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Haywards Farm School Newsletter

Headteachers message

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Christmas break.

We do recognise that transitions back to school after any holiday or extended periods of absence can be challenging for some children due to their struggles they hold in attending educational settings whereas some of our children's struggles are around them managing their pure excitement to see their teachers, peers and to be back into the school routine.

All classes this week have started their new literacy books and teachers will have sent across vocabulary maps.

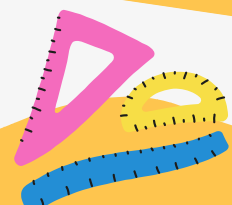
Our school curriculum focus for review and development is design and technology and we will be in touch to seek parent and student voice.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend, Alex



Dates for the diary

Monday- Stable Futures
Tuesday- Year 5 and 6 PE
Thursday- The Paddocks
Friday- Personal Development



Cherry Class

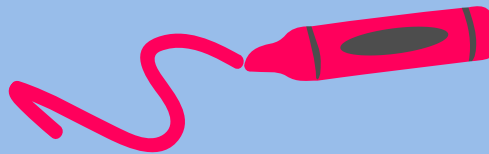
To kick off the first week of the spring term, in English, we've dived into our new book, Cinderella of the Nile by Beverley Naidoo, which links beautifully with our History topic on Ancient Egypt and our Geography focus on rivers. As part of this, the children learned how to locate the River Nile on a map of Egypt. In Maths, we've started a new chapter on multiplication. The children are building their skills step by step.

Meanwhile, in science, we've started exploring the human skeleton. The children have been busy identifying and labelling bones, learning about the different parts of the skeleton.

Our Vote for School session sparked a lively debate about whether lessons should start later in the day. The children shared thoughtful ideas, agreeing that it really depends on whether you're looking forward to the activity or not. For Personal Development, we created our own posters all about developing our identity. The children confidently shared what they're good at. It was lovely to see how proud they felt when others noticed their strengths.

In PE, we've been refining our balancing skills, practising simple gymnastic sequences, and showing fantastic control.

A great first week packed with learning and fun!



Willow and Maple Class

This week Willow and Maple class have been very busy! We have worked especially hard in English-writing a film pitch for our book 'The Whale.' We have focused on using extended noun phrases and fronted adverbials, and we have even tried using hyphenated phrases. We are looking forward to continuing to type them up next week ready to send off to a movie studio.

In Maths we have been continuing our work on fractions and we have loved our Science experiment-what happens to a bulb when you add more cells to a circuit?

