

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

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week of term has been an extremely busy one and also marked the start of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Linking this to our school values, we thought about the future we want for our world and the choices we make each day. We reflected about what it means to be a 'responsible citizen'.

We talked about foods such as bananas, coffee and cocoa, that are not grown in the UK, and found out about the growth of these products in other countries around the world.

Many of us were shocked to hear of the negative impact that can be had on farmers and their families, who produce these foods.

The children across our Federation spoke passionately about how they plan to change their behaviours and the behaviours of others to help shape a more compassionate and sustainable world.



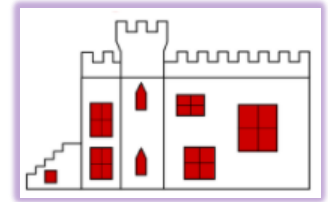
We look forward to sharing more news of what we are doing in our schools to contribute towards this.

With one storm out of the way and another on our doorstep, we hope you manage to enjoy some calmer weather over half term! Have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28th February.

Mrs Robinson



Love one another, encourage curiosity and foster resilience.



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

Federation Notices and Dates

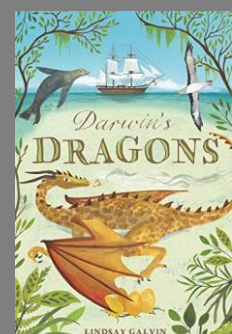
On Thursday 3rd March, it is **World Book Day**. This year, we will be asking all children to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

If you do not have a costume available, we will provide materials in school for the children to create something that will enable them to take on the role of a character.



Book Recommendations

Next term, our Class 2 children will be starting to explore the text below.



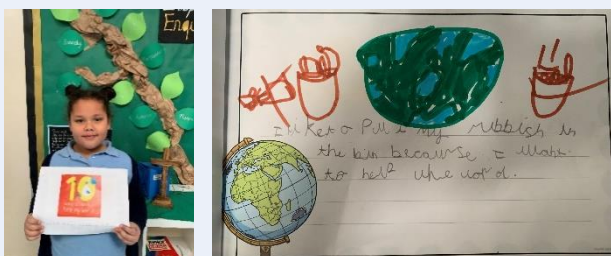
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News from Melsonby

Class 1 have been working extremely hard this week producing their very own version of '10 things I can do to help my world'. The children have been extremely engaged in this text and are eager to change their own actions and the actions of others to help save our planet!



Achievement

Class 1- Maecie

For creating a fantastic book. Maecie really persevered with her handwriting when producing her own version of '10 things I can do to help my world.'

Class 2- Leo

For showing resilience during challenging problem solving questions in his maths reasoning papers. Well done Leo!

Values

Class 1 – Nathan

For ALWAYS being extremely helpful and responsible around school. What would we do without you Nathan?!

Deadlines and Reminders

Dates for your Diaries

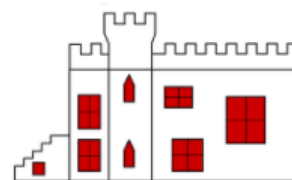
Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Monday 28th February – School re-open

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Friday 8th April – School closes for Easter

Monday 25th April – School re-opens



News from North and South Cowton

Our Year 5 children visited Richmond secondary school this week for a science taster morning. During the morning, the children carried out six different experiments to show chemical reactions/changes. They mixed various chemicals together and looked for changes in colour, texture, temperature and smell. They then recorded their findings. The teacher then demonstrated some experiments, including the "squeaky pop" experiment, which surprisingly is its proper name. He mixed acid and magnesium ribbon in a test tube, capturing the gas inside and then put a flame to it, which caused a 'pop' sound.



Achievement

Class 2- Connell

For a fantastic home learning presentation. Connell put a great deal of effort into this and presented it with real confidence. Well done Connell!

Values

Class 2 – Leo and Mia

For demonstrating great confidence and resilience during their Habitats presentations this term. We are very proud. Well done!

Deadlines and Reminders

The deposit for the KS2 residential trip is due by 28th February. Please pay via Parent Pay.

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 18th February – School closes for half term

Monday 28th February – School re-opens

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character

Friday 11th March – Quiz Night organised by PTA