



Friday 13th May 2022

Dear All,

This week the Year 6s have been sitting their SATs tests. We have kept them as low key as we usually do but it has been a real pleasure to see the determination shown by every one of them as they all did their very best. Thank you to Mr Portas, Mrs Barker, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Forton for all their hard work in supporting the children. There will soon be lots more exciting things for Skylarks to look forward to this term, including a fantastic end of term performance.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: A very kind lady in the village brought us some enormous boxes to play with this week and we have had a wonderful time. One box became a castle another a cave, the children used their imagination and worked together to create a variety of play scenarios and occasionally it was somewhere to just chill out for a bit. Imaginative play is central to children's development, enabling them to develop an understanding of the world around them.

Blackbirds: We have been working on the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff in Blackbirds Class. The children have memorised the story really well and they are now writing their own versions, including speech bubbles to help the story along. It is really good to see how the children have internalised the text and are able to then retell it in their own words. They are also really enjoying acting out the story in their play, including all the speech from the story and some very scary trolls! In our topic work, we are finding out about what animals live around our school. We went around the school grounds looking for evidence of animals and logging them on a map of the school. We found all sorts of things - mole hills, rabbit droppings, mouse holes, bird feathers. In the forest school area, we found a kestrel pellet underneath the kestrel box (where a kestrel is nesting!) The pellet was really interesting and we found lots of little bones and bits of animal in it. We found out that kestrels are definitely carnivores! On Tuesday, the Blackbirds went on a wonderful visit to Norwich Cathedral. It was such an interesting day and the Blackbirds were beautifully behaved and worked really hard.

Wagtails: This week in Wagtails we have been writing our poems all about the school and its surrounding area. We started by looking at and learning a poem all about Cromer beach. By doing this we were able to see all of the different poetic devices we might want to use along with imaginative vocabulary. The children particularly liked using similes which they used to great effect in their own poems.

Skylarks: Skylarks Y6's had another really busy week as they took their SATs. We were all super proud of how they all approached them showing resilience and determination to do their best. Wagtails, Blackbirds and Little Brown Hares also reported that the Y5's were fantastic in supporting and engaging with the younger children. Well done everyone! The children have been challenged to create a 'Fantasy World' in topic requiring them to draw upon their science knowledge and understanding of living things and what sustains life and adaptation of plants and animals. They will finally build a mini version of this new world and they may ask for your help sourcing materials from home. Our classroom 'biomes' are coming on and you will be invited towards the end of the term to come and enjoy and explore the fruits of their learning.

Forest School News We have had a very busy time putting up new things to climb and hang on around our woods. The children have been practicing their timber hitches to hoist and tie up the ropes and hammocks. The children have also had fun crafting and making felt bags and sashes to wear around the wood as part of their games.



Dates for your diary

Year 6 Forest School – Wednesday 18th of May

Year 5 Forest School – Wednesday 25th of May

Y2/3 Forest School – Thursday 26th of May

Year 4 Forest School – Thursday 19th of May

Blackbirds' Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon

Baking club group 2 – Thursday 19th and 26th of May

Wagtails swimming – Friday 20th of May

Year 6 surfing – Thursdays 19th, 26th of May and 16th of June

Drama Club – 16th and 23rd of May

Summer Census Day (all flexi children in school) Thursday 19th of May





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