



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear All,

I hope you are all keeping warm and safe in the cold weather we are having. At school we love exploring outdoors and taking advantage of all the learning opportunities nature and the weather provides. There has been lots of exploring in the frost and ice this week! With this in mind, please do make sure your child has a warm coat and wellies in school. The children also need lots of layers, extra socks, hats and gloves for Forest School days so they are nice and warm for their learning.

Please do take extra care on the roads outside of school in the mud and ice.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - We have been noticing the changes in our environment with the dip in temperature this week, going out on the field for a crunchy crisp walk, moving to keep ourselves warm. We found frozen leaves and tear drops on the fence, ice on the bug hotel with the children enjoying the sensory experience as they touched the surfaces. We placed toys in vessels of water to discover overnight they had frozen solid and experimented with painting the ice.



This week in class...

Skylarks - This week...As writers, Skylarks have been honing their descriptive language skills and attempting to include lots of figurative language: ambitious vocabulary, similes, metaphor, personification and alliteration! In their topic work they have been travelling back in their time machines to take a peek at how life was like for Vikings with some very interesting results!

Look out for Y6 SATs club letters that have come home this week.

Next week...Short division including dividing a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number and dividing with remainders. Year 6's will also investigate ratios.



This week in class...

Blackbirds - In Blackbirds Class, we have been taking advantage of the cold weather to find out more about winter weather and freezing. We headed out into the forest school area to see what signs of winter we could see. It was all looking very wintry, with frozen ground, bare trees, frost and ice and a frozen lake. The children especially liked how we could make sticks bounce and slide across the surface of the pond without breaking the ice.

In class we have been learning about the artist Rachel Whiteread, who uses moulds and casts in her artwork to show the space inside buildings and objects. The children have had a good time using different pots and moulds to make playdough shapes and we set up an experiment to see if we could make water freeze into the shape of the container it was in. We left all our pots of water out overnight. Some of them froze and some of them didn't, which gave us lots of think about.



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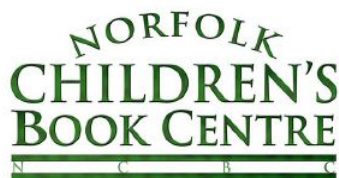
Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been working on persuasive writing and formal letters. We have been looking at the features a formal letter has and how we can structure our own. We used our new skills in persuasion in our applications to join Jarl Eivor's travelling party to Britain. The class used all of their knowledge from last week to prove that we would be the perfect people to take as we know all about the different aspects of Viking life. The class also had an incredible time at the North Walsham gymnastic centre.





Forest School News - What a busy busy day we had with Year 5 on Wednesday! We played some fun dance, sound and movement games which culminated in the children creating their own dance routines in groups. Using our Forest school drum kit, they moved to the rhythm. We also completed our tool table which then inspired a burst of making creativity with hammer and nails! Great job Year 5 thank you for your open minded attitude towards all our ideas and activities!

Year 2 had a super day playing all sorts of games together. We had a great time dancing across the wood and creating animal dance moves. We enjoyed our hot drinks and hot water bottles in the den too. We had a big discussion about helping each other and what it means to be a team player and how we need to do camp jobs round the woods to help each other. We talked about how we do tasks round the house to help our families too and how we like to help.



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Friends of Erpingham Primary School

Thursday 26th January

Quiz Night at the Spread Eagle pub in Erpingham to raise money for the school!

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Spread Eagle for their continuing support!



Please look out for the latest Aylsham Community Trust courses for parents and carers which have been sent out with this Newsletter.



Blackbirds Family Learning Afternoon in Blackbirds Class

Wednesday 8th of February, at 1.45pm.

Blackbirds Parents and Carers are invited into school on Wednesday 8th February. It will be an opportunity for you to work with your child to create a book together, having fun using photos, illustrations, flaps and writing to create a book about your house together. It will be a really good chance to celebrate all that your child has learnt about writing so far this year and to discover good ways to further support your child in their written work.

Our houses are a really good way to gently explore the children's own history, either recent or over their lifetime. The children may have lived there all their lives and will have stories and memories linked to their house. Or they may have moved there recently and still be discovering what it is like to live in that house. It will hopefully be fun to chat and to write together about their experiences and their history in their house.

It would be really good to see you there. Parents, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles - any important person to the child is very welcome to come to work with them. Smaller siblings are also welcome to come along and join in too.

If you cannot make it to the learning afternoon, there will be adults in school who can work with your child, so please do not worry.

I will post details nearer the time on tapestry about how you can send in photos to me if you would like them printed out to use in your books.

Yours,

Becca Barry



DIARY DATES

- Please ensure your child has a warm coat and wellies in school every day, as we will only be using the field at breaktimes if the playground is considered too icy.

Monday 23rd January - Skylarks Trip to Great Yarmouth

Tuesday 24th January - Skylarks Gymnastics (AM) Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 25th January - Year 6 Forest School & Wagtails PE

Thursday 26th January - Year 3-4 Forest School

Friday 27th January - Blackbirds PE

Monday 30th January -

Tuesday 31st January - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 1st February - Year 5 Forest School - Visit to Cromer Beach.

Thursday 2nd February - Year 2 Forest School & Wagtails PE

Friday 3rd February - Skylarks Swimming & Blackbirds PE

Monday 6th February - Book Fair & Skylarks PE

Tuesday 7th February - Blackbirds Forest School (Skylarks visit from a Police Officer)

Wednesday 8th February - Year 6 Forest School & Wagtails PE (Blackbirds Family Learning)

Thursday 9th February - Year 3-4 Forest School HOW HILL 2nd PAYMENT DEADLINE

Friday 10th February - Blackbirds PE

Monday 13th to Friday 17th - HALF TERM

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

Friday 24th February - Wagtails Swimming

Monday 27th February - Skylarks PE

Tuesday 28th February - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 1st March - Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 2nd March - Year 3-4 Forest School

Friday 3rd March -