



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear All,

Thank you to all of you who were able to come to our Harvest Service this morning and for all of your generous donations to the foodbank this week. We will continue to be collecting for the foodbank for the week after half term before we take everything to the foodbank on the Friday.

We have had such a lovely half term full of learning and fun so I would like to say a very big well done to all of the children. You have made an amazing start to the year! We hope you all have a lovely half term.

Thank you for all of your support.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

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

**Little Brown Hare** - This week at Little Brown Hare we noticed that our sunflower had fallen over and we used thinking skills to imagine what might have happened...Was it the wind or rain or even a troll?! We used the sunflowers to do some printing, making wonderful patterns, shapes and designs. As part of our theme, Little Red Hen, we baked some cupcakes, and unlike the characters in the story, we all helped each other, stirring the ingredients, spooning the mixture and taking turns. As half term approaches we see how well the children have settled into Pre-school, confidently choosing activities they find interesting and engaging in their own child centred play.

**Blackbirds** - Blackbirds Class have been very busy this week writing about The Little Red Hen. The year one children have made books with stories about her and the reception children have drawn pictures of her and the other animals and have added their own writing. Everyone has been working hard to have a go at writing and to be independent. The Little Red Hen also asked us this week if we would help her with her bread. Luckily, the children were much more helpful than the animals in the story and they all had a go at making bread rolls - which were delicious!

**Wagtails** - This week in Wagtails we have been looking at the different types of skeleton. The class were particularly interested in hydrostatic skeletons (watching an octopus squeeze through a tiny glass tube was probably the deciding factor!) We've also looked at the pros and cons of each skeleton type and debated on which one was the most effective in everyday life. The year 2s were tasked with creating a class poem all about Autumn and harvest. They thought really carefully about all of the things we see around this time of year and pushed themselves with their ambitious vocabulary.



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**Skylarks** - We have been super busy in Skylarks this week, continuing our own versions of Pinocchio and giving them their final polish. We've been having fun with retelling traditional tales orally and bringing them to life with drama. The Year 6s took part in 'Crucial Crew' hosted at Gresham's, running again for the first time since COVID. This is an interactive safety experience which gives them the opportunity to participate in a number of different scenarios to recreate situations of crime or danger. Covering scenarios like internet safety, waking up in a burning building, trying their hands at CPR and recognising the importance of mental health and stress-relief techniques, the morning will be long-remembered! We've also started work on our puppet tales, on the theme of 'Can one person change the world?'

*Coming up after half term...*

We will be diving into designing and making our puppets and starting to consider the sets, props and filming techniques we'll need to tell our puppet stories. In maths we'll be looking at rounding numbers up to 1,000,000, to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 100,000.

**Forest School News** - Year 6 had fun hunting and counting up all the spiders and autumn treasures around the wood. We loved munching the chestnuts that we collected. Some whittled spears and others created some conker and pipe cleaner creations. We shared our energy balls round the fire circle as we all agreed we felt a bit foggy. We also made honey comb on the fire and enjoyed smashing it up when it had cooled! Yum!

Year 3/4 also loved hunting for the autumn treasures in teams working together to find them all! We sat round the fire and tasted the chestnuts we had collected. Some had a go cutting them so they wouldn't burst out our pot! We practiced listening to the wood and sharing what we could hear. We also got crafting fairies and conker spiders. No one complained about the rain today so well done on super resilience!

## Family Learning Afternoon

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm**

Please come along to our first Family Learning Afternoon of the year.

The children will be in their Houses making their very own scarecrows!

Look out for further information coming soon.

## Park and Walk!

A big thank you to the church who have kindly given parents and carers permission to park at the church at drop off and pick up times. Please do park and walk if you are able to.



## **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**

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**Open Afternoons to share your child's learning, Parent's Consultations & Family Learning Afternoon will all take place after half term**





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