



# Tockwith

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

It is amazing to believe we have already been back for 2 weeks. It has been a pleasure to see the children return back to school full of stories about their adventures over the summer holidays. A special welcome to our new children and families at Tockwith. It has been great to see our 28 new starters settle so well into school life.

Over summer we transformed our decking area outside Reception and Year 1 into a new sensory garden, built with funding received from the National Lottery. The new Sensory Garden area includes a storytelling chair and seating, a sheltered area, picnic tables and planters.



Children in year 5 and 6 visited Eden Camp as part of their WW2 topic. The children had an amazing day experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of an original WW2 prisoner of war camp, taking the time to understand life on the front line as well as the home front experience. The children visited the huts as well as spending time in the mess eating lunch and being entertained by a puppet show.



There have been a couple of changes in our use of technology this year. We will no longer be using Bloomz - we will now be using Seesaw for communication between teacher and parents in relation to sharing photographs, recordings, messages and examples of children's work. Spellings, topic overview and homework grids will also be shared via Seesaw. Children can also record their homework via Seesaw.

We are also using an app called Parent Hub for all of the communication between school and parents. An app needs to be downloaded onto your phone or device for this - please contact the school office for information on how this works.



Year 3 and 4 will be visiting Brimham Rocks as part of their topic on rocks and volcanos. They will be investigating how Brimham Rocks were formed and having a guided tour around the site.

#### Dates for the Diary:

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
11 <sup>th</sup> October	IT Open Morning 9-9.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at church 11am
	Harvest Lunch at school at 11.45
25 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term