

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

## Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic second week back. Sketches of Georgian buildings, solving problems with time, reading *The Hungry Caterpillar* and welcoming frogspawn into the classroom have been just a few of the learning experiences that children have been involved in.

Now that trips are once again allowed to take place, we are looking forward to planning and taking part in some wonderful visits to enrich our learning this term. Please look out for more details of these over the coming weeks.

This week, 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England was launched by Dame Rachel de Souza, the new Children's Commissioner for England. The survey aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future. The results from this survey will help identify any barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and ambitious goals for the country to achieve. As a Federation, we will be ensuring all children take part and have their voice heard. Parents and carers are also encouraged to take part. Please follow the link below to have your say:

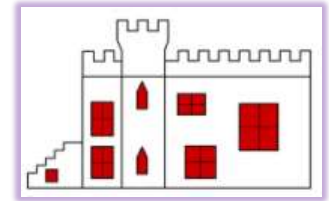
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/>

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Robinson



*Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.*



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

### Federation Notices and Dates

#### Residential to Robinwood

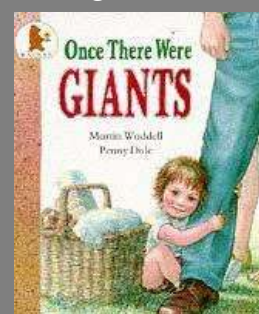
The remaining balance for Robinwood must be paid by the end of May. Please contact the school office to arrange payment of this as soon as you are able to. Payment can also be done on line.

A reminder that our Federation Twitter account will go live on Monday. Please follow us on Twitter **@FedNSCMelsonby**



#### Book Recommendation

Mrs Davison and Class 1 are recommending the book 'Once there were Giants' which is aimed at helping children to understand the process of growing older. Class 1 have loved this book so far and have made great links with their science learning this term.





## News from Melsonby

Our after-school activities are now well under way and on Monday children had a fantastic time creating their own pizzas!

### Have you some spare time to help us listen to readers?

We'd love to have some volunteers to help us with 1:1 readers. If you can spare us any time and don't mind wearing a mask in school, then please catch Mrs. Simpson or Mrs. Davison who will timetable you in! We will put you through the DBS clearance checks so you can work outside the classroom where it is quiet.

## Deadlines and Reminders

### Class 2 homework reminder:

Year 3/4/5 children should read to an adult 5 times each week and record their reading in the reading record.

Year 6- Read to an adult as often as possible but read at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading record.

All children are given a multiplication table to learn each week to be tested every Friday. They should know all tables to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. During the test, they have 5 seconds to write the answer; they are mixed up.

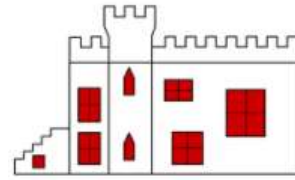
All children have a list of spellings to learn. They are handed out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

### P.E:

Please wear P.E kit as stated in the school prospectus. Jumpers should be a school jumper. Earrings must not be worn on a PE day. If the ears are newly pierced, then please come to school with plasters covering them. If they are not covered then the child will be asked to remove them.

## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Class 2 visit to Richmond,  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for Half Term  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School re-opens after Half Term  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – School closes for summer



## News from North and South Cowton

This week, in assembly, we focused on what it means to be responsible. We talked about our duty of care for one another and for our planet. Children from Class 1 and 2 demonstrated a great understanding of the causes and effects of Global Warming. We debated the question 'Are we responsible citizens?' and thought about what we could do to show a duty of care towards our planet. Imogen has been very committed to making sure all of the lights around the school are switched off when not needed. Well done Imogen!

As part of their Art learning this week, Class 2 have been focusing on their sketching skills linked to their History learning focused around the Georgians. A fantastic sketch from Callum in Year 6!



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- After school activities – please ensure payments are made in advance of clubs
- Please could those attending cookery club on Tuesday bring an empty container and, for next week only, an empty drinks bottle.

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