



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear All,

What a busy half-term it has been in school. It has only been five weeks since our last holiday but changes with the numbers of children in school, remote learning and bubbles has meant it has been more tiring than most. I am incredibly grateful to **all** staff for their hard work and resilience they deserve a very well-earned break. Let's hope the sun shines and that we can all enjoy some time outdoors.

We have some more exciting and immersive topics planned for after the holidays and the classrooms will, once again, be transformed. More details follow below along with our key concepts and questions for the term.

I hope you are all able to have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare:** Our focus has been all about the children's wellbeing at Little Brown Hare these past three weeks. Children have been establishing a sense of belonging as they become familiar with the environment, re kindling friendships as they engage in old and new activities.

"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul" Friedrich Froebel 1782-1852

**Blackbirds:** In Blackbirds class, we have been learning about the Easter story, making Easter cakes and having a Forest School Easter egg hunt. In maths, we have been learning all about capacity and taking advantage of the nice weather to do lots of experimenting and measuring with the water outside. The children have also been designing their own dinosaurs and making stand up cardboard models of them. They have then used what we have learnt about dinosaur information writing and have written about their own dinosaurs. We are still looking at signs of spring and have been very excited to find tadpoles in the school pond. We are learning about parts of a tree, looking for new leaf buds and thinking about why the trees start to grow new leaves in the springtime.

**Wagtails:** We have been looking at the different fossils we can find along the Norfolk coast. We've even looked into which beaches you are most likely to find the different fossils. We've also spent time researching about the fossils and what the original animals would have looked like. We will end the week with designing and making our own fossils out of salt dough.

**Skylarks:** Breaking News! Skylarks have been planning, filming and broadcasting their own news as both newscasters in the studio and as correspondents in the field they have travelled to back in time (using Dr Who's Tardis of course!) to report on crimes in Roman Britain, Saxon Britain and in a North Norfolk Victorian Train station! They enjoyed seeing each other dressed up in 'smart' grown up clothes in their roles as reporters and learning to write scripts for TV. Well done to all the children for their help in supporting Comic Relief last Friday and for their amazing Red Nose Eggs!



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## Contact tracing

As a school we are still responsible for managing any positive Covid-19 cases over the holidays. If your child, or someone in your household, tests positive please could you email Mrs Watts - [head@bsf.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@bsf.norfolk.sch.uk) many thanks

## Red Nose Day Update

Thank you so much to everyone who donated or sponsored for our Comic Relief appeal. We raised an amazing £450 which for a small school is simply outstanding. Thank you!

## Topics for next term

Each term we choose key concepts as the basis for our curriculum which we will explore, helping the children to deepen their understanding. Our concepts for next term are: **belonging**, **diversity**, **sustainability** and **equality**. Our focus for the term is 'explore' which means lots of opportunities to develop our geographical knowledge and skills. Our key questions are as follow...

**Blackbirds** – Where does our food come from?

**Wagtails** – Is it ever right to change the environment?

**Skylarks** – Are we all free to roam?

If you have any skills or knowledge which you would like to share with the children, please contact your child's class teacher.

