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# Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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## **Year 6 visit Crucial Crew:**

Year 6 children had a fantastic day at the Lifewise Centre's Crucial Crew programme in Hellaby. Through engaging, hands-on scenarios including knife safety, hate crime awareness, water and fire safety, and a mock courtroom, they learned how to make safer choices, understand consequences and respect others.

It was an incredibly fun and educational experience that really brought important safety lessons to life—what a brilliant day!



## **KS1 Visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park:**

This term KS1's topic is Fur, Feathers and Skin. To support and immerse the children in this topic we visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. We saw many amazing animals ranging from Lions to Polar Bears. The children loved being close to animals, the tiger was only a couple metres away from us! We discussed which groups the animals would go in and will continue this learning in our science lessons. Our educational lesson allowed children to hold and touch a variety of invertebrates and reptiles. After 12000 steps of exploring the children will not forget this experience.



## Matching and Manipulating in Numeracy:

In numeracy today, Chestnuts were set a Numicon challenge! Miss Whittington made a jigsaw puzzle out of different Numicon tiles and the children were tasked with matching the images to the concrete apparatus. Some of the matching was difficult because we had to manipulate the pieces to make sure the pieces matched perfectly. We rotated them to ensure the perfect match! Some children enjoyed the lesson so much that in their independent choosing time, they flocked to the numeracy table to continue the matching. All of the grownups were so thrilled with how eager and proud the children were when they asked us to come over to look at their incredible work. Well done Chestnuts, you are amazing mathematicians!



## Our first week in Little Acorns:

In Little Acorns this week we have been exploring both inside the classroom and outside. We have enjoyed playing in our new learning environment and taken part in all the activities on offer.

We might be Little Acorns but we are definitely BIG explorers!



## Roles and Responsibilities:

In school, children don't just learn from lessons; many children take on special roles that teach them valuable life lessons. These positions, like prefects and heads of houses, are about leadership. They serve as role models for younger children, assisting with school events and fostering a positive atmosphere. Today we appointed our Heads of House, Prefects, Sports Leaders, School Council, Mental Health Ambassadors and Monitors across the school. As well as these roles, every child has a role within their classes.





### Year 3 Rehearse, Draft, Write and Present their manifestos:

Children in Year 3 have thought carefully about who will be appointed as our class' School Council Representatives. and have shown reflective qualities when considering how their own personal qualities and attributes could help support and improve aspects of our school.

We listened to some well-written manifestos from a group of children who have considered how they could make the school a better place. After listening to children who wanted to put themselves forward, we had an anonymous class vote to choose one boy and one girl as our class School councillors.

Congratulations Annie and Caleb – the children voted for you as their class councillors 2025!

### Elmer the Patchwork Elephant:

We are reading Elmer. Lots of our learning has been linked to the story. We have loved trying all the activities. We have practiced fine motor control. We found other Elmer books in the classroom. We practised pencil control drawing Elmer from the story. We named the colours as we made Elmer patchwork colours. The best activity was making patchwork biscuits. Yum.



### Y5: Peter Thorpe Artist Study:

Children have started their art project this week by taking a look at the artist, Peter Thorpe. They uncovered how his paintings inspired by space are created using paint and often have bold, vibrant colours.

Children will work on creating a collaborative art piece inspired by this artist and are looking forward to creating their own piece of art. Great job Class 6!



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## **Year 6 Explore Classification through Dance:**

This week, Year 6 have been learning about how living things can be classified into different groups. As part of their science work, the children explored the main animal groups and plants, thinking about their similarities and differences.

To bring their learning to life, the class worked in groups to create a dance sequence using a technique called flocking. This allowed the children to move together as one, representing the characteristics of their chosen group. It was fantastic to see creativity and science come together.



## **Clay Animals in Class 2:**

To prepare us for our visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park class 2 have been learning about the different animal groups. To immerse the children in our learning we used clay to create an animal from each group, specifically focusing on the features of that group. We loved adding the scales to our reptiles and fur to our mammals!



## **NOTICE:**

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs:**

Our clubs will start on Tuesday 16th September and the last session will be Tuesday 14th October. Clubs are open to children in FS2 - YEAR 6 please log in to your Arbor to see what is available. Book early as places are limited.

### **Northumberland Residential:**

Our Y6 children are out on their residential W/C 22.09.2025

Polite notice to please not use the staff car park to drop off and collect children.