



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear All,

I'm sure you will have heard the announcements from the Prime Minister on Monday about the delay to the end of distancing measures etc. Unfortunately, this news means we won't be able to welcome parents onto site for our usual end of term celebrations such as Sports Day and our church service. We are very sad about this but will ensure that the events still continue for the children. We will take lots of photos and videos and will create montages for you to see as we have done before. I know this will not be how anyone wanted to end the year but, hopefully, it will mean we can have a fresh start when we return in September.

Elsewhere, the weather has moved quickly from one extreme to the other this week. Please make sure your children are prepared for every eventuality with sun cream, hats and waterproof coats!!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

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

**Little Brown Hare:** This week we have been exploring the many loose parts we have at the setting. Using natural objects the children placed leaves, shells, feathers and any object they chose inside a hoop making faces, patterns and pictures. They were able to use their imagination and find their own ways to present their ideas. Loose parts enable the children to think creatively, to try out possibilities, to problem solve and to find new ways of doing things. The children had time to really observe the objects they were handling and engage in a fully sensory experience too.

**Blackbirds:** Blackbirds Class have been getting ready for our visit to the foodbank next week. The children have been thinking about what the foodbank might be like inside and what jobs people do there. They have been learning about using question marks and have written questions to ask when we are there. One of the questions will be, "What food do you need us to collect?" The children would like to collect some food for the food bank, so look out towards the end of next week for a box and for posters of what they need. In maths, we have been learning about halves. The children have been cutting playdough cakes in half, finding half of a numicon piece or filling half a chocolate box. They have been sharing out cupcakes to find halves and matching up halves of shapes. This is the start of learning about fractions and is harder than it sounds! In science, we have been answering the question, "How many different sorts of creatures can we find living under one log?" The children have also been enjoying being outside on the sunny days and building lots of different vehicles.

**Wagtails:** We have been learning all about the Native Americans. We first visited the Cherokee tribe and learnt all about their beliefs and the way they believe everything has a spirit even after life. We spent a bit of time looking at their multi-purpose tomahawks and even designed our own. The next tribe we met and investigated was the Apache tribe from the Great Plains. We were pleased to find out that although they were very fierce warriors, they didn't mind telling us all about their culture including their huge respect for bears, or as they call them 'uncle/father'. During our trip, some of the crew were struggling to get a good night's sleep so we chatted with the Lakota tribe of southern Canada and found out all about their dream catchers. The class had great fun creating their own dream catchers having learned all about their origins.

**Skylarks:** Skylarks have been asked to become expert in sustainability issues relating to the question 'Should people explore and products travel?' The children have been surprised at the impact and implication of the distances our food travels around to get to our shops here in the U.K. There's nearly 1000 miles in one pizza! Surfing for the Y6's continues to gain momentum and many are now up on the boards and going for it! Please can everyone check they have all the right kit for the right days including forest, swimming and surfing days, thank you.



# NEWSLETTER



## Dates for your diary

**Skylarks Swimming** - Fridays - 25<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**Year 6 Surf School** – Tuesdays - 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July  
**Aylsham High School Year 6 Transition Days** – CANCELLED

**Reports Home** - Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Last Day of Term** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.



**Village Fete** Unfortunately the fete on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July has had to be moved into the summer holidays due to the government's recent announcement.

