



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!

This week we were very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bryant who has been an amazing member of staff and we will all miss her. Mrs Bryant has recently moved to Norwich and is now hoping to pursue her love of music teaching. Whilst we say goodbye to her as our classroom assistant we are delighted that she will be coming back on Thursdays to teach music and singing to each class! Soon after half term our school team will also be joined by Miss Mezetti who is replacing Mrs Bryant as classroom assistant.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all back next Monday!

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class...**

**Preschool** - Preschool have been learning about the importance of looking after your teeth this week. We have discussed foods that are good for you and those that are less so. We have chatted about going to the dentist and watched a video about how to clean our teeth. We also practiced how to use a toothbrush too. Please check your child's bag for a leaflet and toothbrushing chart supplied by a local dentist. Other activities have included lots of junk-modelling, building pirate ships and recognising numerals.

**Acorn** - The children in Acorn really enjoyed Number Day last Friday. They had the chance to work with children from Birch on a variety of maths investigations and play some games. On Tuesday the children explored the woods at Forest School. We had a fire as it was so cold and the children had a chance to revisit the rules about being near fires. In the middle of the session we stopped exploring to have hot chocolate by the fire, which was lovely in the icy weather. In literacy we have done some work around our explorer story 'Max's Jungle Adventure' and are beginning to learn the story through actions and a storymap.

**Oak** - Oak Class loved their gymnastics session this week and had a fantastic time practicing balancing skills, using the beams and bars, as well as great fun in the foam pit. They were challenged to work in teams and to learn new skills, like forwards and backwards rolls, handstands and cartwheels. We have completed our neat copies of our longhouse adverts and these are now on display in the classroom. In music, we have explored rhythm and used the glockenspiels to find the beat to a song. Oak Class have really enjoyed their maths topic on data collection and have learned how to plan a research question, collect data and draw bar charts to show their results. Have a restful half term holiday!

**Birch** - This week in Birch Class we started to find out about Anne Frank and her diary. This led us to think about what it must have been like as a child in different parts of the world during World War II and we began writing our own diary entries for a child in Great Britain in the 1940s. The children wrote some extremely thoughtful and impressive entries - Well done Birch Class!





# NEWSLETTER



**Forest School News** - Oak class had a great day in the woods. They loved the new mud kitchen and played and played mixing, stirring and collecting. We played the worm game and put the kids into bird teams to hunt for their coloured worms. They showed great team work and perseverance as the brown worms were a challenge to find! We enjoyed hot chocolates round the warm fire.







### **DIARY DATES**

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

**Tuesday 21st February** -

**Wednesday 22nd February** - Acorn Time and Tide Museum visit

**Thursday 23rd February** -

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

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

**Tuesday 28th February** -

**Wednesday 1st March** -

**Thursday 2nd March** - **WORLD BOOK DAY**

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

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

**Tuesday 7th March** -

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

**Thursday 9th March** -

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

### **SCIENCE WEEK:**

**Monday 13th March** - Acorn PE & Oak swimming **Engineer Workshops**

**Tuesday 14th March** -

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

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

**Friday 17th March** - Birch Forest School & Oak PE **Red Nose Day**

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

**Tuesday 21st March** - **Parent Evenings in School**

**Wednesday 22nd March** -

**Thursday 23rd March** - **Parent Evenings Online**

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