



Friday 15 September 2023

Dear All,

Welcome back to our new school term! We have had a lovely and sunny start to the term, and it has been great to see how well everyone has settled back into school life and routines. A huge welcome to all of our new pupils - you have all done so well settling into a new school and we hope you will love being a part of our school community.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Deputy Headteacher

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

**Preschool** - Preschool has had a busy week and a bit, welcoming our new children and settling back our children from last year. We have been doing lots of catching-up and getting-to-know-you activities. The children are already playing cooperatively and have enjoyed the new room layout. We would like to thank Richard for decorating the room over the summer - it looks so much brighter. We now have a *Preschool Lending Library* situated in the cloakroom. Please feel free to borrow books to share at home. To support a forthcoming activity, we will be issuing All About Me sheets soon - please look out for them in your child's bag.

**Acorn** - Acorn class had an exciting week exploring their new topic. The children have a dragon small world area to play with and have had a go at drawing the dragons. We made dragon eggs out of bicarbonate of soda, paint and glitter. Then we had fun hatching them out using vinegar. The children have also tried to mix paint colours to make new colours. In maths we have been representing numbers with objects and learning how to write numbers in words.

**Oak** - This week we continued our journey learning about storytelling and we have stepped into our very own story and have become a team of fairy tale problem solvers. We have created a map of where our story is set and at the moment we only have 'good' fairy tale characters living on there. Our first client was Mrs Pig and she was worried about her little pigs as they were moving out. We decided that we could help her by planning, researching, and making a house for her sons. We used various materials and thought about the characteristics of them and what would be best for a house. The children built their own thinking about the research they conducted. Mrs Pig was incredibly happy with the houses and felt much happier letting them leave home now. The children then finished the week by evaluating the houses and reflected on what went well and what they might improve for next time.

**Birch** - In Birch class we have been learning more about evolution. Some of our key words have been adapt, adaptation, species and evolve. We conducted an investigation which was first carried out by Charles Darwin. This was exploring the idea that in a species of finch which all started the same, their beaks evolved to adapt to the different food types available. Continuing this work on animals we have visited the Bug Parc in Lenwade. We had an excellent time, doing some careful observational drawing, listening to a fascinating talk on leaf-cutter ants and exploring all the exhibits. We were able to handle a range of animals including a whip-tailed scorpion and a giant millipede. Our maths has been on Roman numerals, working out numbers from single to three digit number. We have begun to talk about place value generally too. This will continue next week. All the children have read individually twice to me and from this Friday will be bringing home a book to read to and with you. Please make a comment in their yellow reading records when you have heard them. They've all read beautifully to me! These books and record will need bringing back to class on a Monday please.



### Forest School

We had a brilliant 1st Forest school session in the woods on Wednesday with Birch! We had a catch up round the fire circle, sharing our summers and what we are looking forward to in the woods this term, most of the children said they wanted to do more cooking again like last year!

We started work on some dens and shelters, rigging up high ropes was a challenge but we did it in the end! We pond dipped and found loads of water scorpions.

We all joined in a big game in the afternoon that brought everyone together. We all agreed it was a great start to our FS term!

Looking forward to Y2 Oak this Friday!

### Online Safety

Did you know that it's not just online games that have age restrictions? Most social media sites have an age restriction of 13+ or 16+. This includes Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and What's App.

The NSPCC have a great website with lots of information on how to keep your child safe online and guides to different social media sites.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child comes to school in school uniform each day. This includes:

Grey or black shorts/skirts/trousers.

White shirts/polo shirts.

Plain dark blue jumper or school sweatshirt/fleece - no hoodies please.

Black shoes.

On PE days - school PE kit should be worn - no football kits or tops with logos please.

### Welcome!

A very warm welcome to Mr Allen our new Oak teacher & Kaitlyn Everett our new pre-school practitioner!

We hope you will be very happy at Northrepps Primary School!

Scan for Q&A's or find on NANSa Website.

**Norwich Support Group**  
Supporting Families affected by diagnosed/undiagnosed Special Educational Needs & Disabilities  
at Nansa Family Centre  
33 Woodcock Road NR3 3TT

**MONDAY'S WEEKLY TERM TIME ONLY**  
**10AM-12PM**

Drop in at any time for chat with other parents/carers and one of our friendly Family Support Advisors

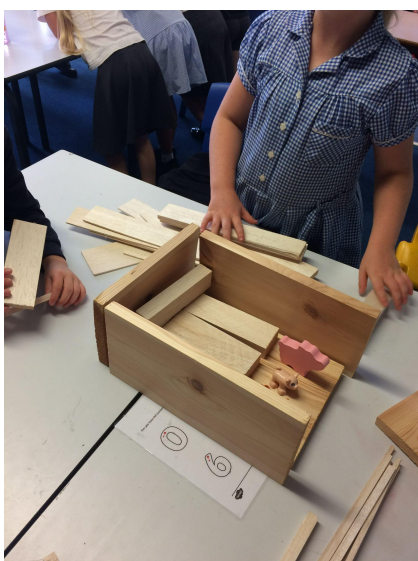
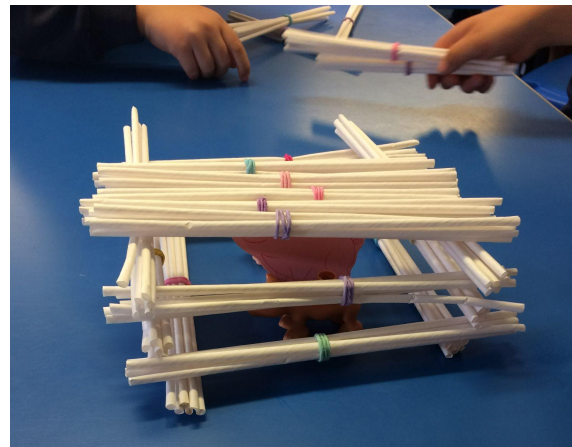
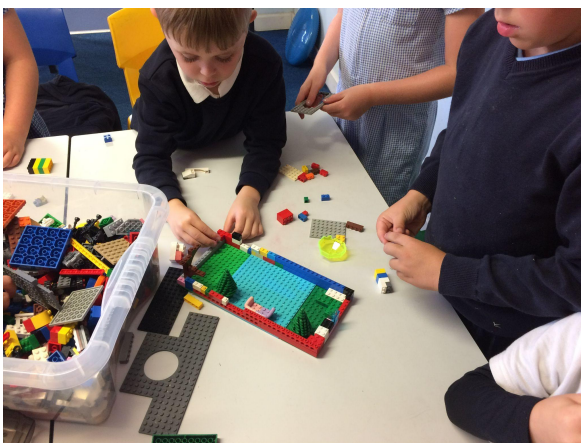
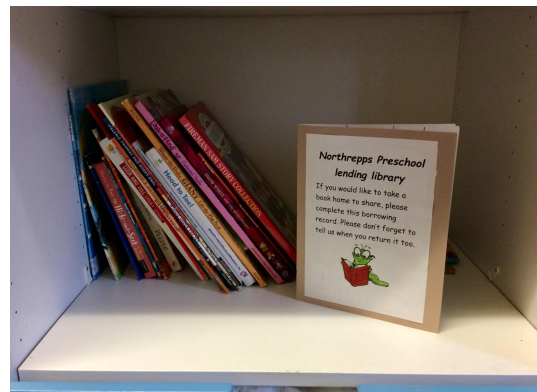
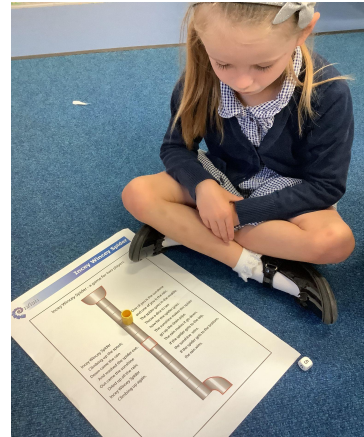
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# NEWSLETTER





### DIARY DATES

**Monday 18th September** - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 19th September** - Oak Gymnastics (back in time for lunch) **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**  
**Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

**Wednesday 20th September** -

**Thursday 21st September** - **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

**Friday 22nd September** - **Oak Year 3** Forest School

**Monday 25th September** - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

**Tuesday 26th September** - **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

**Wednesday 27 September** - Birch Forest School

**Thursday 28th September** - Birch No PE today, **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

**Friday 29th September** - **Oak Year 2** Forest School

**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, **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, **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**