

Y3 & 4 – Miss Faulkner

In Year 3/4 this week in maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction and the children have been doing a fantastic job! I have been particularly impressed with their growing understanding of column addition. They are becoming much more confident with setting out their calculations correctly and using what they already know to tackle trickier questions. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing!

In English, we have been busy becoming excellent editors! The children have done a brilliant job of going back through their own writing, spotting mistakes and thinking carefully about how they can make their work even better. We have also introduced peer editing, where the children have worked together to read each other's work, celebrate what has gone well and offer helpful suggestions for improvements. They have shown some wonderful teamwork and maturity with this!

In PE, we have been developing our understanding and skills in basketball. The children have been building their confidence with the ball and learning more about the different skills needed to play successfully as part of a team. It has been great to see everyone getting involved, encouraging one another and developing their skills each week.

Finally, in History, we have continued our journey back in time to the Stone Age! This week, we have been exploring the three stages of the Stone Age – the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. The children have enjoyed discovering how life changed across these periods and beginning to understand just how different life would have been thousands of years ago.



Y5 & 6 – Miss Jackson

This week in KS2, in English we have finished writing and publishing our setting descriptions and have begun exploring a narrative. We have been looking at Ride of Passage and have been trying to identify the different parts of the story (beginning, build up, problem, resolution and ending). In Maths, Y5's finished their addition and subtraction knowledge, and have begun their multiplication and division topic, Y6 have been continuing with their 4 operations topic (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). This week we have been looking at long and short division.

In PE this week we have been working really hard at keeping control of the ball whilst dribbling in basketball. We have made such amazing progress over this half term with our basketball skills, and they are still continuing to develop more. In Science we were learning about how salt and sand can be made into a solution with water, and how we can separate them afterwards.

Parent News

Childcare and Early Education Funding

The following resources provide information on childcare and early education funding, wider family support services, and the advice available through the North Yorkshire Families Information Service.

They are designed to help families understand the support and entitlements available to them and where they can go for further assistance.

Government support with Childcare and Early Years Education

Working Parent Entitlement	Early Learning for Two-Year-Olds	Universal Entitlement
Eligible working parents Up to 10 hours per week Eligible working parents may be entitled to up to 10 hours of government funded childcare from the term after 1st September 2017, and they can't work. You may be eligible if you (and your partner, if you have one) are: - on sick leave or annual leave - on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave - getting statutory parental care pay - on bereaved partner paternity leave The amount of funded childcare you can get depends on your child's age and circumstances: - your hours (and your partner's income, if you have one) - your immigration status. Apply through beststartinlife.gov.uk	Eligible families receiving some additional forms of government support Up to 15 hours per week Your two-year-old can get up to 15 hours of government funded childcare if you are in England and get any of the following benefits: - Income Support - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) - Universal Credit, and your household income is £13,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit. Your two-year-old can also get up to 15 hours of government funded childcare if they: - are looked after by a local authority - have an education, health and care (EHC) plan - get Disability Living Allowance (DLA) - have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order. No income thresholds apply. If you are a new or expectant parent in England, who cannot claim benefits and your immigration status says you have the income to public fund, you may still get funded childcare for your two-year-old. Apply through northyorks.gov.uk/northyorkscouncilpages	All families Up to 15 hours per week All three and four-year-old children are entitled to up to 15 hours of government funded childcare, irrespective of family income level, benefits received or family circumstances. There is no application process for this funding.

Government Funding
Funding begins the term after the child turns the relevant age. Your 15 or 30 hours can be used for 38 weeks of the year (term-time) or you may be able to stretch your hours over some of the holidays by using less hours each week during term time. Check with your early years provider to find out how they deliver government funded childcare in their setting. Parents may be asked to pay additional charges.

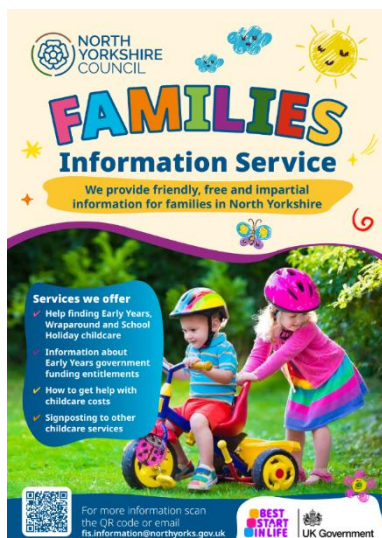
Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit childcare
Parents may also be entitled to Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare which may be used in conjunction with government funded entitlements.

Scan the QR code to check if you're eligible or visit beststartinlife.gov.uk



For help finding childcare in North Yorkshire, contact The Families Information Service. its.information@northyorks.gov.uk





Government Funded Childcare Guide
Use the chart below to determine which types of government funded childcare support can be used in conjunction with each other.

	Working Parent Entitlement	Early Learning for Two-Year-Olds Entitlement	Universal Entitlement	Tax Free Childcare	Universal Credit Childcare
Working Parent Entitlement		✓	✓	✓	✓
Early Learning for Two-Year-Olds Entitlement	✓		✗	✓	✓
Universal Entitlement	✓	✗		✓	✓
Tax Free Childcare	✓	✓	✓		✗
Universal Credit Childcare	✓	✓	✓	✗	

Working Parent Entitlement*
Eligible working families with children aged over 9 months until they start school can claim up to 50 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Early Learning for two-year-olds Entitlement (EL2)*
Families of two-year-olds receiving some form of additional government support can claim up to 25 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Universal Entitlement
All 3 and 4 year olds in England, from the term after their third birthday until they start school, can claim up to 25 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Tax Free Childcare*
Working families with children aged 0-11 years for up to 16 if the child is disabled. For every £8 paid into the childcare account, the government tops it up by £2.

Universal Credit Childcare*
Working families claiming Universal Credit with children aged under 17 years old may be able to claim back up to 85% of eligible childcare costs.

*Eligibility criteria apply.

To find out more about government support with the costs of childcare or to check eligibility scan the QR code or visit:
beststartinlife.gov.uk



Reminder: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. A selection of official remembrance items are now available to collect from the school office. While there is no set cost, donations are greatly appreciated with all proceeds going directly to the Royal British Legion to support veterans, service personnel and their families. Thank you for your continued support.

What should I do if I am worried about a child?

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger from significant harm, dial 999 to report it to the Police.

How do I make a referral?

Referrals can be made via the universal referral form or following an Early Help Assessment. Both can be located on North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership website: <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/forms-and-tools/>

Urgent referrals can be made via telephone to the Customer Resolution Centre on 0300 131 2 131 or alternatively call the NSPCC Helpline: 0800 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

Dates for the Diary	
Celebration Assembly	Thursday 14th October 9am
End of term – Last day of school	Thursday 22 nd October
Start of term – First day back	Monday 2 nd November

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<https://www.fstfederation.org.uk/>