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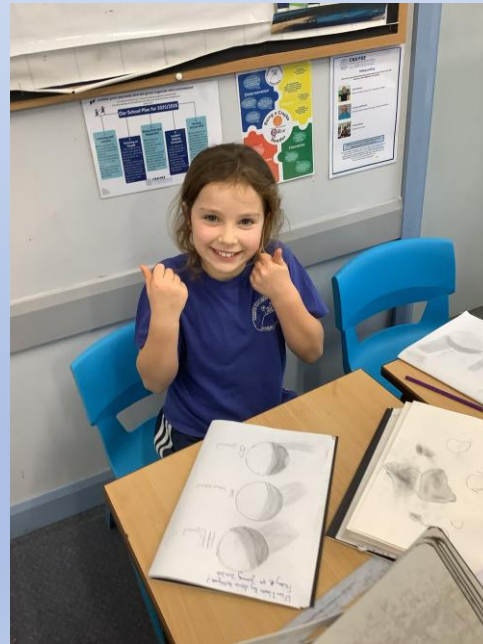
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Crayke Chronicle



Message from the Headteacher

We've almost made it to the end of January!

Last week, Mrs Dobson and I attended a Reading for Pleasure conference in York. There were some super ideas shared for both home and school – more details will follow in due course but in the meantime, the following slide gives a good summary about how to support readers at home.

It's been super to spend time in each class this week and also to accompany Holly on their first swimming session of this block – they were a credit to the school with super behaviour and instruction following – well done!

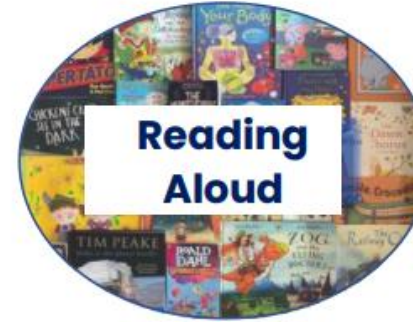
Please note, there will not be a newsletter next week, so the next one will be issued on Friday 13 February as we break up for half term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Judi Jackson
Headteacher



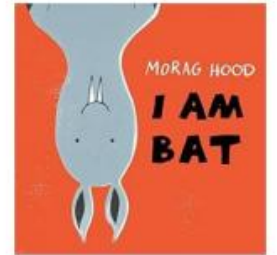
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers to develop a love of reading.



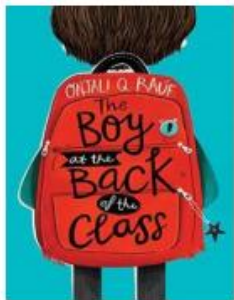
Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is enjoyable, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones, too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and motivation. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Book Chat encourages readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts, too!



Children who read and are supported as readers develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



Class News- APPLE

This week, we have been learning about Australia Day. We looked at all of the famous landmarks. The boys recreated Sydney Opera House, using the large construction bricks. I was really impressed, well done.

The girls have been working really hard writing cvc words. I think, the promise of 20 team points was a great incentive. Next week, to promote sentence writing, we will be introducing the curiosity cube.

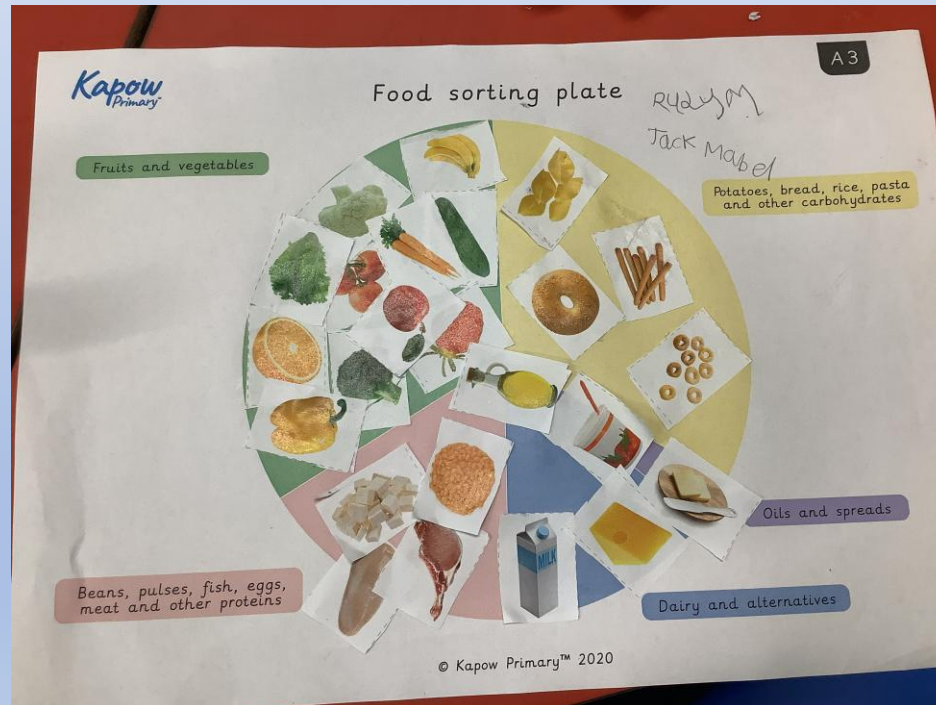
Mrs Helfferich



Class News - BEECH

This week we have been looking at the different food groups and sorting foods into them correctly. We have thought about creating a balanced plate and making sure that we have foods from the different groups. We are very excited that over the coming weeks we will be designing and creating a 'healthy wrap'. Please look out for the Microsoft forms to fill out regarding this!

Mrs Dobson



Class News – HOLLY

In art this half term we have been drawing and painting dragon eyes. We started by working on our shading then applied what we learned to drawings using charcoal and oil pastels. The children then learned different watercolour techniques which they have used in their final painting. We considered how we could make the paint look like scales and how to add shadows and highlights to add depth to the eye. It is wonderful to see how unique each painting is!

Miss Williams



Amber



Letty



Martha



Zephie



Arabella



Louie



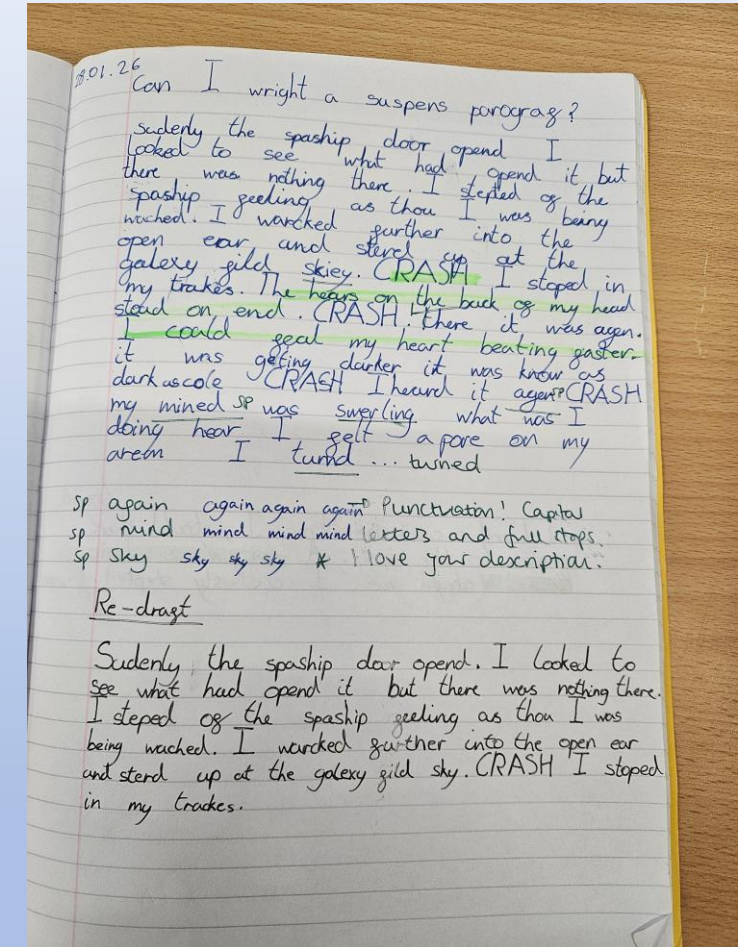
Class News – OAK

Suspense Writing

We have been exploring Science Fiction writing over the last few weeks and have been focusing on creating suspense. We have both been so impressed by how the children's writing has developed, how well they have taken on board our guidance and what powerful pieces of writing they have produced. Here are just a few.

Well done Oak!

Miss Walker & Mrs Seligman



Elise



Wednesday 28th January 2026
 Can I write a suspense paragraph?

At last, the spaceship door began to open. ✓
 He peered out of the titanium door; all he could see was a dusty, rocky planet. Tom felt the breeze get colder and the sky was filled with dark clouds. Boom! A toxic acid gloted in the air. Behind some rocks, Tom could see a onyx figure with opalite eyes. Boog! The strange creature vanished into thin air. Tom realised this was no normal person... Re-
crash

The abnormal creature reappeared and was charging towards Tom! He turned to run but the figure was as fast as the speed of light. Crash! Tom tripped over a rock. The creature cornered him, drew their blood red light saber. Was this the end...? a connective
would be better.

sp peered peered peered peered - Don't use too many
 sp floated floated floated Semi colons.
 sp reappeared reappeared reappeared

George

Wednesday 28th January 2026
 L.I. Can I write a suspense paragraph? (F)

At last, the Spaceship door began to open. The air smelt toxic, the dark cold air filled the spaceship all around me. Panicked I swept around me; nothing was there. ✓
 Just me... what was going on?
 Why was I there? In the distance, I saw a mystery Shadow. Bang! What was that? I started to sweat. The mystery shadow was darker than ever. As I turned around the shadow came closer and closer and closer.
 Suddenly, I heard a noise...

Crash! → Can use for adverbial phrases
 I panicked! # how! I love the variety of sentence starters
 sp panic

re-draft

The mystery shadow was dim and gloomy then ever. As I turned around, the shadow got closer and faster every time he crept forward.

Suddenly, I heard a noise

CRASH!

I panicked!

Frankie



Extra Curricular Clubs



What a lovely week we have had in Jigsaws Before and After School Club!

Some of the activities included making drum spinners, exploring density by floating an egg and making perfume from flowers. The children have enjoyed completing several jigsaws, yoga and making fortune tellers. Playing the drums and making shadow puppets have proved popular too.

Outside we played football, tennis and crocodile tag.





Lizzie from OPAL came to view our progress; she was really pleased with what she saw. Thank you to everyone for the donations. A special thank you to George, Rory and their parents for donating and delivering all of the tyres.

- The area in front of the 'Welly Shed' should be sorted by the time you read this.
- Zone monitors will be chosen and awarded their hi viz. Thank you to CHASA for buying these.
- More OPAL assemblies will take place over the next two weeks to remind the children of the agreed codes of conduct.
- Wellies can be brought into school straight after the half term holidays.

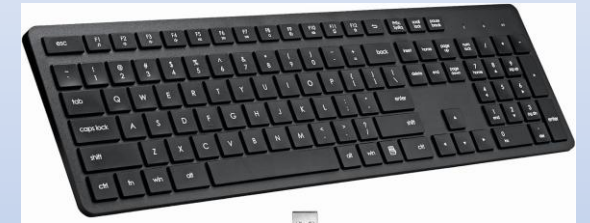
Exciting times ahead!

Mrs Helfferich

This weeks wish list for

- Pushchairs
- Computer keyboards
- Microwaves
- Plastic bread crates

Thank you



School Council – Climate Justice and Courageous Advocates

In School Council, we are exploring the concept of climate justice and courageous advocacy. The whole school explored how Christians can help climate justice through our Worship session.

Climate Justice- the understanding that climate change affects people differently and often it is those who have the least who are affected the most.

Courageous Advocacy- standing up for what is right and giving a voice to those who have none.

We learnt how climate change often can affect the poorest communities most. We explored Bible passages that encourage Christians to look after our world and its people. The next few slides give some ideas about how you may want to become involved and contribute too! We'd love to see what you can do.

Miss Walker



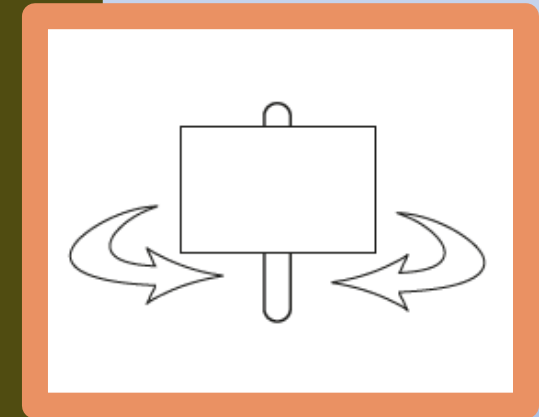
Hope poster

Give people hope about climate change - that we can change things for the better.



Create a two-sided mini poster.

- On one side write a question or statement about climate change today.
- On the other write a hope for the future.
- Then illustrate.
- Attach string or a lollipop stick so the poster can twirl, showcasing both sides.



Letter



Write a letter about climate change to your MP, councilor or local leader.

- Why do they need to know?
- What do they need to do?
- Share how you feel about climate change.

Write a letter to the planet.

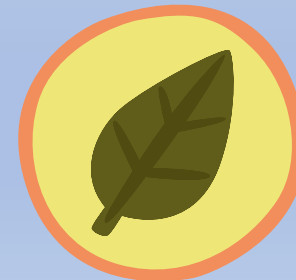
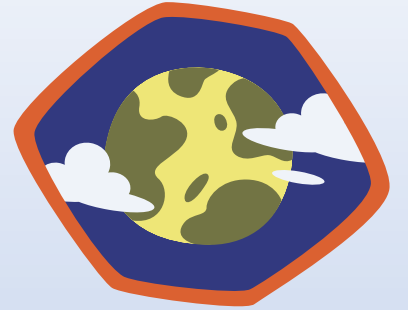
- Explain what is happening to the planet.
- Give hope to the planet that action is being taken.



Poem

Ideas to base your poem on:

- Fairness for the world
- Your hope for the future
- Reduce, reuse, recycle and rally

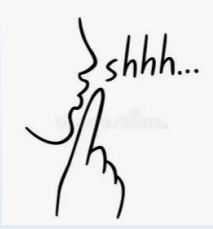


Upcoming Events - HINDU WORKSHOP

On **Friday 6 February**, Oak and Holly class are participating in a Hindu Workshop. Learning about the Hindu faith is an important part of the RE curriculum that the school delivers, in accordance with the North Yorkshire Agreed Syllabus. The children will be learning about the basic concepts of Hinduism, and how such a world view informs lifestyle and morality for Hindu people. The children will also learn about the story of Krishna and the different deities that Hindu people worship. They will have the opportunity to learn some Hindu dances and partake in some yoga and mindfulness, and listen to some traditional Hindu chanting. This will be an enriching experience for all children, and complement the topics being covered in class.



Unchanged from
last week.



World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5th March

Secret Storyteller



UPDATE: We still have a couple of spaces available and would especially like some adults for Apple Class please!

If you would like to take part, please email me ldobson@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk to state your child's name, class, your availability on the day and the book you would like to read.

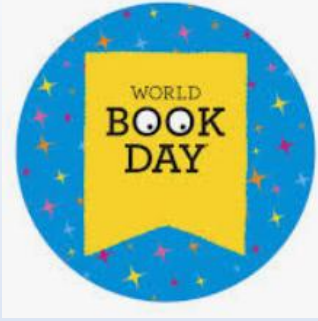
Remember it is a secret so please do not tell the children in advance as we want to create excitement!

I look forward to hearing from you 😊
Mrs Dobson

Unchanged from
last week.

World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5th March

ReadingFest



As part of our 'Year of Festivals' this year's World Book Day will be known at Crayke as 'ReadingFest'. We wanted to give advance notice that this year we will be asking children to come into school 'festival ready' on World Book Day. There are some ideas below but bright colours and funky ideas are encouraged! Have fun planning your outfits!

Mrs Dobson



Unchanged from
last week.

Awards in School This Week



	Apple	Beech	Holly	Oak
Stars of the Week	Hugo	Otilie	Reggie	Elise
		George	Gem	Wynter
Gold Awards for Sport	George	Rosie Wn	Arabella	Harry
Headteacher Awards	Lance		Jacob	
School Council Kindness Award	Joe			
Cloakroom Ninja Award	Oak			

Team Points

Team	Points
Corrie ten Boom	557
Martin Luther King Jr	322
Mahatma Gandhi	362
Queen Elizabeth II	370

Well done **Corrie ten Boom** team!



Queen Elizabeth II



Mahatma Gandhi



Corrie ten Boom



Martin Luther King Jr

Want to know more
about our House Teams?

See:

<https://craykeschool.org/house-teams/>

PE Kits w/c 2 February 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple		SKIP 2B FIT – ALL CLASSES IN PE KIT PLEASE!			X
Beech					X
Holly			X SWIM		X
Oak					X

Please ensure that on PE days, the children come to school wearing their hoodies, school jumpers or cardigans alongside white or blue t-shirts and black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

On all other days, full uniform should be worn.

PE Kits w/c 9 February 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple					X
Beech				X	X
Holly			X SWIM		X
Oak		X			X

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Attendance and Punctuality

Last week's attendance figures (w/c 19 January 2026): **95.9%** (so close!) School Target: **96%**

	Attendance	Punctuality
Apple	100% - well done!	1 late
Beech	98%	No lates
Holly	95.5%	No lates
Oak	92.8%	No lates

If you are unsure
whether or not to send
your child to school, have
a look at this website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please note we are now
reporting attendance
data one week behind

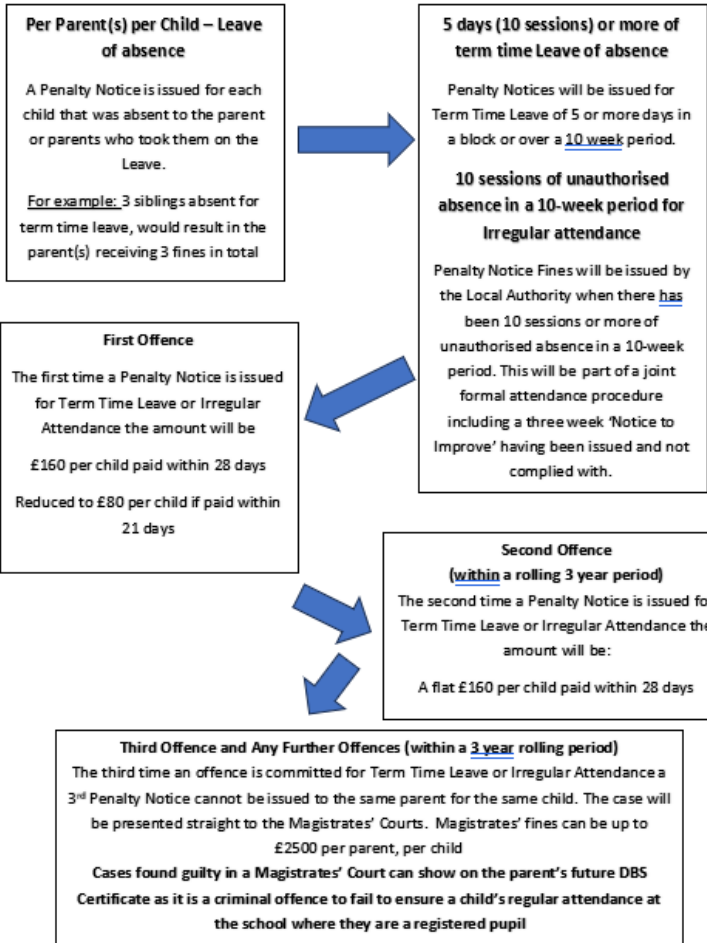


Attendance and Punctuality

New rules around attendance are now in force. Further details are outlined here.

Attendance is Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19th August 2024





Tickets on sale now!

Thursday 12th February at Crayke Sports Hall

Apple & Beech classes 5-5.45pm

Holly & Oak classes 6-7pm

Follow this link for tickets, good will/sibling tickets and pay it forward tickets also available:

<https://crayke-home-and-school-association.sumupstore.com/>

