



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear All,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and got to enjoy some family time together. The children have returned enthusiastic and full of energy for learning and I can't wait to see what they achieve this half term. This week we have already seen some dramatic interpretations of Beowulf, careful examination of historical artefacts and some keen debating in Skylarks.

Next week we are looking forward to World Book Day. Mr Kimpton has some exciting plans afoot and we are inviting all children to come dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday!

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - The children started the week in full swing with the few sunny days, the dressing up and music was requested, so the children danced and sang along with the birds who also thought spring has arrived early. We had pancakes over the fire on Tuesday and listened to the story Mr Wolf's pancakes. At LBH there is always an abundance of loose parts, mostly natural, these can be added to many activities like the small world imaginative play or the play dough and clay. This week we put a mirror on a table along with some natural objects and jewels so that the children experienced some transient art, working collaboratively and using lots of mathematical language.

Blackbirds - We have been travelling back in time in Blackbirds Class, all the way to 1666 and the Great Fire of London. The children have loved finding out about what happened and some of the stories involved. We have looked at pictures of different artefacts from the Museum of London and thought about how they help us learn about the Fire of London. We even saw some actual bricks from Pudding Lane that were still burnt. We found out that we can learn about the past from objects and also from what people wrote down. We especially liked learning that Samuel Pepys, a famous diary writer who witnessed the fire of London, was so worried about his special cheese and wine that he buried them in his garden to keep them safe. The children have been writing about what they have learnt, doing some creative writing to imagine what it would be like to be there and also experimenting with fiery paintings.

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been learning the epic poem *Beowulf*. We started by sorting out the chronology of the poem and then creating our own story maps. The children then used these to retell the story to each other before adding in the extra information they came up with in their retellings. The class really enjoyed acting out different sections of the story and there were some truly powerful performances, in particular a victorious Wiglaf and a terrifying Grendel's mother. It was brilliant to see the children really thinking about how each character would have felt at the different points of the story. Running alongside this, we've been spending a lot of time on our vocabulary and how we can really push ourselves in our writing. These will all come together as we write our own Viking sagas with the same structure as *Beowulf* over the next 2 weeks.



NEWSLETTER



Skylarks - This week...Skylarks have been learning about the art of debating; the language and purpose. To help writing a balanced argument, they have revised modal verbs, formal language and rhetorical questions. Have a go at home 'Should children be able to keep animals as pets?' They have revised 2d and 3d shapes in maths including how to describe their properties. We have all finished our unique painted pebbles too to show our feelings and we have learned about how to be more self aware and how to manage emotions.



Friends of Erpingham Primary School

We would like to say a huge thank you to Henry Withers for helping to put up our new greenhouse over half term. Gardening club are very excited and it will make such a difference to what we are able to grow on our school site. To help us along even more, if anyone has any spare compost they could donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you!



Forest School News - We had a very enterprising day with Y5 using the tool table and decided that we needed another table so we can all work at once on their ideas and projects. We made pancakes and gobbled them up round the fire!

Y4 also enjoyed gobbling up their pancakes made on the fire! This week we did lots of crafting using our nordic braids and lots of feathers and we enjoyed a lot of climbing and swinging on the spider web. Some of us became very interested in watching how our fire was burning which led to interesting discussions around how things burn and what happens to different materials when they burn.



Supporting Maths Difficulties Workshop

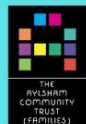
Many children who have dyslexia also struggle with maths. This free workshop led by our Dyslexia Outreach Service will offer useful information and ideas to help you support your child at home.

Aylsham High School

Thursday 2nd March 9.30am - 11.45am
arrivals from 9.15am

This workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.

Please book your place with **Monica Harding**
our Family Learning Co-ordinator
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Maths Pays

PLAN, SHOP, SAVE! ☺

Monday 13th March, 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm

The Emmanuel Church Aylsham, Cawston Road, NR11 6BX

Come and join us to.....
Learn how to plan and budget your weekly meals
Cost it out using our simple templates and online tools
Get new ideas for easy low cost recipes
PLUS...take away a £40 Tesco shopping voucher to help put your new meal planning skills into action

All courses are fully funded for people aged 19 and over, living in Norfolk

To book your place, please contact Lisa Whatnall on:

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WORLD
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DAY

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Don't forget it's World Book Day next Thursday!
All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas!



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DIARY DATES

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 -

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 - Skylarks PE 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 **Wagtails joint Viking Experience with Oak Class from Northrepps**

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**