

2023-24

Coppice Valley



Celebrate with us!

Welcome to our 2023-24 Celebrations Newsletter. Throughout this busy and exciting year, we've kept you informed through our weekly newsletters. Now, we are thrilled to bring together some of the year's highlights in one place. This is a celebration of our pupils, staff and community, showcasing our achievements and the moments we've shared. Please enjoy looking back on a year filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences!

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Quality of Education



We have refined our curriculum this year and we have a developed Curriculum Handbook which outlines our Coppice Valley pedagogy for each subject. This will be made available on our website next academic year.

We have included some curriculum highlights below.

Geography: We have updated our unit plans and we now have two new themes of 'Cultural Awareness and Diversity' (Key Stage 1 and 2) and 'Environmental Impact and Sustainable Development' (Key Stage 2). These changes are in response to our commitment to providing a comprehensive and relevant education that prepares pupils to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Science: We have reviewed our science curriculum to ensure that it engages the children's curiosity and develops their 'science capital' through enquiry-led learning. This means that we intentionally develop specific knowledge and experiences. This is how we ensure children are engaged and confident, helping them to make informed decisions about their physical and mental wellbeing and to take care of our planet.

Music: Our updated curriculum now means that children further progress their skills in listening, composing and performing. This has helped children to speak more 'musically' when describing a piece of music. It has also given staff greater confidence in delivering music lessons. We have bought new instruments to support the delivery of music, including glockenspiels, triangles, claves, egg shakers and a class set of percussion instruments.

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Reading



KS2 Reading Scheme

At Coppice, we have developed our own KS2 reading scheme. We have curated a collection of texts, using research to 'level' bookshop books. This means that our reading scheme has high-interest and high-quality texts, rather than typical reading scheme books. Teachers are clear on how to support pupils to select appropriate texts, considering both the interest level and word level.



New Phonics Scheme

Our mission is to nurture confident readers who find joy in the world of books. This year, we've implemented a new phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, designed to support our children, based on the latest research in early reading education. It provides ongoing professional development for our dedicated staff, and ensures our children have access to high quality

learning materials, including hundreds of diverse, decodable books tailored to match each child's phonics progression.



Our Libraries

We have two libraries – one for KS1 and one for KS2. This year we have invested in hundreds of new, high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts. We used children's feedback to stock our library shelves, as well as creating class libraries which are for year group and teacher recommended reads.

The books are now set out in categories and themes, allowing children to easily select books and develop their love of reading. Through this, we also have a new relationship with our local bookshop 'Imagined Things'.

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Outdoor Learning



Coppice Nature School

This year, our Nature School has continued to flourish with weekly sessions for our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children. Our young learners thrive as they explore nature and discover more about themselves in the great outdoors.

We're proud to share that Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Brook have (almost) completed their Forest School training, acquiring a wealth of new skills and insights. They are eager to incorporate these into their lessons next year.

With their expertise, we are thrilled to expand our Forest School programme beyond Reception. Starting in the next academic year, each class will have the opportunity to participate in enriching Forest School sessions.

We look forward to seeing all our children benefit from these engaging and transformative experiences in nature!



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Personal Development



Our 'Personal Development' curriculum is how our children acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives now and in the future. We link events to our three values of being Brave, Kind and Curious.

In 2023-24, we planned and took part in the following events, promoting our three values.



Around the World Day

LIFE SKILLS DAY

World Book Day

Art Week



YORKSHIRE ROTTERS & PHUNKY FOODS WORKSHOPS

After school clubs

RHS Egg Competition

5 Family Breakfasts

Red Kit e Youth Council

YOUNG VOICES



HARROGATE TOWN DIVERSITY COMPETITION

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Our Community



Community Hub

This year, we proudly launched our Community Hub — a dedicated space for our families and the wider community to access essential support and resources. Thanks to grant funding and proceeds from our clothes bank, we've been able to establish and sustain this initiative.

The Hub offers a range of support services, including:

Community Pantry: Stocked with essential food items and toiletries.

Family Resources: Providing winter coats, bedding, and pre-loved school uniforms.

Information and Support: Guidance on school support for pupils and families, as well as information on local support services.

We've also forged valuable partnerships with local organisations like Harrogate Library and Brimham's Active to enhance our offerings.

To celebrate the launch of our Community Hub, we hosted a successful Friday Night Curry Club event, bringing our community together in a spirit of camaraderie and support.



Workshops and Community Partners

We proudly hosted three successful parent/child workshops in collaboration with our community partners, strengthening our commitment to family engagement and education.

These included:

- Healthy Food Workshop
- Slow Cooker Workshop (families were gifted the slow cooker)
- E-Safety Presentation (from our local PCSO)



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Sustainability



At Coppice, sustainability encompasses two key aspects: educating our children about sustainable living and providing long-term, sustainable solutions.

We offer pre-loved uniforms and sustainable solutions to families. The funds raised from our clothes bank now support our Community Hub, ensuring that we give back to our community and create a sustainable cycle.

This year, we have: extended our composting, adapted to changes in waste removal, reduced our school food waste, and learnt about food waste through Harrogate Rotters.

Next year, we are working towards further educating our pupils on dry, mixed recycling to continue developing habits for life.



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School Trips



Year 3 & 4 Bushcraft Residential

Whole-School Panto

Y5 Giggling Squid

Singing at Christmas Markets

Harrogate Christmas Concert

Young Voices

Y1 & 2 Sleepover

EYFS Born of the Forest

Y1 Sculpture Park

Y6 Crucial Crew

Y4 Mercer Art Gallery

Y3 Mercer Art Galley

Y4 Fountains Abbey



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Productions



EYFS Nativity

This year, we were thrilled to bring back the beloved Christmas Nativity, featuring our Reception children in a performance of "The Wiggly Nativity."

Looking ahead, we have even more festive plans for next year; we will have a Reception Nativity and a KS1 Christmas Production.

KS2 will now perform the carol concert at the local church.



Year 6 Production

This year also saw the return of the Year 6 production. Our Year 6 students wowed us with their impressive production of "Jill and Fred's Most Hysterical, Historical Adventure", in collaboration with Harrogate Theatre. However, we are in need of a new stage! Our current stage, consisting of only nine blocks, left our oldest performers feeling a bit squashed!

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Sporting Events

NY Girls' Football League

Mixed & Girls' Football Tournaments

Future Lionesses

HTFC Player Visits

HTFC Diversity Competition Winner: Flo

Netball4All Sessions

Karate Sessions

Northern Ballet

'Balanceability' Sessions

NY 'Bikeability'

Panathlon

Dance Competition

Red Kite Olympics

Brownlee Mini Triathlon

Born to Move Sessions

Sports Day

Golf Sessions

Play Leaders



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Awards 2023-24



Our awards are not a bolt-on to what we do, but a way for us to ensure that we are aligned with our values.

When we work to achieve an award, it motivates pupils and staff whilst helping us to build partnerships with our local community and national accreditors.



We also regularly apply for grant funding to support many of the projects we deliver. This academic year, we have been awarded around £23,380.

What's next..?



Quality of Education

We are improving how we assess pupils in foundation subjects, to provide better feedback and improve both their knowledge and learning experiences.



Our new reading scheme for Key Stage 2 will build on the reading skills developed in Key Stage 1, particularly helping those who struggle the most with reading.



We will adopt research-based practices to improve pupil learning outcomes and teaching effectiveness as pupils transition from the EYFS Framework to National Curriculum, with a focus on speech and language development.



We are developing our outdoor learning, with Forest School sessions across EYFS - Year 6.



Empowering our Pupils

We will teach children a common set of words to describe their emotions and thinking processes, helping them better manage their reactions to different situations.

We will introduce constructive activities during playtime to help children build strong friendships and encourage good behaviour.

We will prioritise teaching children about online safety and responsible risk-taking to ensure they can safely apply what they learn at school, when they are at home.





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