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A note from Mrs Peacock

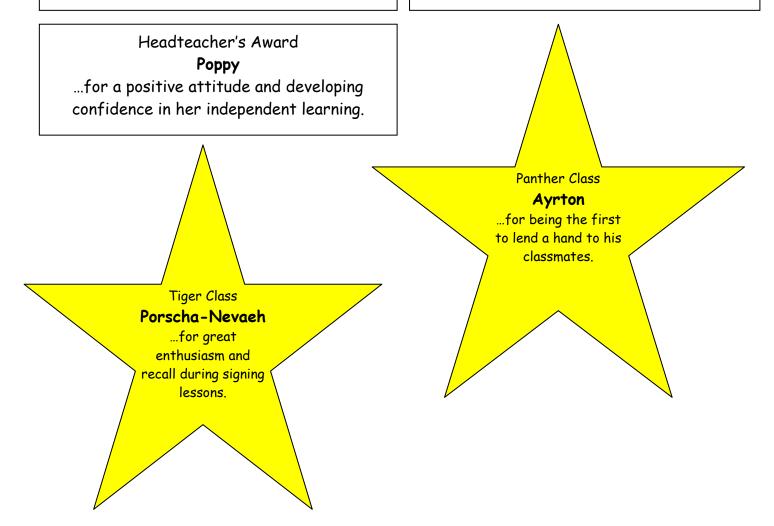
I am sure you are all looking forward to the half term holiday and a well-deserved rest. The children had a fantastic time down in the forest on Wednesday afternoon.

Members of the school council gave me a guided tour of their artwork made from natural resources - I was really impressed!!!

We are looking forward to resuming our forest school sessions after half term with Madeleine. Panther class will need to remember their forest school kit the first Wednesday back at school. I am sure they will have a great time with lots of valuable learning experiences. Have a great holiday!!

Messy Church

It was lovely to see so many children at Tuesday's Messy Church and we are very grateful to the clergy and volunteers from both the Methodist and Anglican churches for running this for us. Two thirds of our school came along, as did a handful of children from others schools/settings. The hall was a very busy place with a range of activities available on the theme of 'Light'. The next Messy Church will take place on Tuesday 27th November and we are very grateful to Catherine from the Methodist Church who will be co-ordinating this. We look forward to doing lots of adventthemed activities - look out for further details next month.



Crucial Crew

On Monday, the Y6 children went to RAF Leeming to participate in the annual Crucial Crew event.

Ellie and Theo report: We did seven activities about health and safety with children from other schools. First we learned that from the age of 10 it is possible to get a criminal record! We watched a video about healthy relationships and domestic abuse led by lady from IDAS. In one activity about train safety we heard three really sad stories about children who had caused injury or death by messing about on the railway. Other activities included drug awareness where we wore goggles which gave us blurred vision. We also learned about respecting each other's sexuality. We hope to learn about water safety later as we ran out of time for that.

Lest we forget...

To mark the centenary of the First World War we are taking part in a competition to create a display of poppies in school. We used acrylic paint and plastic bottles to create a bold, three-dimensional display of poppies. We thought about why we acknowledge Remembrance Day and discussed the significance of the red poppy. Sergeant Duffy came into school and explained to us about the more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We looked at a range of images and tried on the equipment that is worn by British soldiers today.



Back to school

This week, the Tigers enjoyed a lovely morning with Mrs Marley, who was covering whilst Miss Mandelson was at a SENCO Network meeting. Mrs Marley will also be teaching Tiger Class for two days when the children return from the half-term holiday. To support their recount work, it would be useful if the children could bring a 'memento' from an outing or event from the half-term holiday to share with the class. This could be a photo, postcard or souvenir from a day out, something they made or even a natural 'treasure' such as a leaf, conker or acorn which they have found when out and about. Anything goes!

Coming up this term...

Friday 26th October

3.25 Break up for half-term

Monday 5th November

Back to school

PM: Infant Agility at Outwood Academy Ripon for Tiger Class

Thursday 8th November

Flu vaccinations

Saturday 10th November

10 - 2 Christmas Fayre in the Memorial Hall

Wednesday 14th November

AM: Tigers visit The World of James Herriot

Tuesday 27th November

3.30-5pm Messy Church

Holiday Fun

Moorside School Ripon - 07886 821453

Sat 27^{th} 2 - 4.30pm Autumn Spooktacular Forest School event for age 5+

Bedale Leisure Centre - 01677 427272

Tue $30^{th}/Fri\ 2^{nd}$ Jet Rider sessions for age 4-8 Fri 2^{nd} 6-7pm Spooktacular Swim session

Ripon Workhouse Museum - 01765 690799 29th - 2nd 11am-4pm Spooky Family Activities

Wed 31st Oct 5-7pm Monster Mash Halloween Party



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!