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We have had another busy week at school and there has certainly been a chill in the air. That didn't stop the children getting their hands dirty to plant some bulbs and learn about different flowers. These are going to be taken to our new allotment to grow and the children will be taking them home at the end of our Autumn term as a little present for someone special. We have had such great educational help from Mike Prest (who donated our bulbs and obtained the generous gift of seedlings from Early Plants Nursery in Thirsk). Please ask your children about their experience. They all enjoyed it so much and showed such happiness and respect in their learning.

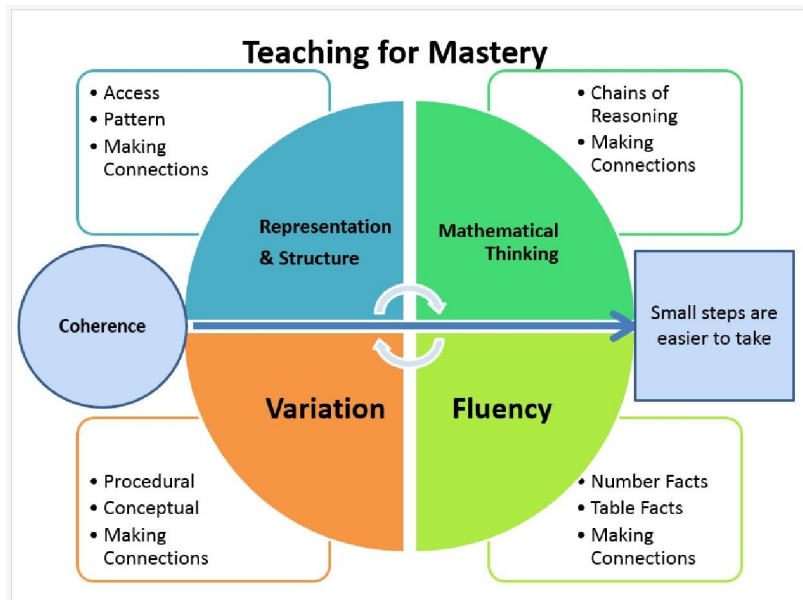
We have also been witnessing some SPECTACULAR speeches and presentations from those children involved in the final stages of School Council. Although the School Councillors have now been announced in Celebration Assembly (Congratulations to our new representatives!) we should also congratulate everyone who conquered their nerves to stand up and talk in front of each other and showed great resilience when they narrowly missed out. It is not an easy situation but I am proud of them all.

Our Class 3 and 4 children are now in the process of applying for various Prefect and Ambassador Roles. Watch this space!

How can I help my child at home?

Recently we sent home the KIRFs for each year group. Our federation focus in maths this term is to develop children's understanding of 'Fluency'. Teachers began our training day working with Maths Mastery expert to ensure that the activities presented in daily fluency work are challenging and varied.

Variation of question style and fluency are key aspects of helping children to make connections to ensure that children develop their mathematical understanding.



Though the facts outlined on the KIRFs may seem simple, presenting them in a variety of ways embeds these facts so that children have a deep understanding and instant recall of each. As you have been informed, this year we will be putting a particular emphasis on the practise of KIRFs both as part of Homework and in school. The KIRFs have 'Key Vocabulary', 'Practical Ideas' and 'Games' to help to build confidence.

Ask your teacher more about this at the Parent Carer Information Evening next week.



GOLDSBOROUGH and SICKLINGHALL Federation

Half Term Newsletter: Autumn 1 Goldsbrough CE Primary School



Next week North Yorkshire Police are visiting the village to launch 'Operation Giraffe' which is a force wide initiative designed to initiate interactions with pupils, parents and residents to educate everyone about the dangers of illegal parking.

Goldsbrough Village has been selected for the launch of the week-long operation which will take place from Monday 7th until Friday 11th October.



On Monday the 7th October several officers will be outside the school interacting with the children, parents and residents to raise community awareness about parking and the consequences of parking illegally. The process will be a supportive measure, but they will be informing adults that if that unsafe parking continues throughout the week, North Yorkshire Police will be issuing sanctions. Please make sure that you discuss this with the Police Officers next week. This is a widespread operation and North Yorkshire Police will continue to monitor locations around Knaresborough in the coming months.

The Police Officers will then spend some time in the school speaking with the children so that they can ask questions.

Due to the nature of the operation, North Yorkshire Police have informed us that it may attract some media attention. They have been informed of our policy regarding photographs however, as we are unable to share confidential information externally, we have been advised that it is the parents and carers responsibility to mention directly to the media at the time if no consent for photographs or video is given..

Next week our Ethos Statement will be:

These weekly statements are having such a positive impact on the children.

Perhaps you can discuss it with them before Monday's Collective Worship or ask your child about the messages they are learning about.



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Weekly Ethos Statement



'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream another dream.' C.S Lewis
Create your own future.



Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Miss Pickard