



Friday 4th November 2022

Dear All,

It has been a lovely week back following the half term break. The children have all come back enthusiastic and ready for learning and fun. It is always a pleasure to look back over a half term and see how much progress the children have been making and we are looking forward to another jam packed half term!

As the weather is getting more wintery please could you make sure your child has indoor shoes or slippers in school everyday.

Please see the last page of the newsletter for all the upcoming dates for this half term.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - We have come back from our half term break full of energy, the extra hour in bed has probably helped. The children have been busy engaging with many activities from splatter painting, woodwork, muddy puddle jumping, shaving foam sensory play, worm charming and the ever popular play dough which has been black this week with acorns and leaves added to the mix. The focus stories this month are 'Dear Zoo' and 'It was a cold, dark night'

Blackbirds - In Blackbirds, we have been exploring the colours of autumn. The children have been experimenting with leaf printing and have been chopping, sieving, crushing, grating and snipping plants, berries and vegetables to make nature paints. The paints were a lot of fun to make and we discovered that the best colour came from the beetroot.

Wagtails - It's been a great start back for Wagtails this week. We have been looking at food chains and how different organisms get their energy. The class were excited to learn that all food chains start with producers that get their energy from the sun. We explored lots of different food chains and looked at the scientific vocabulary when labeling them. It's been great to see so many of the class share their knowledge about different weird and wonderful animals they know about with their friends. We also had a great session on celebrating our similarities and differences in PSHE this week.

Skylarks - This week... Skylarks have all come back really excited about their learning focussed on the creation of a puppet inspired film entitled 'Can one person change the world?' We have been busy working on rounding very large numbers to one million too! In science the children are investigating materials and their properties. Please can you help your child find small samples of different materials in and around the home to create an amazing piece of art...perhaps like a mosaic? The theme is Movement e.g. insects, clouds, trains or what about a firework display! It would be lovely to see the final piece or have a photo to share in class.

Next week...for those who'd like to 'warm up' the maths topic is recognising equivalent fractions



Forest School News - Y5 all agreed that our Northrepps wood was a lot of fun. They all welcomed the change of woods. One of the main reasons they loved the woods was the river. They all made boats, getting more and more imaginative with sails and anchors among some creations! Some enjoyed lighting the fire and building a wooden wall to protect it from the wind. We also had fun racing along logs and crafting with clay.

On Thursday with Y2 we had a focus on sharing our energy balls. We discussed how they are meant to be a reflection of how we feel inside, some asked if they could say anything, even when they feel sad? All agreed that all feelings are welcomed to be shared round the circle because it's true to us. Sharing will help each other to support our friends when they don't feel so good or celebrate with them when they feel bright and strong. We also discussed how in forest school we have time to find ways to explore our feelings in other ways too, like drawing and making. We also talked about how being outside can give our minds space to move and think. We will continue to encourage sharing and build on self regulation and sharing.

Friends of Erpingham Primary School

Can you believe Christmas is really coming now! We have two exciting dates for your diary... on Wed 30th November there will be a festive Polar Express themed movie night after school and on Wed 7th December we have our fantastic Winter Wonderland, complete with Father Christmas and lots more. We are on the hunt for raffle prizes and there will be a box in the playground/reception to collect items, so please bring in any donations... thanks in advance!

With the money you have raised, we have been able to purchase a brand new mud kitchen for playtimes. We will be revealing it next Tuesday morning at drop off along with a "Kitchen Utensil Amnesty"! It looks fantastic, but needs some accessories. So please have a look in your kitchen cupboards and bring any unwanted items in on the morning. For example, wooden spoons, large plastic / metal utensils, plastic bowls, lightweight saucepans.

PS the cut off for handing in Christmas card designs is Monday.... Please make your order online, instructions are on the form you received.

If you are heading off to fireworks this weekend CBBC newsround have made a top tips video about staying safe this Bonfire Night!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63510581>





PE/Forest School/Swimming

Blackbirds

Tuesday afternoons Forest School – Please can children come to school in Forest School kits – waterproofs and wellies should be kept in school.

Friday PE – Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers.

Wagtails

Wednesday PE - Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers

Every other Thursday Forest School - Please can children come to school in Forest School kits and bring packed lunch. See dates below for which week your child has Forest School.

Skylarks

Monday PE (unless swimming that week) - Please can children come to school in PE kits and trainers.

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Diary Dates:

Tuesday 8th November - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 9th November - **Year 6 Forest School & Family learning Afternoon**

Thursday 10th November - **Year 3/4 Forest School**

Friday 11th November - **Skylarks Swimming**

Monday 14th November - **Skylarks Visit to the Children's Book Centre**

Tuesday 15th November - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 16th November **Year 5 Forest School**

Thursday 17th November - **Year 2 Forest School**

Friday 18th November - **Children In Need Day - wear something spotty!**

Tuesday 22nd November - **Wagtails visit to Amazona Zoo & Black birds Forest School**

Wednesday 23rd November - **Year 6 Forest School**

Thursday 24th November - **Year 3/4 Forest School** (Parents of Year 3 and 4 Forest School Open Afternoon from 2pm)

Friday 25th November - **Skylarks Swimming**

Saturday 26th November - **Stargazing at Hanworth Memorial Hall 6pm - Adults £5 under 16s free**

Monday 28th November - **Parent's Evenings this week**

Tuesday 29th November - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 30th November - **Bikeability Skylarks & Friends Festive Movie Night**

Thursday 1st December - **Bikeability Skylarks & Year 2 Forest School**

Friday 2nd December - **Visit from Cat's Protection Charity**

Tuesday 6th December - **Blackbirds Forest School**

Wednesday 7th December - **Year 6 Forest School & Friends Winter Wonderland!**

Thursday 8th December - **Year 3/4 Forest School**

Friday 9th December - **Skylarks Swimming**

Monday 12th December - **Whole School visit to the Sheringham Pantomime!**

Tuesday 13th December - **Christmas Concert and Nativity** (No Forest School for Blackbirds)

Wednesday 14th December - **Christmas Jumper day & Year 5 Forest School** (am only)

Thursday 15th December - **Year 2 Forest School (am only)** & Christmas lunch and parties - wear party clothes.

Friday 16th December - **Messy Church 2pm** & End of Term



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