

Marwood Church of England VC Infant School

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Our Collective Worship Theme this week has been:

Special People in the Bible - New Testament

Our Collective Worship Theme next week will be:

Celebrations



Congratulations and Well Done to our 'Children of the Week':



Year Two	Thomas
Year One	Florence
Reception	Olive

Class News

Year Two

- Well done to Year 2 children for a settled week back. We have enjoyed creating patterns in our Fruity Firework Rockets and rearranging 7 tans to make a tangram.
- In maths we have started reciting our 2x table. Please support any times table learning with songs, games and any practise to aim for instant recall.
- Please remember blue spelling books on Mondays and Fridays and to complete the weekly grid to aid working memory and embed spelling rules.
- We are really excited to have started creating our felt houses this week. Please could your child bring in a picture of the front of their house to use as stimulus for a pen and ink sketch.

Year One

- Year 1s have had an exciting first week back learning about the famous palaeontologist Mary Anning and becoming palaeontologists themselves, excavating their very own dinosaur egg! We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and one of Mrs Spenceley's favourite days of the year, St. David's Day!
- In maths, we have finished our work on length and height and have been learning to count on from a given number within 20 (e.g. 14 + 3). Please practise this more at home. We have learnt by using a numberline, starting at the biggest number and adding on in jumps and we have also learn by putting the biggest number in our heads and saying it aloud, then the number we want

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to add on our fingers, then counting on by touching them (so that we keep counting and add too many).

- Please see book bags for spellings and reading books as usual. Please can you also send tricky word rings back in books bags so we can update them for your child to practise at home. Please note that more powermaths games have been uploaded for children to consolidate learning done in school and practise their quick maths skills.

Reception

- As you know, we feel it is very important for children to have first hand experiences. Therefore, if you have a well behaved pet that could visit school so the children can ask questions about its care, please let me know! In the past we have had puppies, a tortoise, snakes and guinea pigs all visit us so we are open to ideas.
- HOMEWORK TASK: Please could children bring in a photo of either their own pet, a pet in their family or a pet their parents used to have. Please ensure children are ready to talk about the pet in the photo including its name, how to care for it, its likes and dislikes. Please bring the photo in on Monday 2nd March (photo will be used for a display).
- This week we welcomed the first of our pet visitors into school. Children asked questions about how to care for a cat and most enjoyed stroking her, thank you Mabel!
- In maths this week we have been counting to 100 and have begun learning our number bonds to 10. So far we have covered 10/0, 9/1, 8/2, 7/3. We will be continuing this over the next few weeks.

Gardening Help

Do you love gardening and growing food? Would you like to help our school? We're looking for some help with planting and nurturing our garden areas with the children so they can grow food and use it in school. If you feel you might be able to help, please either email the school office or speak to Mrs Walton.

Online Safety

For Parents - Tips for Raising Digitally Resilient Children

Every parent knows how difficult it is to monitor their children whilst they're online. It can be difficult asking children what they're seeing, their motives, healthy screen habits and more.

Written by a clinical psychologist, BBC Bitesize have released some new advice and support for parents. Although aimed at parents of teenagers, I think this would be useful for any parent.

Article and resources: [Screen time and resilience: a psychologist's guide](#).

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Curriculum Statements

This term's curriculum statements are available on the school website.

Menu

The new menu is available on the school website, next week will be week 2.

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) - height and weight checks for children in Reception

- The NCMP will soon be running in our school for children in [reception](#). This involves health staff coming into school one day to do height and weight checks with each child.
- The measurements are conducted in a sensitive way, in a [private space](#) and away from other children. Children are measured fully clothed (coats and shoes off).
- When talking to children about these checks, staff and parents/carers are encouraged to refer to them as 'health checks' – they are about seeing how children are growing and developing.
- Individual [results are NOT shared with your child or their school](#).
- Following the measurements in schools, all parents/carers will receive a letter by email. Some families may also be contacted by the health staff (e.g. via text message/phone call/letter) to offer additional information and support.
- These measurements will be taking place in our school soon (for those year groups). If your child is due to be measured, you will receive a letter (via email) to explain more about it.
- Please have a look at this [video](#) so you can see what happens:
[The National Child Measurement Programme - YouTube](#)
- If you have any [questions](#) please contact your local (North Yorkshire) NCMP team on:
hdfn.ncmp@nhs.net

More details (and other information) that you might like to include:

- The checks are carried out by trained health care providers and are delivered in a safe way.
- Height and weight measurements are taken as part of the NCMP. This information is collected because it is in the public interest to understand how our children are growing and developing, and also so we know how many are underweight, a healthy weight, or are above a healthy weight, so that support and advice can be offered to parents.

If you are worried about your child's weight and growth, please speak to your GP or visit;

[Children's weight - Healthier Families - NHS](#) for more information.

You can find information and fun ideas to help your kids stay healthy at the NHS Better Health: healthier families webpage [Easy ways to eat well and move more](#).

Another way to help maintain a balanced diet and physical activity for your family is the NHS Healthy Steps email programme. Sign up for the 8-week Healthy Steps emails and you will be sent lots of low-cost easy tips, fun games, healthy swaps and tasty recipes on a budget. You can sign up to NHS [Healthy Steps - Step this way](#) webpage.

If you would like some information about cost saving ideas, free school meals, food banks, financial support etc. please go to: [Cost of living support | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 5 th March	<p>World Book Day All Children will visit the Discovery Centre on the morning, we will be looking for help with walking the children to and from the Discovery Centre please. Reception will leave school at 9.30am, back at school around 10:45am Year 1 will leave school at 10.20am, back at around 11.15am Year 2 will leave school at 11am, back at around 12noon If they would like to, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.</p>
22 nd March	<p>PTFA Quiz Royal Oak, 7pm Please speak to Lauren or Frances to buy your tickets (£6, including pie and peas).</p>
w.b. 23 rd March	<p>Parent Consultations Appointment times will be circulated next week Year 2 - Tuesday 24th March Year 1 - Wednesday 25th March Reception - Thursday 26th March</p>
Friday 27 th March	<p>Easter Service, in Christ Church, 10.45am - ALL are welcome. Break up for Easter</p>
Tuesday 14 th April	<p>Children return to school</p>

The Chosen

Starting 16th February: Mondays at 6:30pm at Christ Church, in the coffee Lounge.

Why not come along? There are no daft questions.

A 7-week series begins for those who are curious about the Christian Faith and those who already have faith but want to think a bit more about Jesus and his ministry. Not a deep theological analysis nor a Bible Study but using the TV series *The Chosen*, we will watch an episode and have time for discussion and a short time of prayer.

For further details contact Rev'd Sarah on: 07355 711010 or email:
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PUB QUIZ



SUNDAY 22ND MARCH
7PM



AT THE ROYAL OAK

TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST

QUIZ & RAFFLE

PIE AND PEAS INCLUDED

£6 PER PERSON

Email marwoodptfa@gmail.com for tickets

