

The Federation of North and South Cowton and Melsonby Methodist Primary Schools

Friday 19th March 2021

Penultimate week!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of the week saw some sunshine in the villages which was a real treat for everyone. The warmer weather has already lifted everyone's spirits and has meant that we can enjoy much more time outside.

Friday was Comic Relief and children in both schools marked this by wearing red and bringing a donation into school. Moving forwards, we will be exploring the ways in which as a school we can give back to others and support those most in need.

On Sunday 22nd March, it is World Poetry Day. This week, I would like to recommend a poem by Maya Angelou which is called 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me'. Unfortunately it is a little too long for me to include in the newsletter so I have included a link to this instead. The poem is all about overcoming fears and not letting them master you. We will be sharing this with the children next week and focusing on self-belief.

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/life-doesn-t-frighten-me/>

I hope you enjoy the poem and look forward to hearing any poetry recommendations that you may have next week.

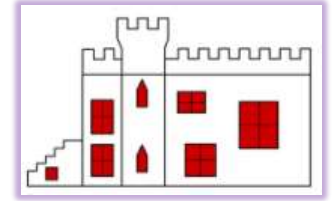
Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards,

Helen Robinson



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



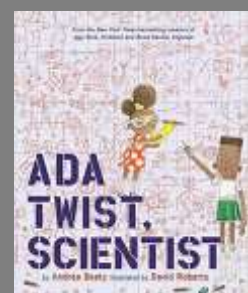
Respect each other, learn from one another, move forward together.

Federation Notices and Dates

- Parents evening will take place virtually or via phone call during the week of 21st March. Please contact the school office to book in an appointment.
- Last day of term – Friday 26th March.
- Return to school – Tuesday 13th April

Book Recommendation

This week, one of our Governors has recommended the series of books 'The Questioners' by Andrea Beaty. Following on from last week's focus on Science, the book below really champions STEM subjects and the role of girls/ women in these too.





News from Melsonby

We were really pleased to Welcome Mr Sidwell back this week, who has been working with a number of children from Class 2 on their brass instrument playing. It has been lovely to hear the sound of music in the school once again!

Class 1 were extremely lucky this week to be visited by one of our parents, who used to be part of the Queen's Guard. Thank you so much to Lily's Dad for giving up his time to come in and tell us all about the role he used to undertake. The children are still buzzing with excitement and have been sharing some very interesting facts.

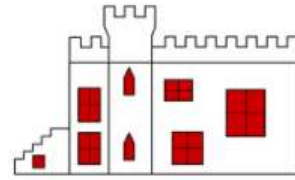


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News from North and South Cowton

As part of their Geography learning this term, Class 1 have been looking at the countries in the United Kingdom and the symbols that they are represented by. They looked at each of the flowers and chose one to carry out a detailed sketch of, paying close attention to the detail.

Class 2 have been busy with their French learning this week. They were focusing on the names of fruits, using key vocabulary and putting this into French instructions to guide their partner to make their fruit kebab.



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