



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear All,

It has been lovely to be able to enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather this week, creating lots of opportunities for learning outdoors. We are still limited to bubbles by government guidance but we hope that this will be relaxed at some point soon. I will keep you updated!

In school this week we have been reflecting on all of the qualities which make a good friend and finding ways to problem solve at playtimes. The children have engaged really well with this and it has been lovely to see them playing together in the sunshine.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class...**

**Little Brown Hare:** The children at Little Brown Hare have been extremely busy this week with the warmth of the sun energising us all. The mud kitchen became 'Doo Daa cafe' with many dishes being served up. There are many potential experiences to be had with the children exploring the physical transformations taking place and perfect for using their imagination. There have been many opportunities to plant up some seedlings and plants this week. We welcome any plants that need re-homing so if you have any extra please do drop them in to us. We also had a visit from Mrs Barry from Blackbird's class this week, it was lovely to see the children engage and feel at ease, serving Mrs Barry a variety of dishes from the 'Doo Daa Cafe'.

**Blackbirds:** This week in Blackbirds Class, the children have been starting to plan what they would like to grow and what a new school garden should look like. They have written lists of fruit and vegetables they would like to plant - carrots, tomatoes and apples seem to be the most popular things and drawn pictures of what they would like in the garden. They have been planting sunflower seeds and pricking out tomato plants at our potting table in the classroom. Out in the woods, we have carried on the plant learning by finding out about roots. The children have been digging up some small plants to see what their roots are like. We were amazed by the roots on a nettle! There has also been lots of busy counting going on in maths and a great deal of interest in building cars in the outdoor area.

**Wagtails:** We have been looking into what makes a great biography. We have used that knowledge to create our own biographies on Christopher Columbus. The class has really impressed me with their thirst for extra knowledge on Columbus and his voyages. We have also designed 15th century ships to see us on our travels across the Atlantic Ocean. The class were amazed to learn that the ships they sailed in 1492 were in fact merchant ships and the crew didn't even have their own beds and instead slept on the deck!

**Skylarks:** Another interesting week for Skylarks: researching Europe, mapping keys and symbols, route navigation and compass points! As busy geographers they are now focussing on Greece - modern and Ancient and they have even discovered a new Greek island! Skylarks are loving learning about the Greek myth - King Midas and the Golden Touch and have acted it out and come up with some fun actions to help us all learn the story. Skylarks even got to talk to and question the king! In Forest School they have been designing and making a woodland mascot and thinking about habitats and how living creatures adapt to their surroundings. Skylarks will have also had their first swim of the year!



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As mentioned last week, we are currently reviewing our vision and values for the school and would love to hear your thoughts. What do you think makes Erpingham a special place to learn.? What do you think it is important for your children to learn by the time they leave Year 6? Not just academically but what sort of person do you want them to be? Please follow this link to find the survey...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/535FPV7>

**Parents' Evenings** Don't forget that parents' consultations take place next Tuesday and Thursday. We have lots of replies still outstanding. Please return the slip to your class teacher to make sure you receive a slot.





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