



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear All,

It's been a very busy week at Erpingham Primary, with lots going on. We have enjoyed sharing the children's progress with you all this week with our parent consultations. It was so lovely to be able to offer face to face meetings again and share the children's work. In line with Wagtails' topic, we were lucky enough to have Cats Protection come in to talk to the whole school about cat care and behaviour.

Please see a list of our christmas activities further down the newsletter,

Best Wishes

Mr L Kimpton, Lead Teacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - Young children need plentiful opportunities to repeat, revisit and play with their ideas. We are working with the notion of 'slowness', attending to the detail and richness in everything children do." Natural Play Principle - Child-paced learning

The quote above goes with my observation of a child at LBH this week, threading leaves onto a stick, an activity that was adult led a few weeks ago and then child initiated, revisited to consolidate the learning.

Over the next few weeks there will be many Christmas craft activities that the children can choose to participate in, however there is always time to connect in nature and escape the business of the festivities. Please ensure your child has plenty of layers to keep warm, two pairs of sock are needed now the temperature is dropping. We have the stove to keep us warm, perfect for toasting a bagel or crumpet for snack too.





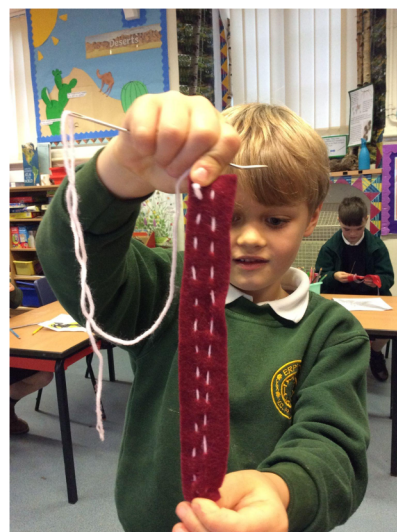
This week in class...

Blackbirds - This week in Blackbirds Class we have been doing lots of writing. We have written about our beautiful tie-dyed t-shirts, writing about our different feelings and writing speech bubbles for some colour monsters we have designed. In maths, we have been busy learning about 2D shapes - learning their names, sorting them and making pictures and patterns with them. This week has also seen the start of advent, so we have learnt all about why and how Christians celebrate Advent and everyone was excited to receive a special advent calendar - a bag of books with one to open each day of advent, on loan to us from Father Christmas' North Pole library.



This week in class...

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been working hard on our final display piece for our exhibition on Monday 5th December. The children have really outdone themselves with their sewing skills and attention to detail. The class then made backdrops for each of their animals showing how its habitat is being affected by things such as global warming, deforestation and plastics. We will be finishing off with a piece of persuasive writing to encourage people to help protect animals and their habitat.



This week in class...

Skylarks - This week...The puppets are now starting to take on a life of their own - eyes, mouths, crazy hair and moving arms and legs! The children have been learning how to write clear and specific instructions for puppet making in their writing. We received and enjoyed a lovely reply to our formal letters sent to the Norwich Puppet Theatre. Some Skylarks impressed us with their knowledge and skills in Bike-ability week.

Next week...practice your 8x tables where you can. We will be moving onto adding and subtracting any two fractions.



Winter Wonderland - Wednesday 7th December

Tickets to see Father Christmas are £5, including a gift and a hot chocolate.

Can you volunteer on the day? Please speak to one of the Friends on the playground.

If you have any raffle prizes, these can be given to one of the Friends or handed in to the office.





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:

Monday 5th December - Flu catch up clinic 12.30pm **WAGTAILS EXHIBITION @2pm**

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 Snow White 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 - Collect from the church