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OUTDOOR EXPLORERS

Herons have been exploring outside. In Forest School they have learnt to understand North, South, East and West. Herons went on the minibus to the Italian Gardens and completed map reading.

Herons have also been learning to build dens, start a fire and use a Kelly Kettle. They have made hot chocolate, cooked smores and warmed up marshmallows. Herons practised in school first and then went to Raincliffe Woods. In the woods they a built a den made of sticks and branches and made hot drinks for everyone. Herons enjoyed this experience.



A BUSY TERM!



Swallows class have had an exciting term! They've enjoyed an autumnal walk to a local park and had lots of fun together when they got there. This inspired them to create some creative autumnal art when they returned to school. They've enjoyed exploring their senses in science - their favourite session was of course exploring the wobbly, sticky jelly! They have read 'How to Catch a Rainbow' and went on a rainbow hunt to find as many colours as they could. Swallows have enjoyed some fantastic Forest School sessions this term, mixing in the mud kitchen, making an obstacle course and hunting for lots of bugs. Finally, they have been busy getting ready for Christmas, the snow definitely caused excitement, and they can't wait to share their Christmas creations with families and friends.

BUDDING CARTOONIST



Hérons have been reading 'The Colour of Hope' and have been thinking about hopes and wishes. One member of Herons set herself the challenge to create a cartoon strip as she wished she could be a cartoonist. Here's the result, a story about finding a lost voice!



THE WORLD AROUND US

As part of RE work and thinking about the best place in the world, Robins went on an Autumn walk to look at the world around them and think about what they like about it. They collected different coloured leaves for artwork, and found lavender which had a lovely smell, as well as seeing some geese and a couple of squirrels. It was really nice to take their learning outside and think about other areas of Scarborough that they don't usually see. It's always good fun going on adventures out of school.

THE WORLD OF WORK



Three students in Eagles have had huge success securing paid part time employment!

Here's what they have to say about their experiences in the world of work:

‘A few months ago I applied for a job through the work experience programme. We went through a recruitment process to be ‘experts by experience’ for the Oliver McGowen training scheme. The last stage of the recruitment process was making a powerpoint to present on Teams. I decided to do mine on lambing. I did get the job and I was happy about that. There were only 2 slots for the job so it was a bit like a competition. My friend also got one.

We had to do a training course for 3 days about how to deliver the training. I was happy because we were getting paid for the training.

After all the training was done it was time for me to train the people. My first day was an interesting one because I was an hour late. I forgot that I had to be there for half eight and instead thought it was ten o clock.

I am loving my job so far and everyone treats me like an adult.’

‘I applied to Yorkshire Futures through college’s work experience programme. I started in the summer holidays to get to know the place. At first I was nervous but after a few times I got more confident in myself. They let me show my drawing book. I train 3 to 6 people at a time and my job is to tell people about Autism. My title is Expert by Experience Co-trainer of the Oliver McGowen Training Course. I go to work 2 times a month in the afternoon.’

‘Through the work experience program I applied for a job with Yorkshire Futures. After a long interview process I unfortunately did not pass the interview stage. I was given a second chance with a charity called Matthews Hub, where I had an interview on a video call. I got the job and start my training in January. I look forward to seeing where this opportunity will take me in further life and am incredibly excited to start.



Doves have been reading the story "The Colour Monster!" Everybody has enjoyed exploring the different resources to go alongside the book and thinking about their feelings and emotions - even saying which Colour Monster they would like to be for the day. They have also learnt all about these colours, including the Makaton signs for these and filled jars with different items, sorting them into colours for each emotion. One student even insisted on coming into school with their flashing, coloured shoes on and matched the colour of the lights to how they were feeling!

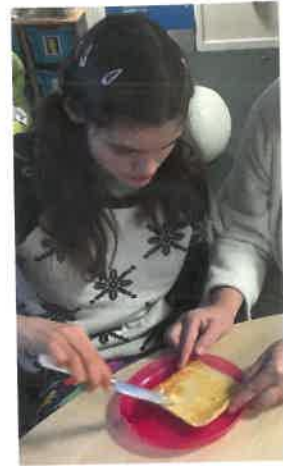


SURROUNDED BY NATURE



This Autumn term Puffins class have been enjoying getting out and engaging with Forest School. They have been creating a hedge wall and having fun just feeling surrounded by nature. Inside the classroom they have been exploring the story of 'One World, Many Colours' by Ben Lewell. The pupils have concentrated on different colour each week. In geography, the pupils have been learning about different physical features of the world and relating these to colours. Their favourite feature to learn about was volcanoes, some pupils talked about it for the rest of the week!



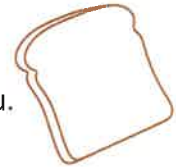


BREAKFAST WITH OWLS

As a part of 'Preparation for Adulthood', Owls have been making toast each morning. The toast monitor collects the box of plates and toast making equipment, while the other students select pictures and symbols to show what they need and then place them in the correct order on the sequencing board to enable them to know how to turn the bread into toast.

They count how many slices of bread are needed and take turns in putting the bread into the toaster and pushing it down. While the bread is toasting (which seems to take ages!), someone else counts out the plates. Once the bread is toasted, they all have a go at buttering it and then eat it.

After they have made and eaten the toast, it's time to wash everything up. Next term Owls are planning to add something new to their breakfast menu.



WE CAN DANCE!

This term two pupils new to Swans have enjoyed Thursday morning dance classes with 'We Can Dance'. Pupils have been working together to create a ballet routine. They have been learning different ballet positions such as first position, second position, third position, touch point, and skipping. They are very excited to dance and are working hard to enter their first arts dance festival in April.





WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

On Monday 25th November a team of 8 students from our Lady Edith's site took part in a local Wheelchair Basketball competition, held at Scarborough Sixth Form College. The team, made up of students from Eagles and Puffins classes were up against students from Woodlands Academy and Welburn Hall School.



The team quickly got into their stride with some great passing and speed to take a two-point win in their first match against Woodlands.

In the second match against Welburn Hall, a win was needed to secure the overall title. Some impressive speed and movement was demonstrated to draw the scores level but it was a great shot to secure the winning points. A fantastic all-round performance ensured Springhead came out as Wheelchair Basketball Champions.





CHRISTMAS SPARKLE

Hawks had a great morning at Irton Garden Centre looking for ideas for their Christmas enterprise. They loved all the Christmas lights and sparkles, and even had a play of the piano. Fun was had by all. Merry Christmas from Hawks class



COLOUR MIXING

In art this term Swifts have been exploring colours. They have made marks using the primary colours and have mixed these colours to make new ones. Some of the pupils made colour wheels, or used different tools in the paint to create different marks. They all worked really hard and produced some great artwork.

