



Friday 30th April 2021

Dear All,

It seems crazy to think that we have reached the end of April already. Time is flying by and it won't be too long before the next step in the release of lockdown when, hopefully, we will be able to relax some of our rules. In the meantime, thank you to everyone for remembering to stay socially distanced on site and for leaving promptly at the start and end of the day. We really do appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

It has been lovely to hear, once again, of the positive conversations which have taken place at parents' evenings this week. Thank you to all who 'attended'. As soon as we are able we will supplement these with an opportunity to look at children's books and to see their learning first hand.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: At Little Brown Hare we have been listening to the story 'Jaspers Beanstalk' which has inspired us to plant various beans and to use the tools safely. The children have been challenging themselves physically with many assault courses being constructed and climbing just a bit higher in the tree this week. Some signs have been made and the children helped choose where they needed to go, taking some ownership of the site, which helps to build their confidence.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds Class have been learning to tell the story of The Enormous Turnip and this week have been working together to write the story, with everyone doing a little section. We have also been drilling holes in pots ready for more planting and have been studying the plants that have already started to grow. Some of our beans have got roots and shoots and the children have been drawing their beans in their bean books, where they will be recording how they change over time. In science, we have been outside looking at flowers and finding out about 'Why do plants have flowers?' In maths, everyone has been busy putting numbers in order, finding one more and one less and playing number games. Playtimes this week have been on the little field, which Blackbirds Class have really enjoyed and there have been lots of very speedy running races going on.

Wagtails: This week in Wagtails we have finished our biographies on all things Columbus and have moved onto those key skills required for any explorer worth their salt. We have been looking at all manner of maps, atlases and websites and discovering about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. We've even started to delve to the very deepest parts of the Pacific Ocean and see the strange and wonderful species that live down in the darkness. We will be moving onto diary writing later this week and documenting our voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been enjoying hearing stories of old from the Ancient Greeks. They have been comparing and contrasting these stories with their prior knowledge of different religions around the world and how gods manifest themselves to their believers. The children have decided to enter a poetry competition and have learned about a Victorian parlour game based on a poem: The Minister's Cat. From this they have been drafting their own poems. Fingers crossed that they'll do well! Skylarks found answers to their own questions too by using their data handling skills such as What is the most popular film genre? And What career paths do you hope to take when you are older?



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Traffic As a school community, we all have a responsibility to make sure that all our children are safe on their journeys to and from school. School Road is narrow and twisty in places and it is **vital** that everyone drives slowly and carefully. It is fantastic that so many families are walking or biking to school but their journeys can sometimes be made unsafe by cars driving too fast. Please take care on the roads so that we can keep everyone safe.



Dates for your diary

Skylarks Swimming - Fridays - 21st May, 11th June, 25th June, 9th July

Year 6 Surf School – Tuesdays- 11th May, 25th May, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June, 5th July

School Photos – Thursday 27th May

Aylsham High School Year 6 Transition Days – 30th June and 1st & 2nd of July

Half Term 31st May to 4th June.

Last Day of Term Wednesday 21st July.



Is your child interested in nature? Would they like the opportunity to write about what they know? The Guardian newspaper is on the hunt for any young nature lovers. Follow this link for more information

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/apr/23/nature-lovers-guardian-young-country-diary-writers?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other



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