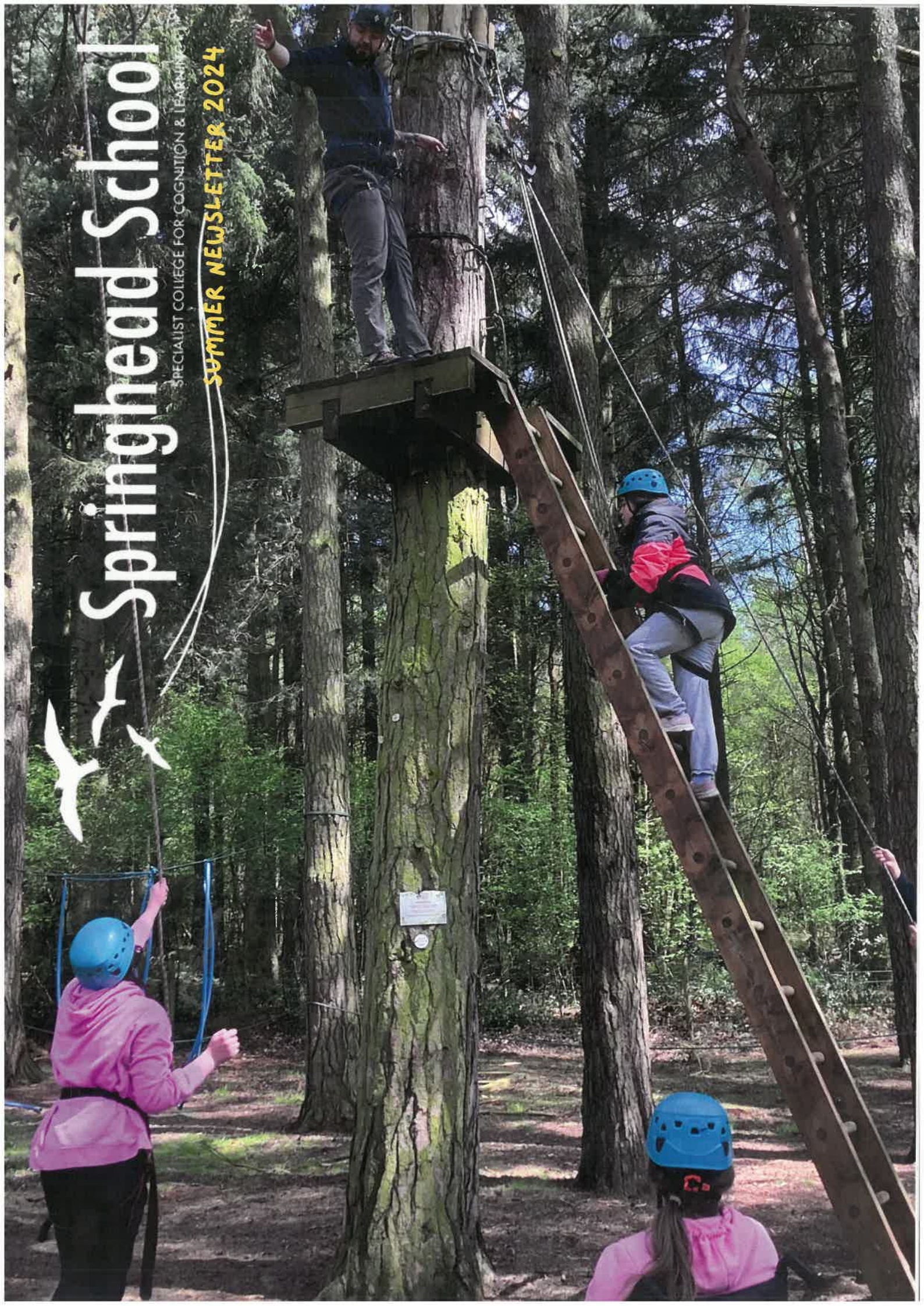




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USING POSITIONAL LANGUAGE

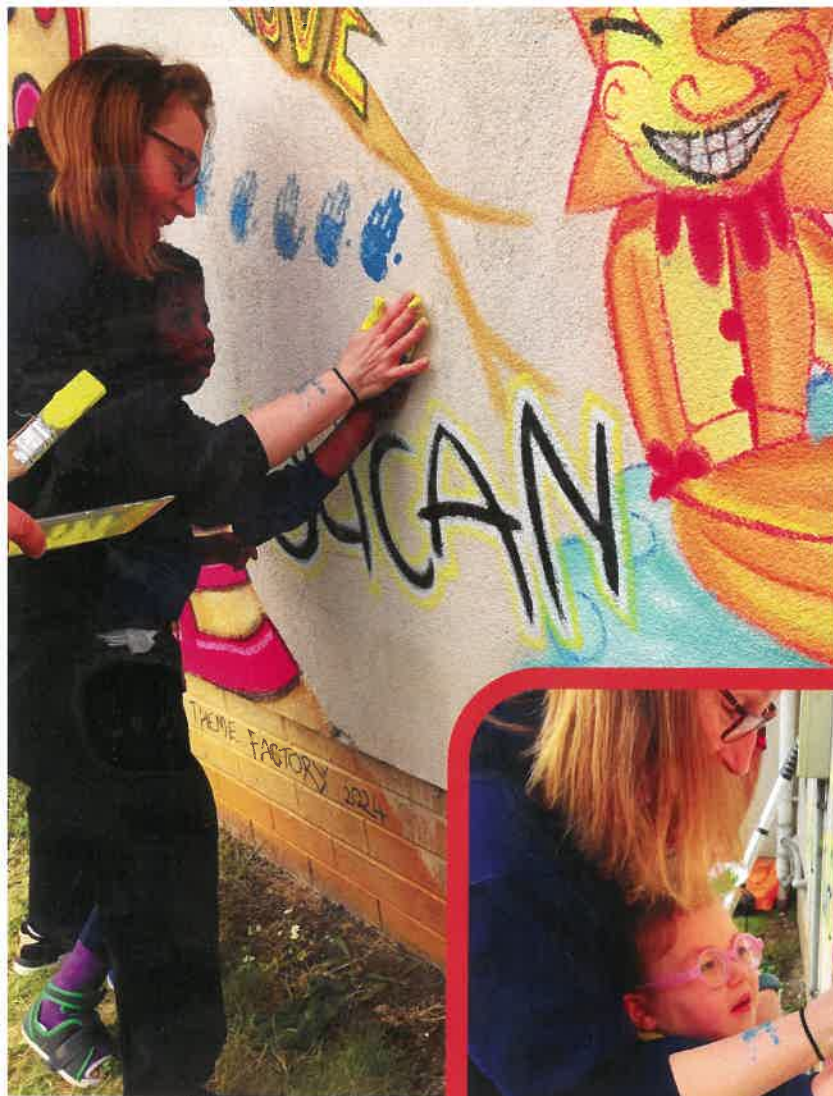
This half term in maths lessons, Swans have been learning about positional language. They've enjoyed trips to the park where they followed instructions to navigate around the equipment. Some students attempted blind folded obstacle courses in the hall, they managed to overcome some difficult obstacles to complete the course!



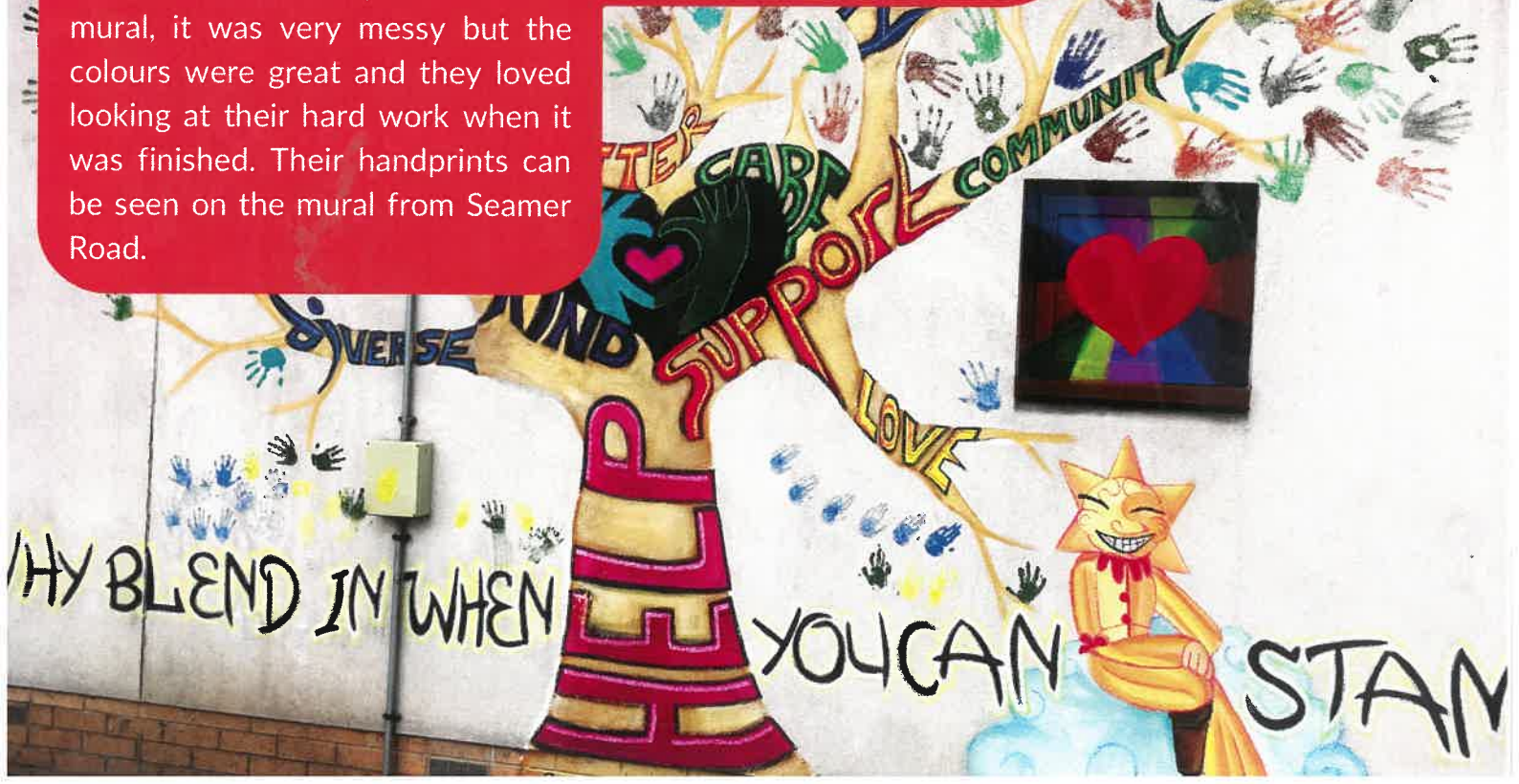
KEEPING HEALTHY IN DOVES

During the summer term Doves have enjoyed making healthy fruit smoothies, choosing their own ingredients and activating the switch independently. They have worked really hard on teeth brushing skills, and even enjoyed learning how to relax with massage and foot-spas with lots of bubbles!





Robins were asked to take part in a project with Closer Communities recently and got to make a mark on the building. It was very exciting to add their handprints to the mural, it was very messy but the colours were great and they loved looking at their hard work when it was finished. Their handprints can be seen on the mural from Seamer Road.



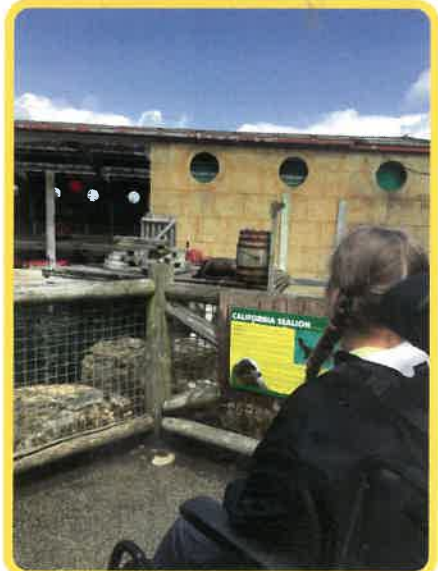
WORK EXPERIENCE WITH ANIMALS

Secondary and Sixth Form students have been on work experience visits to Butterwick Alpaca Retreat and Flamingoland this term. The Alpaca Retreat has proved very popular and have done a variety of tasks which included cleaning out the chickens, hand feeding the lambs and walking alpacas and lambs.

On the last visit with some students from Herons and Eagles, they also witnessed an alpaca giving birth and got to name the cria 'Regal'.

Anna, the owner, said she has really enjoyed working with all our students and we hope to repeat this again next year.

Students who visited Flamingoland were given the opportunity to meet some animals and find out about the work available across all areas of the zoo and themepark.



ARTISTS



Swifts and Swallows have been using their creativity skills in art activities this half term. They have explored the colours of the French flag as Paris is the host city for the Olympics this year. They have also used different tools and medium to create their own pictures and marks.



SMOOTHIES

Kites have had lots of fun in the sun in the summer term, learning about healthy eating and exploring the smell, taste and texture of different fruits. Kites then thought about what fruits they would like to have in their smoothies and worked together to cut up different fruits and add them to the blender. The best part was trying their own delicious smoothie at the end. They've also enjoyed exciting WetWheels trips and water play in the sun!

SUMMER IN HAWKS



It has been a busy summer term for Hawks class. They have enjoyed a wide range of activities and career opportunities.

Weekly sessions of music therapy have seen the students grow in confidence and produce some lovely group work, having the chance to experiment with a range of instruments.

Students in Hawks have also been looking closely at the roles of various professionals and the jobs they do. Students have carried out work experience at The Alpaca Retreat and have visited and talked to the head of the zoological department at Flamingo Land. These visits have given the students a valuable insight into the world of work beyond college.



Rain did not stop play and although we couldn't use the field due to all the wet weather, everyone enjoyed fun and movement at our MATP event!

M.A.T.P.

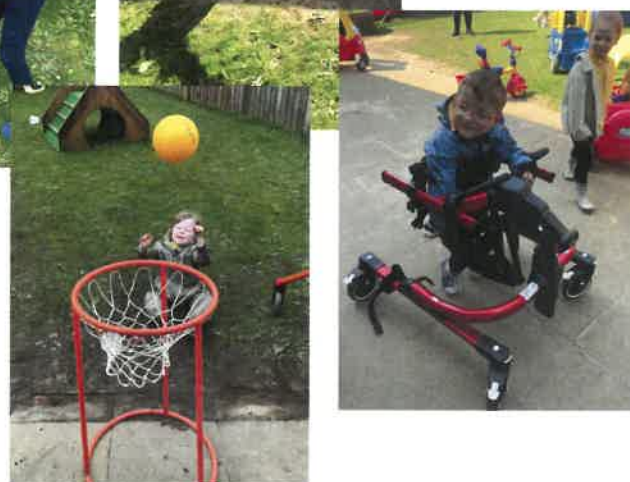
OLYMPIG!

The summer term in Puffin's class has involved lots of exploration of different Olympic sports. With the support of the story 'Olympig' the pupils explored how practise improves your skills and enjoyed helping Boomer the pig dive into the water to create a huge splash. During massage/movement to music sessions they tried out movements related to Olympic events, a class favourite being the karate chop of paper followed by gaining a hoop in basketball. With support of the story 'Perry Goes to Paris' pupils have developed an understanding of the area in which this years Olympics will be taking place. Everyone clearly communicated their preferences when sampling the different French cheeses.



M.A.T.P. READY!

Robins have been working hard on physical skills as they prepare for MATP challenge day. This has looked different for everyone and they have had fun developing skills and focusing on balance. Some pupils have been using walkers to build confidence and practise stepping actions. For others, they have been thinking about hand eye coordination and ball skills. They have also been increasing stamina as they use the outside area to negotiate space, move in different ways and have a good time with friends.



ADVENTURES AT PEAT RIGG



Hérons had an amazing opportunity to visit Peat Rigg outdoor centre, where they really challenged themselves - each of them displaying great accomplishments in bravery, fun and accuracy. The Herons also showed how they had retained knowledge from forest school, in fire lighting and bush craft , not to mention how good they are at toasting marshmallows ! They helped feed and water livestock and showed great care and love whilst handling the new animal additions to a great and supportive outdoor centre. Herons as always supported and encouraged each other, also showing politeness and gratitude to the wonderful staff who helped provide such a rich and lasting experience.



PROM NIGHT



OUR FIRST CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATE!



We have been working with the Children's University this year and our pupils in Years 5 & 6, were given the opportunity to take part. The pupils have to collect hours out of school and show evidence of what they have been up to. Phoebe has managed to collect enough hours to graduate and we are all very proud of her. She is going to attend the graduation ceremony which is being held towards the end of term and she will get to wear a cap and gown and walk across the stage, with other pupils from schools around Scarborough. This is a great achievement for Phoebe and she is the first pupil at Springhead to graduate from the Children's University.

Well Done, Phoebe!





Students embraced the adventure and experience of going to Nell Bank in Ilkley as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition.

The expedition of two days and an overnight stay offered plenty of space to explore. Students learnt about food chains and were respectful to nature whilst pond dipping. Natural curiosity lead to conversations about the newts and the life cycle of damselflies.

Teamwork was key whilst negotiating tricky obstacles and carrying provisions on the assault course.

It was quite a challenge to negotiate the long walk through the woodland area during the evening walk but with comradery, resilience and a sense of fun everyone achieved this.

Dry wood was collected and flint and steel used to create a spark to light the fire. Everyone cooked a hot meal.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Quotes from the students:

"Nell Bank was hard but fun."

"I feel really proud of myself."

"It was a blast."

"Damselflies. That's my fav."

"Really enjoyed talking and walking through the park and through the forest"

"Would definitely do it again."

"I would do it again because it was fun."

The Duke of Edinburgh Expedition is a personal challenge and belongs to the people who take it on. All of the students rose to the challenges and quite rightly feel extremely proud of themselves.



This term the pupils from Barry's Lane and Robins have had the opportunity to take part in some trips on Wet Wheels. We saw some great driving, as the pupils tested their skills in the North Sea and enjoyed being in charge of the boat.



Some groups were lucky enough to have a visit from some dolphins, however for others it was just the freedom of being out at sea and feeling the waves on their faces. We all thanked Pete and his crew for giving us the chance to see Scarborough from a different angle and it really was great fun!

WET WHEELS



OWLS OUT & ABOUT



Despite the weather, Owls have been enjoying being out and about this term. They have been to Betton Farm where there was a goat that was nearly as good at climbing as one of their students and two enormous, sleepy pigs.



They have enjoyed trips out on the minibus exploring the coast and countryside. On walks to the field and adventure playground, the students have been very determined and courageous when practising on the climbing equipment and riding the bikes. Even though the weather was such a washout on our beach day, Owls really enjoyed experiencing the wind, rain and ice cream through the open door of the minibus next to the sea. A group of students from Owls went on a work experience trip to Flamingo Land where they learned about different animals and how to look after them. We are very proud of the way that Owls have behaved whilst out and about and their 'have a go' attitude.

3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

A huge thank you to Hazel who raised £500 for the school!

"I wanted to raise the money for the school to show my appreciation of how the school is ran and what amazing work the staff all do. My son Leo loves it at the school and he has grown in so many ways since starting there."

