



Friday 16th April 2021

Dear All,

Well, we have been back for a week but it feels like we have never been away! All of the children have settled back into school and their learning quickly and are already getting stuck into their new topics. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday with some opportunities to enjoy time together, in spite of the weather!

At the moment we are reviewing our vision and values for the school and would love to hear your thoughts. We are sharing an online questionnaire which will allow you to tell us what you think makes Northtrepps a special place to learn. We also want to know what 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? We would really appreciate your contributions. Please follow this link to find the survey...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/53CKMQ9>

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Pre-school: We have had a lot of chats and interest in life cycles this week. The children have been talking about mummies and their babies and who matches with whom. They were especially fascinated when we studied some whelk egg cases that Tracey had found on the beach. Some children have also been observing the effects running has on their bodies and liked feeling how it made their heart beat faster.

Acorn: Acorn class have missed Mrs Macmillan this week but have still settled in really well to their learning. They have worked hard in phonics and maths, including learning about odd and even numbers. The children have also started their new topic, learning all about our wonderful world. They have been talking about continents and oceans and using maps to identify countries. We have also enjoyed trying on lots of different hats as we begin to think about our new story 'Monkey see, Monkey do'.

Oak: This week in Oak class we have started our new Topic, 'Are we free to roam?' The children have learnt about the 8 points on a compass and how grid references can help us locate places easily on a map. We have also been practicing our Times Tables each day with fun games. Splitting the class first things has really helped us to focus in on the needs of the children and they have all worked really hard in Maths and Key Skills – a great start to the term!

Mrs Macmillan

Mrs Macmillan hasn't been in school this week as her son has tragically died after suffering from severe depression. All our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Macmillan and her family at this incredibly difficult time.

We are doing our very best to ensure that teaching in Acorn is as consistent as possible and are using planning from Erpingham so that the children's learning and progress will continue.





Parents Consultations

Parents meetings for Oak class will take place in the week beginning the 26th of April. Once again we will be offering phone calls or Zoom meetings. More details to follow next week. Parents of children in Acorn class will be able to arrange a meeting with Mrs Watts if there are any specific concerns. Unfortunately, we won't be able to offer full parents' meetings this time. Thank you for your understanding.

