



## Key Stage Two News

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### Year 3

This week we have been learning how to use the inverse to check our calculations. We have really enjoyed challenging ourselves with this and using the inverse when solving problems. In English we have started our spooky story topic and we had great fun in forest schools using the blindfolds to walk through a spooky, sensory challenge.

Next week we will be skypeing a school in York to find out about why they love living in a city. We will be exploring the features of a city and comparing this to a town. In science we will be investigating the common uses of electricity and putting a human circuit to the test.

To support your child at home please practise their weekly spellings on a daily basis and make sure that their planners are signed every time they read. Thank you for your continued support.

### Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been learning how to column subtract using 'perfect pyramids' and 'lolly stick numbers' and also how to quickly add and take 9, 19 and 29. In English we went on a spooky walk, gathering spooky words as we went, and we have learnt how to spot the features of a 'spooky story'. Next week in Maths we will be learning to multiply and continuing to work on times tables. In English we will start to write our own spooky stories.

### Children in need

Next Friday is Children in Need. Our school council have decided that in order to support this charity we will have a non uniform day. We ask for a £1 donation to dress up.

In addition to this we are holding a 'create something spotty' art competition. It is 50p to enter and Mrs Scott will announce the winners in Friday assembly.



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### Year 5

This week we have completed our work on addition and subtraction using the written formal method. We have also enjoyed a week of poetry by planning, writing and editing our own Cautionary poems. In Science we made boats to test water resistance. Next week we will begin to work on multiplication and division focussing on multiples and factors. In English we will begin our work on building suspense in narrative. We will use text marking to identify key information in a text and summarise the main ideas drawn from a text. We will also begin our Topic work on British History beyond 1066. To support your child at home, continue to listen to them read asking a variety of questions about the text. Please sign their homework diary to show that you have listened to them read.

### Year 6

This week year 6 have started to learn about fractions within their maths lessons. We have learnt how to simplify fractions and how to recognize when different fractions have equal value.

In English we have been investigating the question 'Should more homes be built in Boroughbridge?' We had a fantastic trip into Boroughbridge to look at new housing being built and even managed to question the site manager to ask him what his opinion was! The children were really skilled at being objective and worked hard to remain unbiased. We will be writing presentations to share our findings.

If you need to contact any of the class teachers in KS2 you can find us on the playground after school, alternatively you can send us an email ...

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### Maths Afternoon

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a maths afternoon where you can find out how we teach mathematics throughout school. The afternoon will begin at 13:30 in the school hall and the children will show you how they approach calculations. Everyone is very welcome and the children are excited to share their learning with you all.