

Information for Parents 2016/2017

Spring Term Update



Class 6

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We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year!



The busy Autumn Term seems to have flown by - the children have worked hard and enjoyed a wide range of activities. The main focus was on our Rainforest topic and included a fascinating visit to Flamingoland where the children learned more about the animals of the Rainforest and the zoo's link with Tanzania (The Udzungwa Project). They also got the opportunity to see animals at first hand when Animals-in-Tuition visited back in September.

The Rainforest topic finished in style with the children's outstanding performance of Rainmaker - they all gained so much from this experience. As David Adamson, school governor, commented: *'When those children grow older, they will remember standing and performing on that stage. They will remember their courage, which brings them confidence. They will remember the applause and appreciation, which will boost their self-esteem. They will remember the teamwork, which makes them value their contribution to a collective effort. They will remember the story and the morality contained within. All these outcomes will make them better people.'*



School sports are thriving: the cross-country team excelled at Brayton with 22 pupils qualifying for the Selby Area Finals at Tadcaster Grammar School - of those, 6 qualified for the North Yorkshire Finals taking place in March at Dalby Forest; the Athletics Squad had an amazing performance to win the cluster final by a narrow margin, and the football squads (boys and girls) are enjoying their various games and tournaments.

The Year 6 children have made good progress towards their Hambleton Young Leaders' Awards with some exciting activities - as you will know by now, this is an initiative unique to Hambleton School which has amazing potential to develop a range of skills in our older children; a major contribution to our aim of developing the 'whole-child'. Only one child has already achieved their Bronze Award, however there are also quite a few children very close to their Bronze. Some children have activities already planned and we hope to organise a time for them to deliver these. So with just a little more encouragement and effort then we are sure January will be a busy month for Bronze awards.



This half-term our main topic focus will be 'York Minster' and we have a visit planned for Tuesday 31st January - this is such an amazing place to visit and always gives the children a sense of awe and wonder. Year 5 pupils will also be attending a Forensics Day at Sherburn High School (scheduled for Thursday 26th January). Our residential visit to the Robinwood Activity Centre in Cumbria is just after half-term; if our last visit to Robinwood is anything to go by then this will give the pupils some wonderful opportunities and experiences.

Thank-you for your continued support with homework - the work done at home really helps to add value to your child's work at school. Thanks also for approaching us when you feel the need - as you know we welcome your views and always listen to any concerns you may have. Written reports will be sent home before half-term and there will be a more formal opportunity to meet after half-term (ie Parent/Teacher Consultations) - we look forward to seeing you on one of those days. In the meantime let us build on our positive partnership in order to ensure another successful year for your child at Hambleton CE Primary School.



Key Dates: 13 January New School Ethos Launch
6-8 March Years 5 & 6 Residential Visit (Robinwood Activity Centre)
8-11 May 2016 Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Test Week