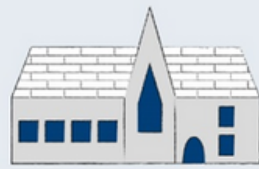
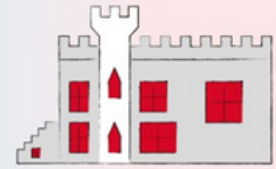




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Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

During Federation Tuesday, KS2 were treated to a visit from Jay (Lily's Dad from Melsonby) who has spent a number of years working in different rainforests across the world.

We would like to say a big thank you to him for giving up his time to share so many amazing stories, photographs and memories. My favourite was hearing about Jay's time at the Orangutang Sanctuary in Borneo.

Some of the interesting facts that the children (and staff) found out included:

'Dart frogs are only poisonous when they are in the rainforest because of what they eat' Harry

'There are spiders the size of dinner plates' Jackson

Ask the children this weekend about some of the interesting things they found out!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson



Federation Notices

Administering Medication

Just a reminder that we are unable to administer any non-prescribed medication to children unless essential to the child's health.

STEM Week

8th - 17th March

This year's STEM week is all based around the theme of TIME. We have a number of learning opportunities set up during the week linked to this theme. As part of this, we would like to ask children to bring in an object from home linked to time so that we can share these and discuss.

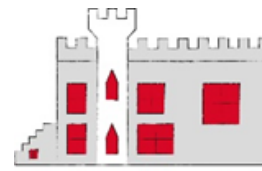
Please bring these in on Wednesday 13th March.



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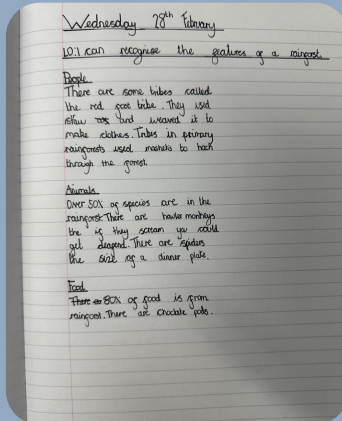


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News

How have we 'Lived Life in all its Fullness' this week?

On Wednesday, we held our first Stay and Play this year for new Reception children who are due to start with us at Melsonby school in September. The children (and parents) had a lovely morning exploring the environment and getting messy with paint.



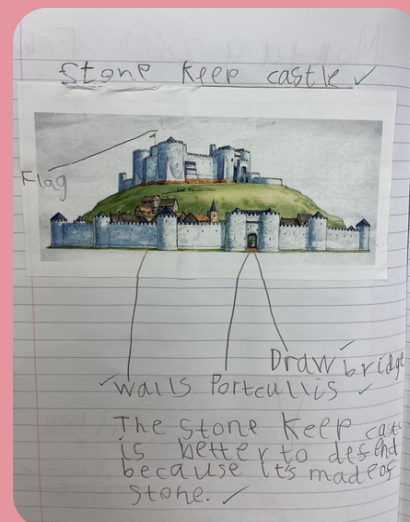
Following their visit from Jay, Class 2 have been exploring more about rainforests. They used their Geography lesson to start organising what they had found out under different subheadings, in preparation for their double-page spreads. We look forward to reading these!

Deadlines and Reminders

- P.E Days for Class 1 are on a Tuesday and a Thursday.
- P.E days for class 2 are on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.
- If you pay for your child's school meals, please can you login to Arbor and make payments if required.
- A reminder for anyone on the residential to London to please ensure payments are up to date.

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As part of their art learning, Key Stage 2 have been exploring still life and have recreated their artwork in clay, adding the finishing touches with paint.



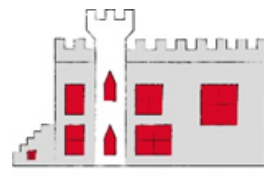
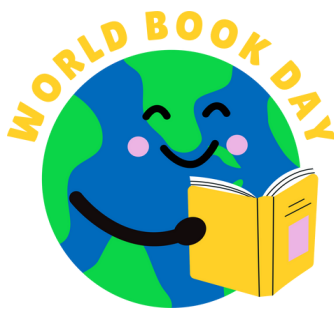
Our KS1 boys have had a busy week. As part of their History learning, they have been looking at features of castles, labeling and writing their own captions to go alongside these. Ask them to tell you what they know about castles this weekend!

Deadlines and Reminders

- P.E Days are on a Tuesday and a **THURSDAY**.
- Homework is due in on a **WEDNESDAY** please.
- KS2 Reading Records have been updated to highlight which words that children can spell. Please support them in learning the un-highlighted words to strengthen their written work.
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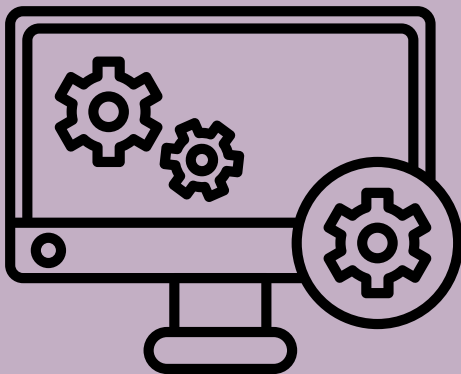
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World Book Day - Tuesday 5th March

As a Federation we will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 5th March. We would like to invite all the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. As part of the activities throughout the day we will spend some time looking at who the children have come as so they will need to bring their favourite book with them.

All parents and carers are invited into Melsonby from 2pm - 2:45pm to share books with their child/ren. NSC parents/carers are welcome to take their child/ren home after 2:45pm. If parents or carers would like a tour of the school, there will be opportunities between 2-5pm with Mrs Bramma.

Digital Ambassadors



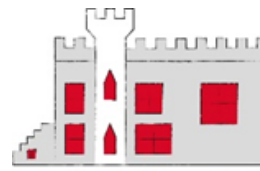
As a Federation we are starting some exciting work around Computing. Mrs Bramma will work with a small group, who have been chosen to be digital ambassadors. They will meet on a Tuesday when all together and look at the safer internet day message - **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'**.

The children will also team up with the digital ambassadors at Le Cateau when we visit for Forest Schools.

The digital ambassadors for our Federation are: **Chad, Emily, Mia and Emily**. In the coming weeks they will share key messages with the school community via our newsletter and Facebook pages.



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Dates for diary

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		Phonics Screening meeting (<i>after Church service</i>) for all Year 1 Parents (<i>Option to join via Teams</i>) 3:30-4:00 pm & 4:30-5:00pm
Tuesday 12th March	All	Forest School at Le Cateau
Friday 15th March	All	Comic Relief Wear something red for a small donation
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