry from the perspective of Moses and tackled a new decimals unit in Maths. In History, we have learned all about the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians- even gruesome process of mummification. We also created some wonderful Pharaoh headdresses for our classroom display in Art. For our Year 6s, the preparation for SATs has really ramped up, but we are taking it one step at a time and are feeling confident.



School Dinners

We have been informed by Orjan that due to rising costs of ingredients, they are going to put up the price per meal by 30 pence each from the start of April. So unfortunately, school meal costs for those children in Nursery, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have to be increased to £2.80 per meal. We apologize for this increase.

Teepee tots – restarting 25th Feb

We are excited that Teepee Tots is restarting the Friday after half term, from 9.30-11.30am for a price of £2.00 per child, this includes refreshments throughout the morning. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word or let Laura in the office know their contact details.

Mother's Day Service

Our Mother's Day service will be held at St Thomas's church on Friday the 25th of March at 9.30am. This is a not only a school service, we would like to invite the community to attend with us which includes school parents, grandparents are also friends. Everyone is welcomed.



Mental Health Week Next week is Mental Health Week in School. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Growing Together**. **Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. For collective worship on

Thursday 10th February, please can the children **bring in photographs to show hobbies/activities** they have done to help them grow. **On Friday 11th February**, the children can wear clothes to express themselves.

As parents you play an important role in your child's mental health. There are lots of lovely **free resources** for families on their website.

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents

World book Day

We are holding world book day this year on **Friday the 4th of March**. We have moved it slightly from the national day as we have an exciting trip planned for some of our older children that day so this way we can all enjoy the fun and creativeness of World Book day together, including wearing a costume of their favourite books characters.

Miss Lace, will also be holding an Usborne book fair in school. Further details will be sent out.

With very best wishes

June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

Dates for the diary - More information will be coming out closer to the time

- 22nd February - Country Fest Potato challenge- Adventurers class
- 25th February - Vindolanda Trip – Explorers class
- 28th February - Fire Station- Adventurers class
- 3rd March - Art workshop at Jetty Museum for years 3, 4 & 5.
- 4th March - World book day- Costumes needed! - Whole school
- 9th March - Elleray Running club- KS2 children
- 18th March - Red Nose Day- School Council to confirm arrangements
- 21st March - Big Sing- Years 1, 2, 3, 4
- 22nd March - Pupil Parliament- Older school council members.
- 24th March- Science Day at Lancaster University- Explorers and Discoverers
- 29th March - Brewery dance
- 1st April - Break up at 1.30pm

SSA dates

- 24th March - Bags to schools
- 24th March - Next SSA meeting at 7.30
- 26th March - SSA Bingo
- 2nd April - Swimathon
- 25th June - Summer Ball
- 9th July - Camp out on school field