



NEWSLETTER



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear All,

Welcome back to the new academic year and our first newsletter of 2020-21! What a fantastic start to the year it has been! It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school and to see them playing and enjoying their learning with their friends. There have, of course, been some tweaks and adjustments to our plans over the last two weeks but the children have adapted brilliantly. Thanks also go to you as parents and our wonderful staff for being so adaptable and making changes really quickly. Hopefully we have overcome most of the teething problems now and can spend some time getting used to new routines and enjoying some wonderful learning experiences. There's lots to look forward to this term, in spite of the restrictions, as we enjoy being together again in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: The children have been settling in at Little Brown Hare, exploring the setting and getting to know each other. They have been enjoying the lovely weather as you can see from our photos below. This month's book is *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Blackbirds: In Blackbirds' class this week we have been experimenting with mixing colours to find out what we can make from red, blue and yellow. In maths, we have been working on number, doing lots of counting. Reception have been finding out about 1, 2 and 3 and year 1s have been finding one more and one less.

Wagtails: In Wagtails, we have been looking at the Spanish festival La Tomatina! It's essentially the biggest food fight in the world. We've looked at why they started to celebrate it in the first place and we were very surprised to see that it started over a brawl during an old carnival parade! We have been really working on our vocabulary as well this week and the children have written some incredible poems all about La Tomatina. I look forward to sharing their finished pieces in next week's newsletter.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been thinking about what travel means to them, where they have been, where they'd like to go and how people move from place to place. This week we created a funny kenning poem based on our class travel word bank. In maths we are working hard on times tables and revising Roman numerals. The children have been thinking about and discussing their lockdown experiences and are preparing items and work to go into the school Lockdown Time Capsule to be buried soon in the school grounds. Everyone has been fantastic in settling into the new routines and enjoying being together again.

SEND - Our latest SEN Information report is now on the website with our SEND policy. If you have any questions regarding either of these please contact the office who will be happy to help.

Our key question across the federation this term is **How do we look after ourselves and each other?** We will spend lots of time thinking about how to look after our physical and mental health. More details about our new Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum will be shared very soon.



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Think of the week

If you're happy to have a cake but sad when it's gone – does eating cake make you unhappy?

Nits We have a reported case of head lice amongst our younger children, please could you take the opportunity to check your child's hair this weekend? Thank you!

