



News Sheet

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Starfish Preschool

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

We have had another super week in Starfish!

In Maths, we have begun looking at 2D shapes and learning the names for a square, circle, triangle and rectangle. At the beginning of the week, the children used different coloured pencils to draw around the shapes, holding the circle was the hardest as it kept moving!



We have continued with our phonics learning and this week we have looked at Yellow I and Miss Oh No. The children have been using the characters and their stories to remember the name of the character and what sound they make.

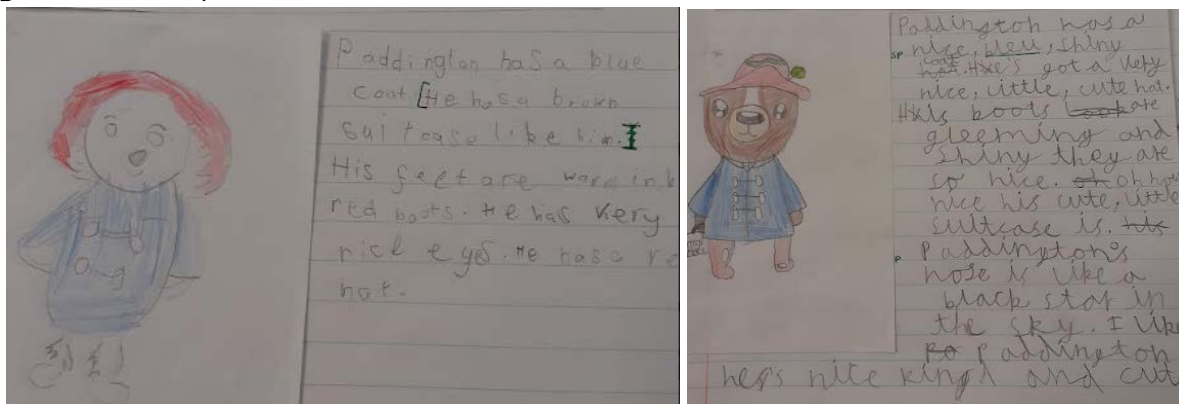
Starfish have also started their new topic this week - Castles. We looked at what

a castle looks like and the children especially loved looking at the drawbridge on a castle and how it goes up and down. They told us that it was different from their front doors at home. In a few weeks time we would like to make our own castles in Starfish. If you have any cereal boxes, cereal bar boxes, cardboard tubes, Pringle tubes or anything similar, please can you send these into Starfish in the next couple of weeks. Thank you!



Seahorse Class

We have had another busy week and it started off with the arrival of Paddington! He is here visiting Norfolk and is looking forward to going home with a different child each week. If you are lucky enough to get Paddington please can you take some photos and email them to Miss Lucas as we are making a book for his Aunt Lucy. We also need to try and write about what we are doing so she knows more about us and where we live. We have also been busy describing Paddington and reception even made some new clothes for him.



We are missing some spare kit that has been lent out. If you have any could you please return it as we are running short of spare clothes in class.

Dolphin Class

This week, the class has been focusing on multiplication and division in mathematics. We have been learning how to multiply and divide by 4 and 8 and the links between the multiples of both. Children have used a range of manipulatives to represent the multiplication and division facts. Their knowledge of both the multiples of 4 and 8 have improved greatly. Why not test your child by firing 4 and 8 multiplication questions at them?

In English, we have moved onto our new book 'The Sword and the Stone', which many children already seem to have knowledge about. We have watched clips from the film and completed our short write, where we have written what we think will happen after Arthur has forgotten Kay's Sword.

In topic, we have investigated why the Romans left Britain, what happened after they left and the countries where the Anglo-Saxons came from. The class have been really interested in the subject and had loads of questions.

The new topic homework has started really well with many children winning house points for creating posters, compiling facts and even building Viking longboats.



Shark Class

During this week, Sharks have been continuing their work as budding journalists, and developing their non-chronological reports. They have been incredibly informative and factual and they look great.

In Maths, we have been doing decimals, and particularly decimals that are equivalent to fractions. The children have really understood this challenging topic and have been eager to learn, showing great enthusiasm.

The children have settled in well since we have been back! Keep up the good work!

Bacton Current - Handwriting

We will be starting our next 'Bacton Current' rapid improvement initiative on Monday 16th January @2:00 with our parent/carers launch event. We will be focusing on improving handwriting both in school and launching weekly handwriting homework. If you are unable to join us for the launch event please keep an eye open for further updates.

Launch Event Coming Soon!



Use of the field

Can you please send in a pair of wellies or old trainers for your child so we can go on the field even when it is a bit muddy. Ideally they will be named to avoid any mix ups.

Attendance/Safeguarding

'Growing Together'

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 93.95%



Come on Bacton!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 99.07%

Well Done Seahorses Class

Reminders

School Lunches

Please check the school website for the Autumn/Winter Menu



PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.

Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2	Tuesday/Thursday
Dolphin and Shark Class - Years 3, 5 and 6	Thursday
Dolphin Year 4 - Swimming	Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
16/01/2023	2:15-3:00	Bacton Current Handwriting Focus - Parent Launch Event - parents welcome
19/01/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre
19/01/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
24/01/2023	8:45-3:30	Dolphin and Shark Visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Suffolk
25/01/2023	9:00-3:00	Seahorse Class visit to Norwich Cathedral and Elm Hill
26/01/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre cancelled Maths Mastery Visitors
26/01/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
01/02/2023	10:30	Year 4 Hilltop Residential Visit - depart today
02/02/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre cancelled due to Hilltop
02/02/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
03/02/2023	2:30	Year 4 Hilltop Residential Visit - Return to school
09/02/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 Swimming - Victory Leisure Centre

09/02/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club led by Premier Sport - Archery
10/02/2023	3:10	Break up for February Half Term Holidays
20/02/2023	8:50	Return to school from February Half Term Holidays
21/02/2023	9:00	Next PTFA meeting in the staffroom - all welcome

Term Dates



All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
[Fixed Penalty Notices](#)



Uniform Order directly through Birds of Dereham (any time)

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/>

Place your order on the School Money System.

Order Through School - Dates 2022/23:

Order cut off 3 - Friday 10 March 2023 for delivery in April 2023

Order cut off 4 - Friday 9 June 2023 for delivery in July 2023

Prices & Order Date information

Supplier	Sweatshirt	Cardigan	Fleece Jacket	Book bag	Delivery charge
Birds of Dereham direct order prices	£10.50	£11.00	£15.00	£7.00	£5.50
Order through school (10% discount)	£9.45	£9.90	£13.50	£6.30	Free

If you have any queries please contact your child's School Office