



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Dear All,

First of all, I would like to say welcome back and I hope you had a very happy new year! It has been lovely to see everyone back for the start of our new spring term and staff have been busy planning lots of creative learning opportunities and experiences for their classes.

We have had a lovely first week back at school, full of excitement around new topics and activities. This term is our *Discovery Term* and our topics all have a history focus to them. You will have received information around what your child will be learning from the class teachers and this information can also be found on the website. As a whole school, we will be exploring our concepts of *Dreams* and *Responsibilities* and the children have already started to think about their own dreams and responsibilities. We are very much looking forward to the term and seeing how these topics and concepts will develop in each class. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs E Sacre – Deputy Headteacher

#### This week in class...

**Little Brown Hare:** The children have settled back into LBH really well and are engaging with self chosen and 'in the moment' activities. For instance discovering some ice on site and then being keen to show others what they had found, we chatted about how ice forms, one child thought a bit of ice looked like a unicorn, we then got the water colour paints out so the children could paint the ice they had found. Another child led activity was when a child wanted to know if his length of guttering was taller than his friends, so lots of mathematical language and problem solving, with a adult close by to extend their knowledge and ensure all remain safe. We have also been watching and identifying birds that share our site, looking up close to a crow and making some bird cake to keep our feathered friends warm.

**Blackbirds:** Blackbirds class have all come back to school full of enthusiasm for learning about our new topic. Our question is "How do we get from here to there". We will be finding out all about transport through history. To start the term, the children have been thinking about what they know already and what different sorts of transport there are. We looked at transport pictures by the artist Julian Opie and made paper cars and houses in the style of his art. The children are enjoying using these in their imaginative play. The children have also been set a transport challenge for the term - how many different sorts of transport can we travel on before Easter? Already some of the children have been sending in photos for our transport challenge wall, with forms of transport including bus, van, rollerblades and go-kart. The children have also been enjoying our new classroom layout, which has lots of places for experimenting with transport layouts, marble runs and role play.

**Wagtails:** It's been a great start back to the new term and the class are very excited by our new topic on the Romans. As we have recently joined a Roman legion stationed in France, we've been finding out all about Roman society and who had power, respect and wealth and who didn't. We were surprised to learn that gladiators and Roman soldiers were not very high up the in the rankings. We've also been looking at how important it is to help others no matter our differences.

**Skylarks:** Skylarks have a new and exciting topic this term discovering the world of Ancient Egypt. This week they have been investigating Egypt in 2022 and have created a fact presentation on the Chromebooks. Our key question is...'Is it ok to dream big?' and the children have already begun to consider this in the light of well-known people in the past and what has been the impact, negative and positive, of their dreams e.g. Elon Musk, Adolf Hitler and Greta Thunberg. After working so hard last term Skylarks have earned a class reward and have chosen to hold a Pets at School week; more information for how to sign up for this has already been sent home. As well as this, look out for our new style Home Learning menu too!



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**From Mrs Watts** I just wanted to write a note to say that I hope everyone has had a great start to term. It sounds like there has been lots of exciting learning going on already. Hopefully I will be able to return to school soon but in the meantime a big thank you to everyone who has been keeping things running so well in my absence.

**Friends of Erpingham Primary** Our first meeting of the new year is taking place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January after morning drop-off. All parents and friends of the main school or Little Brown Hare are very welcome to attend and we would love to see lots of you there as we discuss fundraising ideas for the term ahead.

**This term's learning** You should receive copies of this term's knowledge organisers and homework sheets. These can be found on the website if needed.

**Flexi Schooling** Thank you so much to all the parents who have added their children's flexi learning to Tapestry. It has been lovely to see the breadth of their work. Please keep this up as we move into the new term.

## Dates for your diary

**Year 6 Forest School** – Wednesdays 19<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Year 5 Forest School** – Wednesdays 26<sup>th</sup> January and 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 4 Forest School** – Thursdays 27<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 2/3 Forest School** – Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February

**Blackbirds Forest School** – every Tuesday afternoon

**Skylarks Swimming** - Fridays January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>

**Reception height and weight checks** – Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> **Cancelled**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Census Day, all Flexi children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to attend school please

**Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Skylarks Pets Week

**End of half term** – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 6 STEAM afternoon at Gresham's School in Holt

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Skylarks to Norwich Castle (Egyptian Day)





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