



22nd September 2023

Dear All,

Whilst it was only two weeks ago I sent a message about sun cream and sun hats sadly the autumn weather has now hit bringing with it quite a lot of rain! Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat (and ideally waterproof trousers) in school on their pegs.

Have a lovely (hopefully dry!) weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Deputy Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - This week we have been looking closely at seeds, in particular those from an apple. We made an apple and raspberry crumble and kept the seeds to then plant in the hope that one day we will have some apple trees. The children also enjoyed apple printing and making bear masks to enhance their retelling of the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

Blackbirds - Our big question for the term in Blackbirds Class is 'How does a celebration bring us together?' We have started the term by learning about birthdays. This week, Blackbirds Class had an exciting letter from Blue Monkey (who sometimes likes to come and spend time in Blackbirds Class) asking us if he could celebrate his birthday with us. It is his birthday next Wednesday. We decided to plan a party for him. The children thought of all the things we might need and the year ones have written lists of their ideas. The children thought that it would be nice if some other teddies came along, so next Wednesday (27th September), the children can bring each bring in a cuddly toy to come to the party (nothing enormous please!).

This week, we have also been doing lots of counting, with reception children investigating the number four and year ones finding out one more and one less than lots of different numbers.

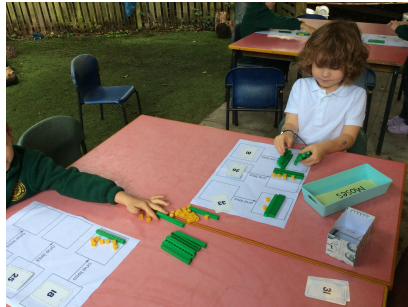
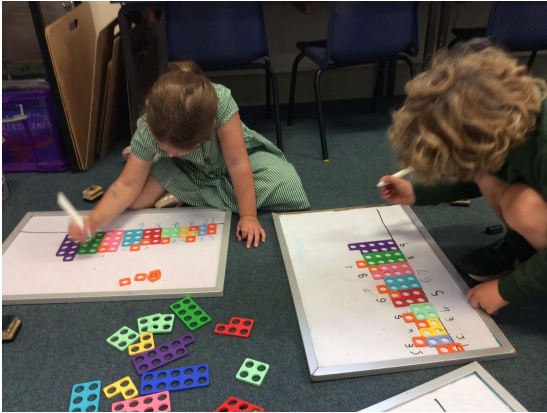
Wagtails - This week in Wagtails we have been learning all about the life of Andy Warhol in preparation for writing biographies about him next week. We have enjoyed looking at his famous art pieces and the messages he spread through his work. The class worked really well putting his life events into chronological order before then researching and adding additional amazing facts about his life. We were surprised to find out that his famous crazy hair was actually a wig that he styled and one of them even sold for £10,000 after his death.

Skylarks - This week has seen Skylarks start their art journey with some fantastic really careful observational work, sketching bugs, following last week's trip. In maths we've been consolidating our place value knowledge and applying it to an escape-room-style set of team challenges! It was great to be back in the forest for our first session of the year - much muddier and cooler than July!

Next week we'll be visiting Birch class to find out how they set up and ran their community cafe last year. In maths we'll be rounding, comparing and ordering including negative numbers.



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Forest School News

This week we had a very windy Wednesday with Skylarks. We played in the long grass in the field making base camps and games. We found deer bones which were really interesting! We worked out that we had found some badger poo which led to detective work to find the badger set in the verge at the edge of the field - great work guys. Some whittled sticks so that they could pop bubbles. Some made their own string bubble makers to create giant bubbles!

Thursday with Group 2 Wagtails was less windy so we were back in the woods. There was lots of climbing, swinging and hanging. We found lots of bugs that we identified using our bug books. We also went fungi hunting and had a good feel of some of them as they didn't feel how we thought they would! The mud kitchen was also busy with ice cream and hot chocolates being made.

Wellbeing

Lots of us feel anxious at different times in our lives and for different reasons. Click on the link below to access BBC article *How to help your child feel less anxious* written by Claudia Hammond.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/bNlj01LY6qNnbmSGGYMgr/how-to-help-your-child-feel-less-anxious>

At school we follow the SMART rules for online safety...

S	M	A	R	T
Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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Just Diagnosed

A FREE 4-week course for the parents/carers whose children are suspected of having Autism Spectrum Disorders or have just been diagnosed with ASD.

Aylsham High School

4-week FREE course starts

Tuesday 26th September 12.30pm - 2pm

This course is delivered by ASD Helping Hands

What is Autism?

Understanding and Managing Behaviour

Autism and the Sensory World

Supporting Communication

Please book your place with our

Family Learning Co-ordinator Monica Harding

email mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk

or telephone/text 07780 887348





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Forest School Information for the Autumn Term

Activities for this term

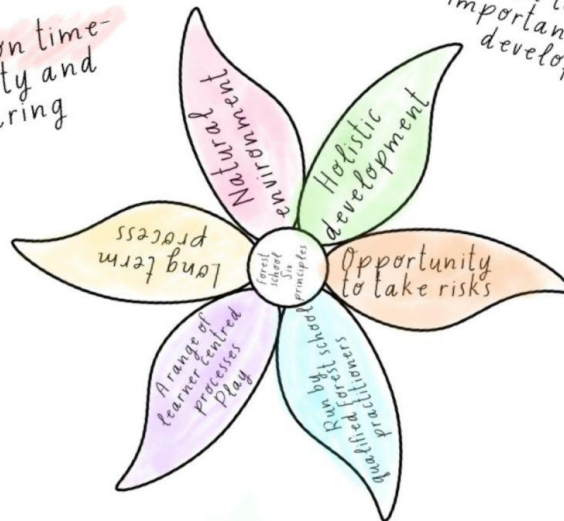
Self regulation- building platforms and look outs. How do you feel today?

Harvest and seasonal changes- i know where i am.

Cooking- tasty seasonal treats and some foraging

Play- Free adventure and child led activities- rolling plan changing each session, cultivating and supporting children's ideas, play and imaginations and supported by the schools ethos and approach to play and its importance in child development.

Reflection time- equality and sharing



Connecting with the school curriculum and reinforcing learning with sticky knowledge:

Blackbirds/Acorn
The senses, Celebrations and mindfulness

Wagtails/Oak
Storytelling, knots and lashings

Skylarks/Birch
Life cycles and plant dissection. Building shoe rack.

Keep an eye on the webpage and newsletter for Forest school updates and deep dives into the Forest school principles and how we work within them to deliver outstanding Forest school for all children in our school.



DIARY DATES

Monday 25th September - Stay and play club

Tuesday 26th September - Blackbirds forest school Skylarks Gymnastics Sports club

Wednesday 27th September -

Thursday 28th September - Wagtails group 1 forest school Martial arts and baking club

Friday 29th September -

Monday 2nd October - Stay and play club Year 6s trip to Cromer food bank

Tuesday 3rd October - Blackbirds forest school Blackbirds Gymnastics Sports club

Wednesday 4th October - Skylarks Forest school

Thursday 5th October - Wagtails group 2 forest school Martial arts and baking club

Friday 6th October - Skylarks swimming

Monday 9th October - Stay and play club

Tuesday 10th October - Blackbirds forest school Sports club

Wednesday 11th October - Year 6 Measurement programme

Thursday 12th October - Wagtails group 1 forest school Martial arts and baking club Friday 13th October -

Monday 16th October - Stay and play club

Tuesday 17th October - Sports club

Wednesday 18th October - Skylarks Forest school

Thursday 19th October - Wagtails group 2 forest school No clubs

Friday 20th October - Skylarks swimming Messy Church 2pm Last day of term

Parents evening will be taking place week commencing the 16th - more information to follow.