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## **A Message from Mr Watson**

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone for your warm welcome to Skelton School.

With Summer holidays less than a fortnight ago, I want to say well done to all of our children for settling back into school routines and expectations so quickly (and thank you to parents for supporting this!)

### **Staffing**

As well as a new Head of School, we also welcome Miss Mason as the new teacher for Woodpeckers this year and Mrs Young who is currently teaching Owls.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Thompson next week as she moves to a new role at Forest of Galtres school. Thank you for keeping us all organised Mrs Thompson, we wish you the very best as you take the next step in your career; you will be missed by all at Skelton!

## **A very warm welcome to our new Ducklings and Robins who have settled in so well.**



We have had a super busy start to the year in all classes.



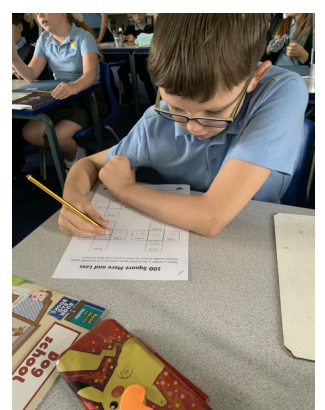
There was much excitement in Robins when we found a hedgehog living in our outdoor area!



Woodpeckers had a great afternoon looking at baby photos and producing their own life timelines!



Owls have enjoyed learning about maps at Forest School, while Kingfishers have honed their presentation skills this week







## ClassDojo

Class Dojo is a safe and effective way for school and parents to communicate with each other. Every child has their own login and each class has their own class page, as well as a whole school page. You can access Class Dojo via the internet or using an App. Over the coming half term, keep an eye on Class Dojo for class updates and photographs of your child's work. If you need help accessing Class Dojo, please let us know.

### Reading at home

Please encourage your child to read at least 4 times a week at home. Children are all working towards their Gold Award for reading, but only signed reading record entries count towards this, so please remember to sign these on a regular basis.

If you would like help, advice or support for reading at home, please let us know and we will be more than happy to help.



Please remember that, due to allergies, we are a **Nut Free school**. Please make sure that you do not send your child with nuts or nut based products in their packed lunch. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

**19th Sep**– Bank Holiday– School Closed

**26th Sep**–Kingfishers and Owls at York Food Festival

**10th Oct**– Year 6 trip to Vale of York Academy

**13th Oct**– Inter-school Football competition @ Skelton

**21st Oct**–Half term– School closes

**31st Oct**–School Re-opens

**3rd Nov**– Early Years Open Evening

For parents of Year 6 pupils, below are the **provisional dates** of the open evenings at York Secondary schools, please confirm with the school directly if you are interested in visiting.

**Tues 27th Sep**– Vale of York Academy

**Wed 28th Sept**– All Saints

**Thurs 29th**– York high School

**Tues 4th Oct**– Manor

**Wed 5th Oct**– Joseph Rowntree

**Thurs 6th Oct**– Archbishop Holgate

**Tues 11th Oct**– Millthorpe School

**Wed 12th Oct**– Fulford School

**Thurs 13th Oct**– Huntington School



### Attendance awards



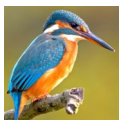
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**Our winning class is:**

**Well done Robins!**

