

Dear Parents,

And so we come to the end of another half term. What a busy six weeks it has been! It's been lovely to see the days getting longer – a sure sign that warmer (and hopefully drier!) weather is on its way.

It was lovely to see the children in their own clothes today. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the Lord Mayor's Charity, Leeds Mencap. Leeds Mencap is an independent local charity that supports children and young people with learning disabilities, autism and other complex needs, a wonderful cause. A big well done to Year 6 for organising the tuck shop at the end of the day too.

## **Highlights**

A real highlight this half term has been the children's work on *Flotsam*, a picture book without any words. The children truly excelled in their descriptive writing and we were incredibly proud of the double-page spreads (and in some cases, even three and four pages!) that they produced. It's safe to say they thoroughly enjoyed the work too.

In Maths, we have been tackling fractions. It has been wonderful to see the children persevere with this challenging topic. They have shown great determination, particularly when faced with the trickier concepts, and are developing a good understanding. We will continue with fractions after half term before moving on to mass and capacity. Feel free to get those scales and measuring jugs out over the break – practical experiences really do help! Optional homework will continue to be posted on Tapestry after half term; please let one of us know if you have any difficulties accessing it.

In Science, we have been exploring healthy eating and human skeletons. We had great fun this afternoon drawing around children and then labelling the bones of the body. Next half term, will move on to teeth and the digestive system.

In Geography, the children completed their topic on Rivers and produced some fantastic poems to help revise the features of a river's journey. After the break, we will begin a local study, which will link to writing a non-chronological report about Yorkshire.

In RE, we have been reflecting on the question: *What kind of world would Jesus want?* We enjoyed some thoughtful class discussions about love, forgiveness, inclusion, peace and justice. It has been wonderful to hear the children's mature and considered views about the world around them. Next half term, we will explore the question: *Why do Gurus inspire Sikh believers?* as part of our study of different worldviews.

## **Homework**

We're giving everyone a week off from spellings — hooray! However, please do keep up with reading and practising those times tables.

A reminder that the 500-word short story deadline is the first Monday back. All entries must be handed in that morning by 9:30am.

**Congratulations to -**

Wonderful Work: Jaden G

Brilliant Behaviour: Holly P

Finally, a big thank you and well done to Class 3 for a fantastic half term — you have certainly earned your week off. We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Best wishes,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller