



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear All,

What a busy and lovely half term we have had! The children have all worked so hard and we are extremely proud of them all, I'm sure they are ready for well deserved rest over half term!

As you know, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Fenner last week but we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Ward to our office team after half term. We are also very excited to officially welcome Martin Ottley as our new caretaker! Welcome to our School!

Have a lovely half term everyone.
Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - The children have many opportunities for mark making at LBH. Often a sensory and physical experience, creating patterns, lines, textures and shapes and fundamentally it is a basis for developing writing skills. This week the children have shown a lot of interest in drawing, painting and chalking, just a few activities that were photographed, I have also seen sticks being used in the digging area, wet clay and chalk painted on a variety of surfaces, trees and planks etc along with the pencils, pens and paper that are always available. Some of the older children are showing an interest in writing their name, when this happens we follow their lead by supporting them to form the letters they want.

Blackbirds - In Blackbirds Class this week, we have had a family learning afternoon. It was so good to see lots of family members coming in to do writing with the children. We made books about our houses with photos, flaps, drawing and writing. The classroom was very full! Thank you to everyone who came along to the event.

We have been enjoying some slightly sunnier afternoons this week and it has meant that we have been able to use our outdoor area really well. There has been all sorts of construction going on, including a McDonalds and an archway.

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been designing and making our own Viking longships! We looked at lots of different designs of sails, shields and prows to feed into our designs before we set about constructing them. They will make a brilliant display when they are all finished as they sail across the North sea from Scandinavia to Britain! We've also been recapping on all of the things we have learned this half term and it has been wonderful to hear the children not only remembering it but also talking passionately about their learning.

Skylarks - This week...Skylarks continue their journey into the past. In Tudor times they learnt that life was certainly not easy especially for the poor. In comparing punishments, Skylarks noticed that the Tudors included many more tortuous ways to punish their criminals than the Victorians. This was usefully contrasted when the local P.C. Joey Mozzetta visited Skylarks class to talk with them about more modern crime prevention methods as well as presenting an informative session detailing the facts of law for children up to the age of 18. The history challenge this week has been to keep all these events in chronological order on a time line...trickier than you think! The children also enjoyed a library visit despite the book sale being postponed where they were tasked to select some new historical books for the school library.



NEWSLETTER



Forest School News -

On Wednesday Little Brown Hare came to visit Year 6 in the woods for a play. We had a lovely time climbing, and swinging. We enjoyed a big fire with sticky marshmallows on sticks! After lunch we discussed and started planning our last few terms and what we want to do and where we would like to go. We had fun in the afternoon chilling in the hammocks in the sunshine with hot water bottles.

Thursday was a full itinerary for Year 2/3/4. We played birds and collected loads of coloured worms round the wood. We discussed how many skills we had to use to play this team game including knotting, maths and perseverance! We had a go at Nordic braiding and weaving. In the afternoon we learnt how to do a timber hitch to tie our hammocks up and enjoyed chilling in the sun.





DIARY DATES

Monday 20th February - Skylarks PE

Tuesday 21st February - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 22nd February - Year 5 Forest School - Reception Height and Weight Screening

Thursday 23rd February - Year 2 Forest School **SATS CLUB**

Friday 24th February - Wagtails Swimming

Monday 27th February - Skylarks PE

Tuesday 28th February - Blackbirds Forest School **SATS CLUB**

Wednesday 1st March - Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 2nd March - Year 3-4 Forest School - **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Friday 3rd March -

Monday 6th March - Skylarks PE

Tuesday 7th March - Blackbirds Forest School **Book Swap Day**

Wednesday 8th March - Year 5 Forest School

Thursday 9th March - **Wagtails Class to Norwich Castle Vikings Day!** **SATS CLUB**

Friday 10th March - Wagtails Swimming **Skylarks visit to Magistrates Court** **HOW HILL 3rd PAYMENT DEADLINE**

SCIENCE WEEK:

Monday 13th March - Skylarks PE **Engineering workshops**

Tuesday 14th March - Blackbirds Forest School **Science Boffins workshops** **SATS CLUB**

Wednesday 15th March - Year 6 Forest School **Whole School Family Learning**

Thursday 16th March - Year 3-4 Forest School **Year 6 Greshams STEM competition**

Friday 17th March - **Red Nose Day**

Monday 20th March - Skylarks PE

Tuesday 21st March - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 22nd March - Year 5 Forest School **Parent Evening in School**

Thursday 23rd March - Year 2 Forest School **SATS CLUB** **Parent Evening Online**

Friday 24th March - Wagtails Swimming

Monday 27th March - Skylarks PE

Tuesday 28th March - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 29th March - **Blackbirds visit to Norwich Cathedral** Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 30th March - Year 3-4 Forest School

Friday 31st March - **Messy Church**