



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear All,

This week I have been so impressed with the children in our school and how they care for each other. One of the many things I value about Northrepps Primary School is how our children all play together, no matter their year group or class, and the obstacle courses being built by the older children for the younger children are a great example. Our new staging blocks have added a new creative element to this and encouraged fabulous teamwork between the children.

The new sandpit is now also full with sand and we are looking forward to getting some new basketball hoops up around the playground!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class....

Pre-School – Preschool have set themselves lots of challenges this week, they have built houses and balance walks with the big blocks, tried to build really tall towers with the small blocks and have had fun rolling and stacking our new mini tyres outside. This play has given them body confidence, improved hand-eye co-ordination and strengthened their fine-motor skills. Several of the children have also been interested in playing with and naming shapes and used the small blocks to draw their own. Adult-led discussions have covered emotions and the children practised making different expressions as well as drawing how they feel.

Acorn – This week Acorn Class has learnt about a new explorer, Felicity Aston. She was the first person to explore the South Pole on her own. The children have been comparing how her expedition varied from Matthew Hendon's over 100 years before. Some children explored how to release some polar animals that were trapped in the ice. In maths we have begun an addition and subtraction topic. Reception have worked on number recognition, formation and counting along the number line. Year 1 have been practicing bonds to 10 and using them to work out two numbers that make 20.

Oak - Oak Class have been busy again, adding the finishing touches to their Viking longships, some of which now include Viking warriors. They have also begun to learn about daily life in the Viking era and have been working on developing their understanding of persuasive language by writing an advert to sell a longhouse. In science, we re-visited our sun experiment over time and made observations about any changes we could see on our coloured papers. The children have talked about how the black paper is opaque and blocks out the sunlight, which protects the paper from losing some of its colour. In maths, we have been working on grouping and sharing by practising our division skills, exploring the relationship between multiplication and division. In PSHE, we continued our work on roles and responsibilities and have explored the roles we have in caring for each other.

Birch – Well done Birch Class for another week of demonstrating a great attitude to learning. Mrs Allen, who has been teaching in Birch class on a Tuesday and Wednesday over the last three weeks, has had nothing but praise for you all. In maths, the children have been working hard multiplying non-unit fractions and in literacy and topic the children have been finding out about biographies and finding out facts about people who are significant to them.



NEWSLETTER



Forest School News – Last week we had a brilliant day full of personal achievements. We had a very busy day making a shelter and enjoyed getting cosy in it with hot water bottles and some story books too. The kids wanted to play the key game again (where they have to steal the bears food (keys) and not wake the bear! We enjoyed hot drinks and had some good conversations about forest school and what a forest school ethos might be...we also had a mega wood collection for our wood store and learnt what makes good burning wood. We discussed camp jobs and how we help at home too! Lovely work guys!



Nature Club and all the children would like to say a very big thank you to Mr Clarke our caretaker!

Mr Clarke has very kindly built us a new hedgehog house for our grounds.

We are very keen to develop our grounds so that we provide different wildlife habitats and the hedgehog house is a very welcome addition. Next on the list, Mrs Syrett has plans to build a small pond. We are on the look out for a small amount of pond liner, if anyone has any they could donate please speak to Mrs Syrett or Mrs Galasky.

NSPCC Number Day!

Next Friday we will be celebrating Number Day by inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing a number. We will be doing a selection of number based activities throughout the day.

If you would like to make a donation to this charity, please visit their website:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/>

Friends of Northrepps Primary School

As you may know, we are getting our Friends of Northrepps Primary School group up and running again. So far their fundraising paid for all of our children to go to the Pantomime at Christmas and we plan to use some of the funds for new books and a science enrichment day next half term.

If you would like to get involved in helping in any way please contact Mrs Galasky in the office.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th January - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Tuesday 31st January – Acorn Gymnastics

Friday 3rd February - Birch Class PE & Oak Class Forest School – NSPCC Number Day

Monday 6th February - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Tuesday 7th February – Oak Gymnastics & Acorn Forest School

Friday 10th February - Oak Class PE & Birch Class Forest School

Monday 13th to Friday 17th - HALF TERM

Monday 20th February - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Wednesday 22nd February – Acorn trip to the Time and Tide Museum

Friday 24th February – Birch Class PE & Oak Forest School

Monday 27th February - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day!

Friday 10th February - Oak Class PE & Birch Class Forest School

Coming up – Family Learning Afternoon, Science Week & Birch Class Community Cafe