



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. Already we have had a fantastic visit to the Time and Tide museum, impressive shadow puppet shows and some very thought provoking learning in Birch Class. Reverend Sian came for a visit this week to say hello to us all and we are looking forward to seeing her again soon for some of our assemblies this half term.

Next week we are looking forward to World Book Day. There are 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...

**Preschool** - This week the children have been encouraged to make their own musical instruments. They have explored how different media combines to make different sounds. They have improved their cutting and sticking skills too. We have also chatted about what makes us the different and the same and continued the topic to dental hygiene from last half term. The children are particularly enjoying cleaning their pretend teeth with tooth brushes and have all learnt that it takes time to do a good job. They then pass their teeth to an adult to pretend mummy or daddy are doing the final check.

**Acorn** - Acorn class loved their day at the museum learning about explorers. They met characters in costume and had the opportunity to handle objects that would have been taken on the ship Discovery. The children met 'Robert Scott's wife' Kathleen Scott who explained what her husband took on the ship. They found out about conditions there and had a number of challenges to complete with mittens on, like getting one match out of the packet to light the stove, doing up buttons and writing a postcard home. Back in the classroom we have been finding out more about polar expeditions and which team made it to the South Pole first. The education team at the museum said that they had hosted many children and Acorn children were the youngest but knew by far the most about explorers! Well done Acorn.

**Oak** - Oak Class have had a busy start back to this half term. We have been learning how to measure accurately using a ruler, meter stick and tape measure. We have had the chance to use our hands on measuring skills to find out the length of various objects in the classroom. In our science work, we have continued to explore shadows by making shadow puppets and improvising a short play in our groups. We tested them out using the light box and by making shadows on the wall. Some of us have been busy designing Viking themed board games at home and we were able to test these as a class, reflecting on what worked well and how we might make these even better next time. Oak Class have now started planning for their next project and are learning about the features of a comic strip.

**Birch** - Birch class have been thinking and expressing deep thoughts this week. We have looked at the life and times of Anne Frank and discussed what it was like to be prosecuted for your faith. We have written biographies on Anne Frank, created mind maps of our knowledge on coggle and begun to create a class timeline on the wall of the events of her life, anti semitism and World War 2. We have also begun thinking about our next community cafe, Rafe's mum is as keen as the children are so watch this space!





# NEWSLETTER



**Forest School News** - Friday before half term was a hammock tastic day! We all learnt and practiced our timber hitch knots to put them up. We gobbled up smores which we melted on the fire. We also talked about year 6s last wishes for their final forest school sessions! Was a lovely end to our term.

**Parents & Friends** Thank you so much to all the parents and family members who have been donating palettes and things for our garden area! We now have our pond lining so look out for our new pond area coming soon! With recent donations to the school we have also been able to order some new phonics books and books for the library. Thank you so much for your support.







### DIARY DATES

**Monday 27th February** - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

**Tuesday 28th February** - **Nature Club 3.15-4.15**

**Wednesday 1st March** -

**Thursday 2nd March** - **WORLD BOOK DAY (Dress up as favourite character)**

**Baking Club 3:15-4.15**

**Friday 3rd March** - Birch Forest School & Oak PE

**Monday 6th March** - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

**Tuesday 7th March** - **Nature Club 3.15-4.15**

**Wednesday 8th March** - **Family Learning Afternoon with Wild Touch Animal Rescue**

**Thursday 9th March** - **Baking club 3.15-4.15**

**Friday 10th March** - Oak Forest School & Birch PE

### SCIENCE WEEK & BOOK LOOKS

**Monday 13th March** - Acorn PE - **No swimming for Oak today** **Engineer Workshops**

**Tuesday 14th March** - **Nature Club**

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

**Thursday 16th March** - **Science Boffins workshops & Year 6 Stem Competition at Greshams**  
**Baking Club**

**Friday 17th March** - Birch Forest School & Oak PE **Red Nose Day (Wear something red)**

**Monday 20th March** - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

**Tuesday 21st March** - **Parent Evenings in School, Nature Club**

**Wednesday 22nd March** -

**Thursday 23rd March** - **Parent Evenings Online, Baking Club**

**Friday 24th March** - Oak Forest School & Birch PE

**Mon 27th March** - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

**Tuesday 28th March** - **Vikings Visit for Oak & Wagtails, Nature Club**

**Wednesday 29th March** - Afternoon Easter House Events/Games

**Thursday 30th March** - **Easter Service at the School Parents invited 13.45-14.45**

**Baking Club**

**Friday 31st March** - **Last day of term**