



Yorke Mead School



Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

This week at Yorke Mead!

Making it real...making it memorable!

We made the most of sports week: getting all the fun done first thing when it was at its coolest. What a great way to start a day!



Items this Week

The Heat

Learning next week

Eco Minute

Walking Wednesday

Well done to anyone managed 'Walking Wednesday' - the winners this week are..... you!

It is an incredibly short newsletter this week.

Basically the news is: it is sports week and it has been hot! That's it!

Dates for the diary

This week

W/b Mon 29th

June

Y6 Residential

This Term

Wed 8th July

Y3 Roman

Verulamium Visit

Thurs 9th July

Open Afternoon

Fri 10th July

Cystic Fibrosis

Awareness Day

(Wear Yellow)

Science Fair (pm)

Tues 14th July

Y4 River Trip

Wed 15th July

FS/KS1 Sports

Day

Thurs 16th July

KS2 Sports Day

Thurs 23rd July

School finishes

1:45pm

SUMMER BREAK

The heat!

Well... everyone grumbled when it was raining everyday, and wanted to know when summer was coming... *be careful what you wish for* as the old saying goes! Temperatures in their 30's look like they are likely to last until Sunday. Hopefully, this will then drop a little and summer, in the way we know and love, can take over!

Unfortunately, these heat waves are now becoming a norm for England and we need to find ways to 'live' and 'manage' this. Year 5 had some interesting ideas:



Next week looks more bearable temperatures – but sunscreen, hats and water bottles are still important. Please remember to pack these.

Hats should be plain red or black; cap or bucket style.

Thank you



Learning Next Week

Nursery – Acorns

Focus: Key text- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*; Phoneme – sh; Rhyme of the week – Round and Round the Garden; Making comparisons between objects relating to size; Drawing *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*- focus on expression to show feelings; Sorting objects for Daddy Bear's Bed- hard and soft

Reception – Lime & Willow

Focus: . 'Summertime Adventures!'. Key text: 'This is not my hat' by Jon Klassen; Phonics: root words ending in 'er' and 'est' (e.g. stronger and strongest); Literacy: Drawing Club using our key text 'This is not my hat'; Maths: revisiting one more / one less; Physical Development: Sports Day practise; PSED: thinking about how have we changed since we were a baby? Meeting our new teacher and new class.

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

English: Poetry - *One Silver Speck*
Phonics & spelling: Phase 5 - ti /ssi / si /ci
Maths: : Reviewing numbers to 20
Science: What have I learnt about the four seasons?
Wider curriculum: Can I sing a call a call and repeat song matching pitch with accuracy?
Wider Curriculum: Why should we look after all the creatures in the world? What are the physical and human features of Croxley Green?
P4C/Growth Mindset :
Reading for Pleasure: 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'You're so amazing'

Year 2 – Cedar & Horse Chestnut

English: Amelia Earhart - biography writing
Phonics & spelling: When do I swap, double or drop letters before adding a suffix? (-er, -est, -ed, -ing, -y)
Maths: Time on analogue clocks to 5 minutes
Science: Which condition will grow the tallest sunflower?
Wider Curriculum: How do the life experiences of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong compare?
P4C/Growth Mindset : How has my body changed since I was a baby?
Reading for Pleasure: *Horse Chestnut - The Enchanted Wood* by Enid Blyton; *Cedar - The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd.

Year 3 – Laurel & Sycamore

English: writing the middle and end of our *Escape from Pompeii* story
Phonics & spelling: Alternative grapheme s spelt sc
Maths: Place Value and Decimals
Science: How is light from the sun dangerous? How can we protect our eyes?
Wider Curriculum: How do artists use sketch books to develop their ideas?
P4C/Growth Mindset : How do babies grow and develop in the mother's uterus?
Reading for Pleasure: *The House at the Edge of Magic* by Amy Sparkes and *Happy to Help* by Tom Gates

Year 4 – Maple & Pine

English: writing a free verse poem inspired by 'Fly Eagle Fly'
Phonics & spelling: Y4 Words using ch (Greek origin)
Maths: Negative numbers/Angles and triangles
Science: Can materials change their state and how can I prove this?
Wider Curriculum: What are the processes of erosion and deposition? Understand how to use coordinates in computer programming
P4C/Growth Mindset : How can I be prepared for changes ahead of me?
Reading for Pleasure: *Birthday Boy* by David Baddiel and *A Mummy Ate my Homework* – Thiago De Moraes

Year 5 – Ash & Rowan

English: Write descriptively to contrast two settings
Phonics & spelling: Spelling common mis-spelt words.
Maths: Reading timetables and calculation with time:
Science: What is seed dispersal and can I find examples of this in our school grounds? Living things and their lifecycles:
Wider Curriculum:
P4C/Growth Mindset : What are the most important factors when planning to have a baby?
Reading for Pleasure:

Year 6 – Red Oak & White Oak

Year 6 Residential



Eco Minute

Helping wildlife manage the heat!

As hot weather and heatwaves become more frequent due to climate change, there are ways that you can help the wildlife in your garden to cope.

Even a small change can make a big difference. Why not leave out a shallow dish of water for thirsty birds, mammals and insects?

Placing stones in a dish will help any insects that may fall in, and provide useful landing spots for them to have a drink too.



It's a good idea to change the water daily to help keep birds healthy and disease-free (in this heat it is likely to have evaporated by dusk anyway).

Adding a log pile, rockery and tall grassy areas to your garden will provide cover for frogs, toads and newts seeking shelter from the sun. Wilder areas in the garden will provide shade and shelter for a wide range of wildlife, so don't be too tidy. Remember to check long grass carefully for resting wildlife before mowing or strimming.

The heat can make natural food sources (like earthworms) burrow deeper into the soil. Why not put out some supplemental food for the birds like seeds, mealworms or chopped fruit? A hungry hedgehog will always appreciate a shallow dish of cat food, but never milk as they are lactose intolerant.



By collecting rainwater all year round, you can be prepared when hot weather hits. This allows you to keep ponds, bird baths and other water sources topped up for wildlife. It also reduces your reliance on tap water to water your plants - very important during droughts.

Letters this week!



Instagram review survey

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