

THIS WEEK:

During this week, the staff at Burnt Yates and Ripley have been looking at work produced by the children as a way of monitoring their learning and judging the impact of feedback and marking. Working together, examples of good practice were shared and areas for improvement identified. As part of the monitoring that governors undertake, we were joined by representatives from both schools.

Following the Class 2 trip to Knotts' Gill, the school has received an email from Richard Langley, Educational Coordinator for Prehistoric Nidderdale Project, commenting on how 'extremely well behaved and attentive' the children were and how he and his colleague judged their 'thoughtfulness, questioning and hypothesising' to be 'outstanding'. You should all be very proud of yourselves, Class 2.

The school has also received its Autumn visit from Steven Holmes, the Local Authority Advisor. He spent time in classrooms observing learning, considered the learning environment and discussed the schools' continued improvement with Mrs Palmer and Mrs Jean Tither, Chair of Governors. Changes could be seen throughout the entire school, and much improvement is being made. New milestones have been agreed and will be closely monitored to continue this upward momentum.



On Tuesday, the Juniors braved the autumn weather and ventured to Knotts Gill, Nidderdale to visit a pre-history archaeological settlement, as part of their "Stone Age through to the Iron Age" work.

The children were shown around the site by Richard Langley and Bob Barker: two archaeologists from the Community Archaeology Project: 'Nidderdale Iron'.

Bob and Richard were extremely impressed by the quality of the children's questions and maturity in their source interpretation. The children were able to 'discover' evidence of two roundhouses and measured pre-history dated field walls.



The children are already enjoying analysing their findings in the classroom and the content learned will be developed over the forthcoming weeks.



***Poppies, wristbands, reflectors and other lovely items
are on SALE now in school***





Confirmed Dates for the Diary

6th November—Bonfire lunch

7th November—Cooking fantastic

8th November—Y1 Hearing Tests

17th November—Children in Need

23rd November—KS1 Parent/Grandparent lunch

28th November—E-Safety Talk for parents (Host: Ripley School)

28th November—Christingle service in Church 9.30am

30th November—Safeguarding Audit

5th December—Travelling Panto at Ripley Town Hall

6th December—KS2 Parent/Grandparent lunch

13th December—Daytime performance of Christmas play (2pm)

14th December—Evening performance of Christmas play (6pm)

19th December—Christmas Party Day

20th December—Christmas lunch

22nd December—Break for Christmas

Attendance & Punctuality

School attendance this week: 100%

★ Outstanding ★

Ofsted above average

target:

95.3%

Class One: Wow! Have we really only been back 1 week? It's been a very busy week in the Infants. Our work has all been based around the 3 little pigs and the outdoor area has turned into a construction site with bricks and sticks and straw. In our maths work we have been counting in 3's and doing subtraction in all kinds of practical ways.

Today we have been talking about Guy Fawkes and understanding the gunpowder plot and also how to be safe on Bonfire night. We have made some beautifully sparkly pictures.

Staff for next week:

Wednesday—Mrs Frankland out, First Aid Course.

Wednesday: - Mr S out, Maths Network meeting. Mrs Thomson covering in Class 2

Thursday—Mrs Frankland out, First Aid Course Day 2

Friday—Mrs Broad covering in Class One

Amalgamation Update:

Thank you to all of those parents who were in attendance at the Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday evening which we felt was a very positive meeting. Following the Due Diligence process, Ripley Governors are currently considering all of the information and a decision will be made on the 23rd November, this will then be communicated to everybody on the 24th November.