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Starfish Preschool

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Coastal Together

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool



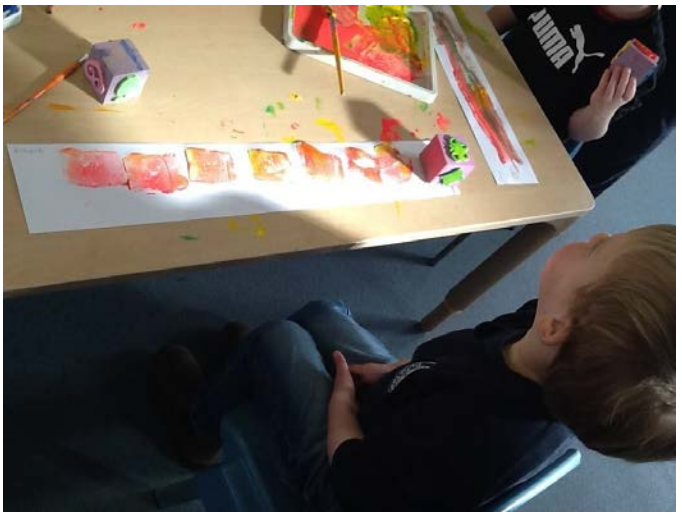
What a busy week we have had!

Starfish have been looking at another story this week as part of our 'Once Upon A Time' topic. We read 'The Little Red Hen', talking about whether the other animals in the story were kind when they refused to help the hen make the bread and linking it back to when we have been baking in Starfish. The children told us they loved helping the adults so together we made biscuits. We weighed the ingredients, mixed them together and then added jam to make them extra sweet. Starfish enjoyed them with their fruit snack on Wednesday.



In maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns, colours and shapes. Throughout the week we have had the multilink cubes on the table and have encouraged the children to make tall towers using only two colours. We then used paints and sponges to make colourful patterns on long strips of paper. The children loved painting their pictures, choosing which shapes and colours they wanted.

For English, we have been talking about rhymes. We have read stories and played games, talking about which words sound the same at the end. As it was World Book Day this week, the children came as their favourite book characters and we visited the library on Friday.
Starfish have been super listeners this week and we are very impressed with all the work they have done!



Seahorse Class

Seahorse class had a very creative time this week. We have been mixing the primary colours to make backgrounds for our Fire of London pictures. Then we cut out skylines from black card to put over the top of our backgrounds. They are very effective. We have also finished Vland and the Great Fire of London and have written about the events from the point of view of Boxton the rat. Meanwhile Reception have been busy making paint and washing up liquid pictures and blue slime. Reception have also been looking at the numbers 9 and 10 this week and making them using manipulatives on tens frames. They then did some amazing writing using all their phonics skills to write about who they are for World Book Day.









Dolphin Class
This week, in Dolphins it has been assessment week where all children have been trying their very best in their Arithmetic, Reasoning, Reading and Spelling assessments. All the children can be very proud of themselves.
Elsewhere, in English we have been carrying on writing our narrative on Arthur and the Golden Rope. The children have been very creative in their independent writing.
In Topic, we are creating a viking collage. So far this week we have been practising how to shade, crosshatch and stippling, drawing our longboats and painting the sky and sea to the collage.





Shark Class

Shark Class have been working super hard on their assessments this week, showing off all of their learning - both new and old. They've displayed resilience and enthusiasm despite the challenges and it has really paid off. We have also spent the day creating our own collaborative adventure stories for a class collection and have shared some truly wonderful / insane creations as part of that. Finally, we created our very own screaming bookmarks to tell off anyone that makes us lose our page!



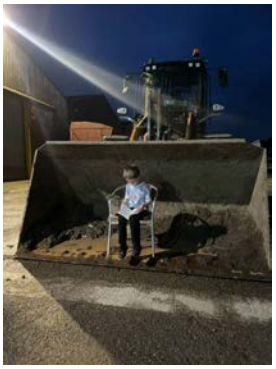




World Book Day (+1)

A day later than the official World Book Day we held our very own World Book Day at Bacton to celebrate the importance of books and raise the profile of reading. Throughout the week teachers and TAs have been sharing their favourite books during assemblies before the children shared their favourite stories with peers today. The costumes to support the day were fantastic. There were also some great 'Extreme Reading' photos with children reading in lots of wacky and unusual (but safe) places. The winner of the 'Extreme Reading' will be announced next week.



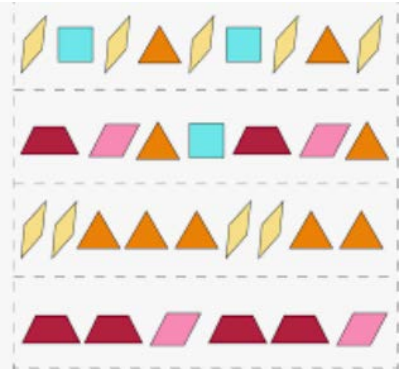




Bacton Current - Handwriting
We are almost at the celebration point of our handwriting improvement plan. Next week the children will be completing the handwriting assessment they did at the start so that we can measure the progress and share it with you during the celebration event scheduled for Friday 10th March @2:15. During this session your child will share a piece of independent writing they have completed and then copied using their best handwriting and there will of course be refreshments. We look forward to you joining us for the event.
Thank you for your support.



Just a reminder of the handwriting homework.
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.

<u>Maths Pattern - Parent/Carer and Child Cafe</u>
This coming Tuesday 7th March 1:45-3:00 we will be welcoming parents into school to join us for a maths pattern cafe. Parents will start in the hall with a teacher-led session on pattern before the children join us in all for a shared story - 'The Pattern Fish'. There will then be time to work in class with your child/children to create some fantastic patterns and of course it wouldn't be a cafe without refreshments. Hope you can join us for this event!


Patterns, patterns everywhere - how many can you spot?



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. Please be aware that the field is currently wet and muddy and children without a change of footwear will be limited to using the playground.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%
Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 94.49%



Come on Bacton!

The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolphins with 98.89%

Well Done Dolphins 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.

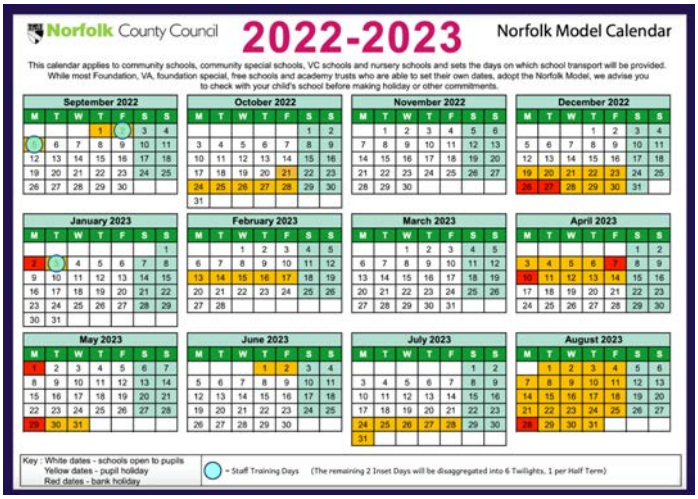
Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2	**Tuesday/Thursday**
Dolphin and Shark Class - Years 3, 5 and 6	**Thursday**
Dolphin Year 4 - Swimming	**Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
07/03/2023	1:45-3:00	Maths Cafe - Pattern - Parents welcome
09/03/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 swimming at Victory - North Walsham
10/03/2023	2:15	Handwriting celebration event - parents and carers welcome
13/03/2023	8:45-10:45	Year 5 and 6 E-Safety event @ North Walsham High School
13/03/2023	10:00-12:00	Year 3 and 4 E-Safety event @ North Walsham High School
16/03/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 swimming at Victory - North Walsham
23/03/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 swimming at Victory - North Walsham
28/03/2023	4:00-5:00	Spring Disco - years R-6
30/03/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 4 swimming at Victory - North Walsham
31/03/2023	1:30-3:00	Easter trail and craft afternoon - parents invited
31/03/2023	3:10	Break up for Easter holidays
17/04/2023	8:45	Return from Easter holidays
21/04/2023	1:15-3:00	Seahorse, Dolphin and Shark class Squash taster session PE kit required
08/05/2023	All Day	School Closed - King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday Monday
09/05/2023 - 12/052023	8:00-9:45	Year 6 Breakfast club open all week - free to attend. Opportunity for some last minute revision

09/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - English Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar paper
10/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - English Reading paper
11/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths arithmetic paper and Reasoning paper 1
12/05/2023	9:00-12:00	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths arithmetic paper Reasoning paper 2
09/06/2023	All Day	Non-school uniform day - Please bring a bottle to support the PTFA summer fair
16/06/2023	7:00pm-9:00pm	Quiz and chip evening - Adult only quiz team PTFA fundraiser
23/06/2023	All Day	Non-school uniform day - Please bring sweets to support the PTFA summer fair
08/07/2023	12:00-3:00	PTFA summer fair

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

Big Norfolk Easter Holiday Activity scheme – Booking now open!

We're pleased to announce that booking is now open for Big Norfolk Holiday Fun. Activities will run across the Easter Holidays from 3 – 17 April. Families can now visit our **EveryMove activity finder** to search activities and make bookings.

Please support us by sharing Big Norfolk Holiday Fun information with eligible families.

Also please remember the scheme is also open to all vulnerable children regardless of their free school meal status. This includes for example young carers and refugees. Please refer any additional children that you'd like to recommend using the link here **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: Information for Schools (activenorfolk.org).**

Helping you promote the scheme

Don't forget we have a range of free promotional marketing tools to help you get the message out to your free school meal eligible families.

Materials include

- Promotional playground banners and posters
- Printed or digital flyers to go home in book bags
- Newsletter copy and social media graphics

Download the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun toolkit or order printed copies here

Now that booking is open, please encourage families to book activities by doing the following:

- sending the Big Holiday Fun pdf to all eligible families (find this in the school promotional toolkit)
- working with families you know who may struggle to make the booking themselves
- promote the scheme in your weekly school newsletter using the copy provided
- promote the scheme on your Facebook page using the social media images provided (or share Norfolk County Council's Facebook posts)

This year we've extended our offer with even more providers and activities available which is great news. On top of that we've secured more specialist SEN providers for 2023 giving us an even wider range of inclusive activities.

If you have any questions, please email the team on **bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk**

Thanks in advance for all your continued support.

Best wishes

Tim Eyres
Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships
Norfolk County Council Children's Services



Bacton FC are looking for new recruits to join their Under 7's football team for September 2023.

We are reaching out to gain an expression of interest and arrange open training for all abilities.

Our FA Qualified coaches will help develop your child's skills in a safe and fun environment.

School years: Current year 1.

Venue: North Walsham High School Gymnasium until 21/3/23 then Bacton Playground Field
When: Monday's 6 – 7 pm during term time

For any more info, please contact Dan Williamson on 07515 789 888

First session for any new recruits will be free as a taster. £2.50 per session thereafter payable via bank transfer or cash