



Springhead School

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SHAPES & SIZES

Owls have done some lovely work this term in Maths, exploring objects of different sizes, shapes and weights and using blocks to create their own structures; building towers and enjoying knocking them down. They have matched objects and shapes that are the same and counted by moving objects from one set into another and enjoying counting songs. Owls have listened to poems about skyscrapers, made a skyline for the Nativity and focused on 'Up' and 'Down' throughout their daily routines.



WHAT MAKES US – US!



Doves class have been thinking about 'what makes us - us!' The staff team were asked to come up with three words to describe each pupil, using words like 'kind', 'explorer', 'chatterbox' and 'affectionate.' They then read some of the Mr Men books and matched them to the pupils - ending up with Mr. Strong, Mr. Funny, Mr. Adventure, Mr. Cool, Mr. Busy, Mr. Noisy and Mr. Bounce. If you know Doves class we wonder if you can guess who is who! They have really enjoyed reading the books, watching the cartoon and then colouring in their favourite characters.



WINNERS!



A group of children from Robins had the opportunity to take part in a ten pin bowling competition at Olympia Leisure. There were other schools competing against them and they had to try their very best! All of the children rose to the challenge and came out victorious, and all got a medal which to wear with pride. Robins also had a lot of fun just being with friends, listening to the music and looking at all the lights.

Springhead School
Music Therapy Centre

Handy Tunes

Join our FREE inclusive sing-and-sign group for young people, their parents and carers! We'll sing, use Makaton signs, play instruments, and have fun!
Everyone is welcome! Sessions are only held during term time.

TUESDAYS 3:30PM-4:15PM

Our sessions will help you:

- *Develop your strengths and confidence
- *Express yourself creatively
- *Communicate with Makaton signs
- *Get to know more people in your community

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NURSERY RHYME WEEK



Robins have taken part in National Nursery Rhyme Week - they always enjoy this week and look forward to the different rhymes every year. This year there were some new rhymes alongside everyone's favourite: 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. It was a great week and all their activities were linked to the rhymes which helped with their learning and they also did some brilliant singing.



MINDFUL HERONS



Hérons visited the Madhyamaka Kadampa Meditation Centre in Pocklington for a day of mindfulness and reflection.

The Buddhist nun led the pupils in a re-enactment of the story of Buddha. They stayed respectful and mindful during the Mantra Recitation - with each pupil achieving stillness and quiet. They took their learning from the visit and put it into practice back at school in their own yoga session.



DEVELOPING PHYSICAL SKILLS

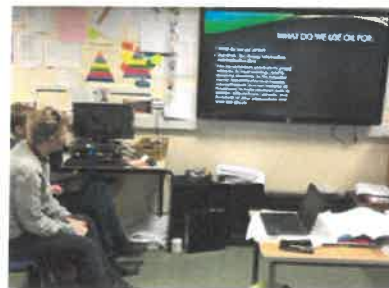
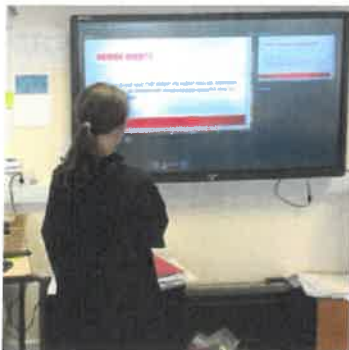
Swifts and Swallows have enjoyed using the 'Cool Cave' this term. They have used different pieces of therapy equipment, developing their physical skills. They have also been sharing games and taking it in turns.



WHAT WE LIKE



Puffins have had an extremely busy Autumn term finding out their likes and dislikes with the assistance of the stories 'How To Make A Rainbow' and 'What I Like About Me'. In Geography and History they have been exploring the history of Scarborough. Some pupils liked smelling and feeling the seafood more than others. In their maths sessions they have been focusing on the numbers 1-10 whilst playing skittles and emptying and filling containers. These skills have been very useful whilst making dough and jelly in Science to observe how materials change.



POLITICS



Eagles have been researching and learning about politics and Human Rights. They have looked at the Labour Party and the Conservatives and presented to the class their work. They then moved on to looking at pressure groups and have started with Just Stop Oil. It raised some interesting discussions about some of this groups tactics and each group got a chance to present their power points to the rest of the class, giving their opinions also.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING



Kites have been very busy getting ready for Christmas! They have made 5 gold rings, 6 laying geese, paper chains, baubles and much more!



WORD WIZARDS!



Hérons have been embracing the written word. They have enjoyed stories and articles, taking turns to read aloud and discuss what has happened with each other. One pupil is working on reading braille every day and some are learning sounds and words in phonics. One Heron was even inspired to write and illustrate his own book about his dog, which has had rave reviews from his classmates!



SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC

In the last 6 weeks, we have been given the chance to work with Scarborough Athletic. This has included spending time at the Flamingo Land Stadium on the pitch. We have seen everyone's confidence grow throughout the sessions and we have discovered that we have some great goalkeepers, some fabulous penalty takers and our ball skills are amazing. The link we have developed with Scarborough Athletic has given some of our students a different experience and we have been given hoodies which show our support for the club and the community trust. We are planning some more sessions in the Spring term so watch this space.

SWANS AT THE MERE!



Swans enjoyed the challenge of finding twigs and foliage on a walk around the Mere. They used these to make their decorations for the Christmas Fair.



A BUSY TERM FOR HAWKS



Students and staff have quickly settled in and enjoyed a range of exciting activities. The term got off to a great start with a trip on Wet Wheels. This is always a fun and informative trip that gave students the opportunity to drive the boat and spot a large number of seals off the cliffs at Ravenscar.



In November the students in Hawks class spent time thinking about the work done by our Armed Forces. The students made memorial wreaths which they took to Olivers Mount Memorial to place for Remembrance Day. The students then turned their focus to Children in Need. The students were keen to bake buns and cakes to sell. This was a huge success and the class made £66.