



Friday 24th June 2022

Dear All,

It has been another beautiful week in the sunshine and we have been very grateful for the shadiness of the trees on our amazing site. The children have spent lots of time outdoors and it has been great to be able to make the most of the countryside and beaches around us.

You will see from my letter this morning that Mr Kimpton has been appointed as Lead Teacher for Erpingham. This is very exciting – congratulations to him. I know that his enthusiasm and passion for learning will be an incredible support for Mrs Sacre as she steps up to Executive Headteacher. A dream team! I am grateful to be able to leave knowing the school will be in such safe hands.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: We talk a lot about mark making in the Early Years, especially as it is the beginning of a child's journey towards writing. We provide many opportunities for children to make marks at LBH, using a variety of tools and materials. This can be chalks on the playground or strategically place blackboards, painting activities, dry sand, gloop or foam in a tray, using a white board, marking the wood before we cut during woodwork, sticks in the mud and patterns in the clay or play dough along with many more. With some of our older pre-schoolers we are now seeing some wonderful artwork which is lovely to see and celebrate. Nature update - the Wrens are busy feeding their young in the amphitheatre, we enjoy watching them as we eat our lunch. The Kestrels are getting ready to fledge the nest box, we have had many sightings the last few days as they sit on the ledge stretching their wings. The tadpoles continue to grow with some of them getting their back legs now.

Blackbirds: We are still learning about the minibeasts that live around us in the local environment. This week, the children have been out bug hunting, looking for members of different invertebrate groups. They looked very carefully and found examples of insects, arachnids, crustaceans, myriapods and molluscs. There was lots of counting of legs to work out which group the creatures belonged to. Last week, the children worked together to make printed tissue paper and this week, we have used them to create beautiful imaginary minibeast pictures. The children have then been doing information writing about their minibeasts.

Wagtails: We have had a very busy week in Wagtails with year 3 and 4 doing NFER tests in the morning and pressing on with our topic in the afternoon. We've been looking at UK mountain ranges and individual mountains. The class have really enjoyed finding out all about the different areas of high altitude around the UK using topographical maps. We have also been looking at the 3 peaks challenge and discussing the difficulties in getting to the summit of all 3 within 24 hours! It's also been lovely getting outside and enjoying the beautiful weather whilst practising drawing techniques under the shade of the trees

Skylarks: Skylarks have had another busy week rehearsing, singing, and dancing! We have sent home a suggestion for what they can wear. Please can you help your child gather a costume and props together and bring into school by Friday 8th July at the latest, thank you. Y6 surfing was the last one this week, but everyone was super impressed with how they have all come on so much in terms of skills but also in confidence in the water. Y6's had a double water whammy and were at the beach for their Forest Day!



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Forest School News This week in FS we got to go to the beach as part of Year 6 final term planning! We had a lovely time swimming, digging and creating stone families! We had a full day of games with Year 4 who created their own games which we all enjoyed going round and playing all together! Great work guys- super team work and patience from all!

Dates for your diary

Year 6 Forest School – Wednesdays 6th and 20th of July

Year 5 Forest School – Wednesdays 29th of June, and 13th of July

Year 4 Forest School - Thursdays 7th and 21st of July

Y2/3 Forest School – Thursdays 30th of June and the 14th of July

Blackbirds' Forest School – every Tuesday afternoon

Year 6 reports out – Tuesday 28th of June

Year 6 transition days at AHS – Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th of June and Friday 1st of July

Jump-up mornings (transition) – Thursday 30th of June and Friday 1st of July

Other reports out – Friday 1st of July

Arts' Week – Week beginning 4th of July

Sports Afternoon – Tuesday 5th of July @ 1.30pm

Friends' Summer Fayre – Tuesday 5th of July – after school

Family Learning - Thursday 7th of July

Messy Church – Friday 22nd July, 2pm @ St Mary's Church – all welcome!

End of Term – Friday 22nd of July





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