



Dear All,

Friday 29th September 2023

One thing I love about our schools is how all the children interact with each other no matter their age. It has been lovely on a Friday to have our oldest children reading with our youngest children and to see the joint enjoyment of reading and spending time with one another. Well done everyone for your efforts!

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Deputy Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Preschool** -Preschool have been very interested in numbers and counting this week. They have enjoyed using the counting frames that Mrs MacMillan gave us and have requested to play Spotty Dog. Spotty Dog is a useful game that helps with numeral recognition as well as counting. They have also played many games of stop and go - it has been good to see the children playing this independently of adults and taking turns to lead the game. Our adult-led activity this week has looked at sequencing simple pictures to make a story.

**Acorn** - Acorn class have had a week without a classroom again, but have managed to adapt our learning. Phonics has continued as usual although some phonic sessions have been in pre-school. The new sounds this week for Reception are g, o, c and k. Year 1 have been reading and writing longer words using the sounds they already know. During the week, we have been working on a STEM project to make flying dragons. The children have experimented with ways to get their dragons to move. It has involved teamwork and communication skills to get good results. Then the children named their dragons and written a set of instructions for others to make similar dragons. In maths we have continued to work on place value by comparing numbers and using inequality symbols.

**Oak** - This week in Oak class we received a letter from Prince Charming asking for the problem solvers to help write descriptions about all of our characters that live on our island. The children worked hard writing lots of descriptive phrases and started adding lots more detail into their sentences. We decided, instead of writing golden hair, that we would expand it to glittering, shiny golden hair or her hair was as shiny as the beaming sun. The children worked incredibly hard on their descriptions and impressed Prince Charming. We have continued working on place value but focusing on numbers on a number line and estimating where they would go. At the end of the week the children focused on comparing and ordering numbers to 100 and 1000.

**Birch** - This week in Birch class we have begun talking about and drawing the life-cycles of different animals. Our first was the ladybird, inspired by finding one at a larval stage while in forest school. We have continued working on place value, focusing on negative numbers and putting them in the correct place on a number line. We also worked on finding 'the difference between' a given negative and positive number- remembering to include zero! At the end of the week we looked at rounding to the nearest 10/100/1000. Our presentation to Skylark class (from Erpingham school) was a real success. The children read from the PowerPoint and answered the questions really confidently. Skylark's were inspired and we are already planning our next menu. Our gymnastics session was combined with Skylark's class, so we were able to spend more time working as teams with a wider range of children. The Year 6 children had a look around some prospective high schools this week, and were pleased to be able to say 'Hi' to some newly familiar faces.



## Forest School

### Oak Year 2 September 15th

What a fab start to our forest school term. The children were really excited to be in our woods and we got right down to it. We checked out the boundary on a reminder walk around our area and talked about our Green Guidelines that help to keep us safe. We shared our Forest school names and Energy balls too. Some of us crafted necklaces using thread, wooden discs and beads. We did some super bug hunting and Iding using our books. All the children loved the swing and did some really brilliant turn taking.



### Oak Year 3 September 22nd

We all had a go at our Forest school names round the fire circle. It was lovely to hear everyone help each other when they got stuck. We checked out the boundary on a walk around site and went through our Green Guidelines on route as we went. We talked about practicing them and that the key was to keep safe and help our friends. The mud kitchen was a big hit with all sorts being mixed and prepared. We made giant bubbles and had fun popping them. We all later made pickaxes and swords together. These helped us to practice our blood bubbles and stick safety. We also practiced our fire circle with a real fire in the middle. Oak class go round the outside, round the outside!

### Birch September 27th

Forest school this week was great fun, we got out the microscopes and little knives and cut plants and things we found up to look inside and see if we could see more details. We discussed ways of recording and how we might share our findings. We did some more pond dipping and looked at life cycles of some of the things in our wood. We enjoyed hot drinks around the fire and discussed cooking pizza in our next session! We had fun making and popping bubbles, we used sticks and string to create large bubbles. We ended up with a group games playing all together.







## Friends of Northrepps Primary School

We are hoping to officially set up our 'Friends of Northrepps' group that can help raise funds for the school. The group is for any and all parents/guardians that would like to join. Having an official 'Friends of Northrepps' group would mean that not only could we raise funds for new play equipment books and trips but that we could also apply for certain grants for the school to be spent on all those things mentioned.

Our sister school Erpingham already have a very successful friends group who we can certainly collaborate with in sharing tips and ideas.

More information will be coming out soon about how you can get involved.



## Nature Club

This week we got busy weeding and planting in our school garden. The children helped plant out viola, wall flowers and pansies as well as sowing some wildflowers in one of our raised beds for the bees next spring.

We talked about the different creatures we found and got busy rebuilding our new bug hotel with some of the salvaged wood from the old bug hotel.





### A Special Reading Assembly

This week we had a special story assembly with our reading volunteer Ivor.

Many of the children are already familiar with Ivor from the summer term when he came in to hear children read. We were introduced to Ivor through a local reading charity that trains volunteers to go into school and listen to children read.

Ivor will be coming in regularly to listen to our young readers and we are very grateful to the charity The Norfolk Reading Project for their support through this fantastic scheme.



The Norfolk Reading Project

### Food Donations

This coming Monday our Year 6's will be joining with year 6 from Erpingham to visit Cromer foodbank. The children will be able to see first hand the inner workings of the foodbank and what the volunteers do as well as the impact that food donations have on our community. With this in mind, in the lead up to our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are asking parents to bring in any food or toiletry donations to the school for us to pass on to our local food bank. Donations can be left in the foyer near the office.

Please see the list below of items the Cromer food bank are asking for this month.



**Tinned meat, UHT milk, jam, fruit juice, pasta sauce, cereal, any toiletries, any household cleaning products, squash/fruit juice, tinned fruit.**





# NEWSLETTER





### DIARY DATES

**Monday 2nd October** - Oak & Acorn PE, **Year 6 Foodbank Trip**, Birch Swimming, **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 3rd October** - **Acorn Gymnastics** (back in time for lunch) **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

**Wednesday 4th October** -

**Thursday 5th October** - Birch PE, **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

**Friday 6th October** - **Oak Year 3** Forest School

**Monday 9th October** - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming, **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 10th October** - **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

**Wednesday 11th October** - Birch Forest School

**Thursday 12th October** - Birch PE, **Oak Sheringham Theatre Trip**, **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

**Friday 13th October** - **Oak Year 2** Forest School

### Wellbeing Week

**Monday 16th October** - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming, **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 17th October** - **Acorn Forest School (packed lunches needed)**, **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

**Wednesday 18th October** -

**Thursday 19th October** - Birch PE, **No Baking Club**, **Parents Evening 3:15-5:15**

**Friday 20th October** - No Forest School, **Harvest Festival parents/carers invited 9-10**