



Highlight of the week  
Year 3 & 4

17<sup>th</sup>



Last Wednesday was a day of exciting historical discovery for Teams Pufferfish and Stingray, as we headed to the Yorkshire Museum. Bursting with excitement, we arrived at the Museum Gardens, ready for a day packed with learning and adventure.

Our main mission was the 'Time Odyssey' experience. This challenge tasked us with helping a historical character return to their rightful place in the timeline by creating three mythical objects. Armed with our 'warp pads,' we transformed into history detectives, carefully working in small teams to track down specific artifacts across two fascinating eras: Roman York and the Mesolithic period.

We first explored the Roman York gallery. We navigated our way through ancient mosaics, tombstones, and fragments of Roman walls, imagining what life was like in Eboracum (the Roman name for York) 2,000 years ago! After successfully completing our first task, the 'Vessel of Stories,' we took a well-deserved lunch break.



After lunch, it was time for our second mission! We searched the Mesolithic gallery for prehistoric materials needed to form the powerful 'Cloak of Safekeeping.' Our final and toughest task was to create the mysterious 'Map of Time.' This involved working together to find the creation or discovery dates of precious objects. Once all three objects were complete, we used our warp pads to send our chosen character safely back to their era, successfully completing our mission!



With our historical adventures complete, we headed outside to the Museum Gardens and then for a short walk to York Minster. We paused to admire the statue of Constantine the Great and were amazed to see a real Roman column that had once been part of the Roman military base that existed on the same site as the minster thousands of years earlier.

It was then time to say goodbye to our historic city centre and head back to school tired but full of fantastic stories about all we had seen and learned. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who gave up their time to join us on the visit and helped us to make it a really fantastic day for the children.

### Mr Jolly's updates

#### Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming all the children back to school after the summer holidays, and yet here we are already nearing the end of the first half-term! Where does the time go? It's been a busy, fun-filled, and incredibly productive seven weeks.

#### Amazing Attitudes and Achievements

We are so incredibly proud of how the children have settled into their new classes. Moving up a year can be a big change, but every single child has faced the challenge with enthusiasm and maturity. Their attitudes toward learning have been brilliant —they are keen to get stuck into new topics, support their peers, and challenge themselves. We've seen fantastic work across all year groups, from brilliant writing pieces to impressive mathematical reasoning, and great sporting achievements. Their achievements this half-term, both big and small, are a testament to their hard work and the brilliant start they've made to the new academic year.

Helmsley Arts Centre are hosting some art workshops this October half term with local artist Nicola Hutchinson.

All levels and abilities are welcome; snacks and drinks are provided; please dress to get messy!

#### Timetable

Tuesday 28th October  
Full day creative workshop 10am-3pm (AGES 8-11) £35  
(Please bring a packed lunch).  
Wednesday 29th October  
10am-11.30am (Ages 5-7) £10  
1pm-4pm (Ages 12-16) £20



Link to tickets:

<https://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on/creative-circus-art-workshops>

## A Week of Open Doors and Open Voices

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Doors sessions this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you come into school to share in your child's learning environment and see their work firsthand. The sessions were incredibly well-attended, and we've had lots of positive feedback on how beneficial it was for you to get a real glimpse into a typical school day.

A special mention must go to our Young Voices choir, who used the opportunity of our Open Doors to perform one of the songs they have been learning. It was clear how much they have been practicing, and it was a wonderful chance for them to sing in front of an audience—a great bit of practice before the big performance later in the year! Well done to all of our budding singers; your confidence and talent are growing every week.

## Parents' Evenings Next Week

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evenings next week on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss your child's progress. These appointments are incredibly important as they provide a crucial opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher and gain a clear insight into their academic and personal development this half-term. It's a two-way conversation that allows us to celebrate their achievements, identify next steps for learning, and agree on how we can best support them over the coming months. If you haven't yet booked your slot, please do as soon as possible.

Best wishes,  
Mr Jolly  
Headteacher



## Class Attendance

### 6th - 10th Oct

### 13th - 17th Oct

97.2%	Orcas	89.5%
93.6%	Turtles	84.7%
96.9%	Seahorses	97.6%
98.6%	Dolphins	98.2%
96.9%	Stingrays	95.8%
93.5%	Pufferfish	96.8%
92.1%	Sharks	97%
91.4%	Whales	87.5%
94.4%	Sea Otters	95%



Stars of the  
Week



### 10th Oct

Lucas Tutuianu  
Reuben Hughes  
Susie-Belle Jervis  
Lucas Daniels  
Eloise Spearman  
Emily Pitwood  
Mollie Benton  
Kian Heald  
Paisley Bringham  
Jenny Draper

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Headteacher's award

### 17th Oct

Lily Church  
Ada Prest  
Demi Allen  
Mihang Rai  
Oliver Durkin  
Sarah Moreno  
Reggie Newton Woods  
Jenny Draper  
Maria Mangiru  
Amelia Jaram