



Hovingham & St Hilda's CE (VC)

Primary Schools Federation



Where Everyone Grows!

As we come to the end of the Spring Term, we thank you for your continued support of our schools and we hope that all can find some time over Easter to nurture those who matter most and also personally find some time to recharge. I'd like to pay huge thanks to the pupils and staff for all their hard work too!

What a very busy term it has been! Our school vision is "Where Everyone Grows" and we are proud that our broad and balanced curriculum centres not just on developing the academic but also a child's spiritual, emotional and personal growth. There has been such a variety this term and so much to look back on and celebrate.



In January our Year 3-6 pupils enjoyed Game of Actual Life in a Day with Simon Carson and also Archery activities provided by Liam Jackson from Ryedale School. All pupils also thoroughly enjoyed Box2bFit circuit training led by Dave Gibson. After half term we were delighted to re-start our Federation Friday's giving the opportunity for both schools to come together, children to mix in larger

peer groups and benefit from shared resources.



During the term Year 1 to Year 6 pupils have again all had opportunities to take part in inter school Sports competitions at Ryedale School. Our Year 1's and 2's loved the Multi-skills as did Year's 3- 6 with their Athletics competitions. These were times to support each other and challenge ourselves whilst visiting a local Secondary School.

We've celebrated World Book Day and worked alongside author and illustrator Stephen Waterhouse. This proved to be really inspiring and opened the eyes of our pupils to acquiring new skills as well as thinking what future jobs could be. Pupils have worked with the team from Rugged Outdoors and enjoyed two Forest School sessions on land kindly provided by Hovingham Estate. These are great opportunities for sharing knowledge, learning new skills and enjoying the benefits of our beautiful rural surroundings.



Hovingham & St Hilda's CE (VC)

Primary Schools Federation



Where Everyone Grows!



St Hilda's pupils of all ages and Hovingham Reception-Y1 loved working with Phil Bateman during a fantastic Cycling Day, improving their balance, developing bike handling techniques and confidence on two wheels.

We've explored a Planetarium to learn more about our place in the Solar System. Hovingham pupils have enjoyed their Mission to Mars Science week activities, prepared by the staff team too. Years 3-6 visited York Minster, another real moment of awe and wonder whether you're visiting for the first time or are a frequent visitor. This also helped us to understand our place in the Diocese. They also continue to be taught French by our native French speaker, Mrs Cordingley and also benefit from the skilled music tuition provided by Mr Chatto.

Of course we aren't resting on our laurels. There is a great deal to look forward to in the Summer Term too! In the first week back after Easter we will enjoy a Countryside Day at Hovingham Hall. Next term also includes the start of regular visits from our local police team. There will be further Forest School sessions and more Inter School

Sports, and we hope to welcome a return of the popular climbing wall.

Years 3-6 will visit Murton Park as part of their History studies, and then later in the term they will enjoy a series of swimming lessons. We are in the early stages of planning a Year5/6 Trip to Parliament too. All this in addition to the traditional Sports Day, transition events and other end of term activities.

Behind the scenes staff have continued to update their professional knowledge with a range of training involving work with both the English Hub and the Maths Hub, a National Leader of Education and also our Senior Education Adviser. This has seen a continued commitment to learn from expertise at both a local and national level.

Sadly, we say goodbye to both our Mrs Clarke's this week. They will be much missed by staff, pupils and parents alike, but we wish them well in their new endeavours. As ever, my door is always open and if you see me on the door or in the playground please have a chat. We welcome ideas from parents and are always here if you have any concerns.

Enjoy the Easter Break.
Mr Pynn

