

Oak

What a busy start to the year! Year 6 have started off the year extremely well, and have been working incredibly hard. In Maths, we have been working on numbers to 10 million, multiplication and division. Next, we will continue to work hard on fractions. In English, our whole class text is 'Wonder.' We have explored what Treacher Collins Syndrome is (the main character has it,) as well as discussing how it may make him feel, as well as how it makes others feel. We have written a diary entry, after a particularly hostile chapter in the book. Our topic is Extreme Earth-we have researched tsunamis, earthquakes, flooding, tornadoes, and other weather phenomena. We have looked at which countries are affected by these, and when they occur. Our topic in Science is Electricity, so we have built lots of circuits with various components such as buzzers, switches and motors, as well as planning an investigation to find out if the length of the wire makes a difference.

Sycamore

Sycamore class have had a very busy and hard-working term so far. In maths we have been working on place value, addition and subtraction and problem solving. We are now moving on to multiplication and division but continue with problem solving too. In English we have been doing lots of work based on Cogheart by Peter Bunzl. We have invented our own mechanical animal, researched and made models of airships and written a letter to persuade the Prime Minister to give mechanical servants more rights. In science we have been learning about electricity so we have built circuits and made our own switches. We designed and built burglar alarms to protect one of the character's in Cogheart's special object. Our topic has been the industrial revolution and they have also looked at paintings by Lowry.

Willow

We have had a very productive first half term and all the children in Willow Class deserve a rest! In theme we have been learning about the Vikings, which included making Viking helmets. In Maths we have covered Problem Solving, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and are currently working on Multiplication and Division. In Literacy we have worked on stories, explanation texts and poetry. Our spelling and grammar is improving!



Ash

We have had a very busy start to the school year in Ash class. In Literacy, we have based our work around the story The Dragon Machine and worked hard to use verbs and adjectives in our writing. We have introduced whole class guided reading 4 days a week this term and the children have loved looking at a different book/topic each week, covering fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We had a great trip to Gargrave Library where we each got to choose a non-fiction book to bring back to school. In Maths we have been working on place value and addition and subtraction. We are all really proud that we now know how to use the column method. In theme we have been learning about 'Our World' and enjoyed our walk around Gargrave Village.



Apple

The Reception children have settled in wonderfully into Apple Class. They are super-busy every minute of every day! They have been busy learning their phonics and learning to count and recognise numbers. The children painted beautiful autumn trees and made leaf pictures.

In Year 1, the children have been producing some fantastic writing using 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Together they have written amazing autumn and bonfire night poems – look out Year 6! In 'Our World' theme, we have been learning about where we live and joined Ash Class on a walk around Gargrave village. Singapore Maths has been a big hit with Year 1 and they are super mathematicians – they love waiting to see who will be the maths wizard each day. They have focused on place value and addition. We are also getting very quick with our recall of the 2 times table. Reception and Year 1 children all enjoyed balanceability, having lots of fun on the balance bikes.

