



News Sheet

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Starfish Preschool

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Coastal Together



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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Starfish have had another brilliant week looking at shapes and the Monster Phonic characters. We have introduced two more Monster Phonic characters this week - U-Hoo and Cool Blue. We have also received some new traditional tales, songs and non-fiction books involving all the Monster Phonics characters and the children have loved acting out the stories and songs with the character toys.



In Maths, we have introduced the square shape, looking at what a square looks like. The children then went on a square hunt around the classroom. Starfish loved spotting all the different squares on the walls, floor and even the ceiling!

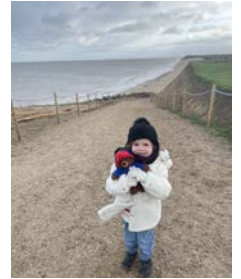
We had a very exciting morning on Wednesday as it started to snow! After watching the snow, the children noticed that the flour in our tuff tray looked like snow and were keen to explore what they could do with it. Starfish made snowmen, made cups of tea and traced patterns in the flour.



Seahorse Class

We have had a productive week this week and enjoyed seeing that Paddington had been to the park in Happisburgh at the weekend. Year 1 and 2 have finished their English work on Paddington by writing about where he would go after meeting the Browns. They wrote about him going swimming, eating Pizza and meeting the King! Meanwhile Reception have been thinking about what Paddington might have in his suitcase and what they would pack in their own

suitcases. In topic we have been looking at landmarks in Norwich and London and compared them. We noticed that there were some places that were similar in both cities but also some places that were very different.



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, in Dolphin class we have been carrying on with our narrative of The Sword and The Stone. The children have been practising how to use speech marks and have now made our own endings for the narrative in Friday's big write.

In maths, we have moved on to multiplying and dividing by 6, 9 and 7. The children have made great improvements this week and have been spotting patterns and differing ways to help us remember our multiples.

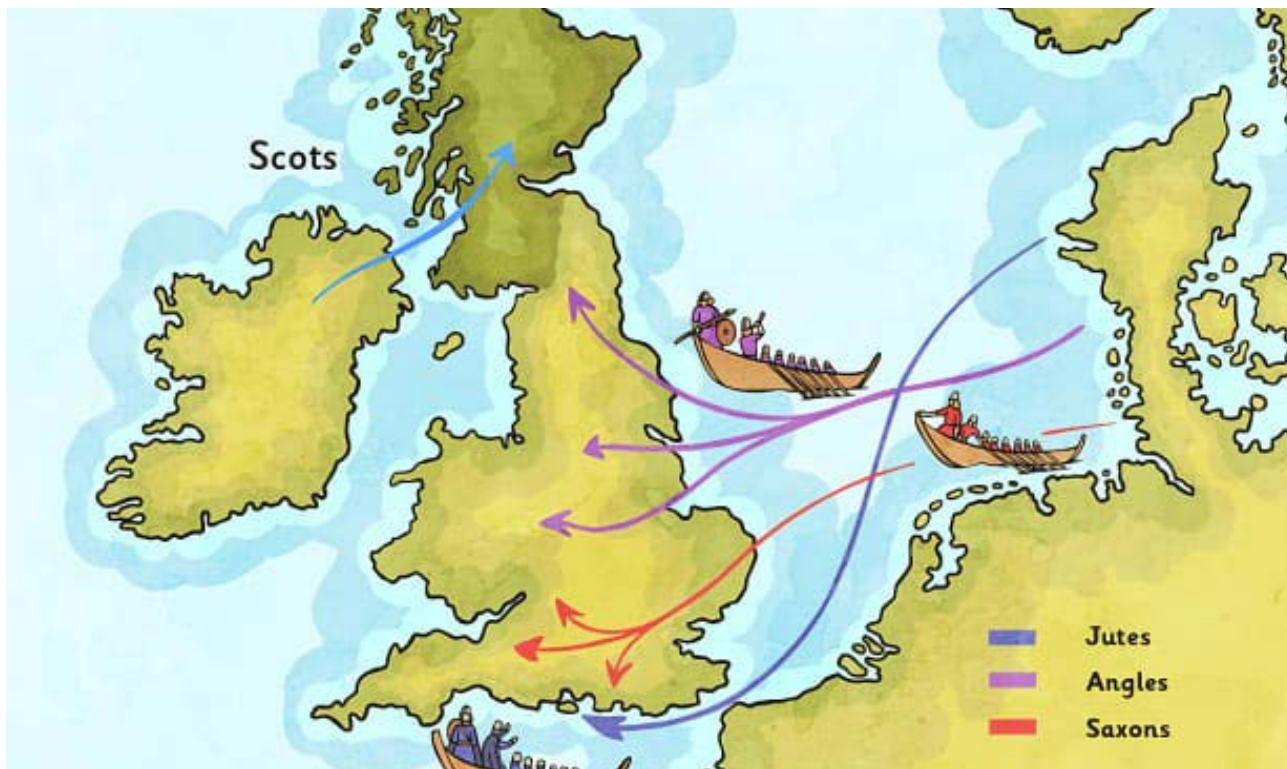
In topic, we have been focusing on the Anglo-Saxons and how many of the places around us have Anglo-Saxon names.

Shark Class

During the course of the week, Sharks have been putting the finishing touches to their non-chronological reports, and they are looking very good indeed.

In maths, we have transitioned from decimals to percentages, and we are exploring how the two are related to each other.

Topic has got the children interested in the Anglo-Saxons. Sharks have learned about the 3 groups who made up the Anglo-Saxons, the reasons behind why they came to the UK, and where they decided to settle.



Bacton Current - Handwriting

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the launch of our 'Bacton Current' which focuses on Handwriting.

Your child/children will have brought home their new handwriting homework book and task to complete this week.

Handwriting homework is set and comes home on Mondays and should be returned by Thursday please.

Instructions and support for parents are in the cover of homework books.

Thank you for your support.



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

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 94.08%



Come on Bacton!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 96.41%

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
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

Norfolk County Council 2022-2023 Norfolk Model Calendar

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February 2023	1-28	27th Feb: Staff Training Day
March 2023	1-31	27th Mar: Staff Training Day
April 2023	1-30	7th Apr: Pupil Holiday
May 2023	1-31	29th May: Pupil Holiday
June 2023	1-30	27th Jun: Staff Training Day
July 2023	1-31	27th Jul: Staff Training Day
August 2023	1-31	28th Aug: Pupil Holiday

Key: White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday
Blue circle - Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 Inset Days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

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](#)



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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