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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our pupils, families and staff following the Easter break. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and were able to spend quality time together. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back into school this week—there has been a real sense of excitement in the air, and it has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces, positive attitudes and a real eagerness to get back to learning.

The start of a new term is always a special time, and this one has certainly begun with energy, enthusiasm and a wide range of memorable experiences for our children.

What a Week!

What a fantastic—and eventful—first week we have had! Across the school, children have been fully immersed in their learning, both in and out of the classroom. Every year group has been busy, and it has been lovely to see such engagement, curiosity and teamwork on display.

We even experienced a slightly unexpected moment during the week with a power cut!

Learning Beyond the Classroom

One of the highlights of this week has been the number of opportunities for children to take their learning beyond the classroom. These experiences are so valuable in helping to bring topics to life and create lasting memories.

Year 4 – Roseberry Topping Visit (Monday)

Our Year 4 pupils started the week with an adventurous trip to Roseberry Topping as part of their Geography topic. The children showed fantastic determination and perseverance during the walk, supporting one another and demonstrating great teamwork. The visit provided a brilliant opportunity to explore physical geography in a real-world setting, helping pupils to deepen their understanding of landscapes.

EYFS – Duckling Visit (Tuesday)

On Tuesday, our Early Years children were delighted to meet some very special visitors—freshly hatched ducklings! This hands-on experience created a real sense of wonder and excitement, with children asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine care and curiosity. It was a fantastic way to support their learning around life cycles, growth and the natural world.

Head Teacher - Simon Brown

Chair of Governors - Chris Robson

Year 5 – York and Viking Experience (Wednesday)

Year 5 enjoyed a memorable visit to the historic city of York, where they explored their History topic on the Vikings in greater depth. A particular highlight was their visit to the Jorvik Viking Centre, where children were able to immerse themselves in Viking life through interactive exhibits and reconstructions. The trip truly brought history to life and supported their classroom learning in an engaging and meaningful way.

Year 2 – DT Parent Event (Thursday)

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our Year 2 Design and Technology event. The children were incredibly proud to share their work and demonstrate their skills, and it was wonderful to see families working alongside them. These opportunities are so important in strengthening the partnership between home and school, and we thank all those who were able to attend.

A Focus on Oracy

Developing confident, articulate speakers is a key priority for our school, and on Tuesday we held a dedicated **Oracy Day** to further promote and celebrate speaking and listening skills.

Throughout the day, children across all year groups took part in a range of activities designed to build confidence, improve vocabulary and encourage thoughtful discussion. From paired talk and group debates to presentations and storytelling, it was fantastic to see children expressing their ideas with increasing clarity and confidence.

We will continue to build on this focus throughout the term, as strong communication skills are essential not only for academic success but for life beyond school.

A Positive Start to the Term

It has truly been a brilliant start to the summer term. The enthusiasm, behaviour and attitudes to learning we have seen this week have been excellent, and we are very proud of all of our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference and helps us to provide the very best experiences for our children.

We are very much looking forward to the weeks ahead—if this week is anything to go by, it promises to be another exciting and successful term!

Regards

Mr Brown

Head Teacher

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