News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

This week Starfish have been curious and creative, working collaboratively in both the indoor and outdoor area.



In the quiet area, the children chose to create their own story time. They all chose a book and found a cosy spot to either read their story by themselves or to share with a friend. It was very quiet and very peaceful and lovely to see the children taking such good care of our books.

In the construction area, the children created a wall using the bricks. When we commented that the wall looked like Stonehenge, the children asked what that was. We had a look at some pictures of Stonehenge and explained that it was in another part of the country. The children were very intrigued and continued to copy the pictures of Stonehenge using the bricks.

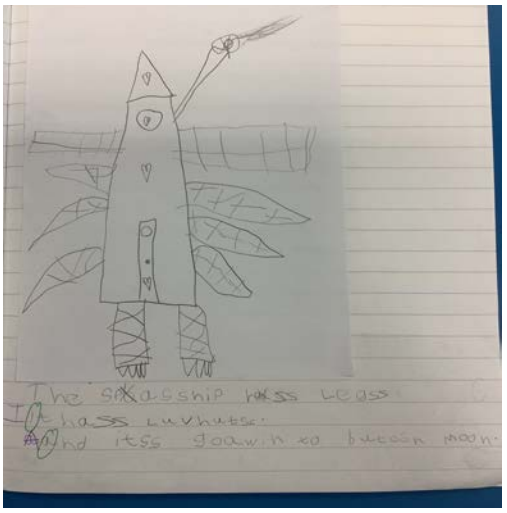


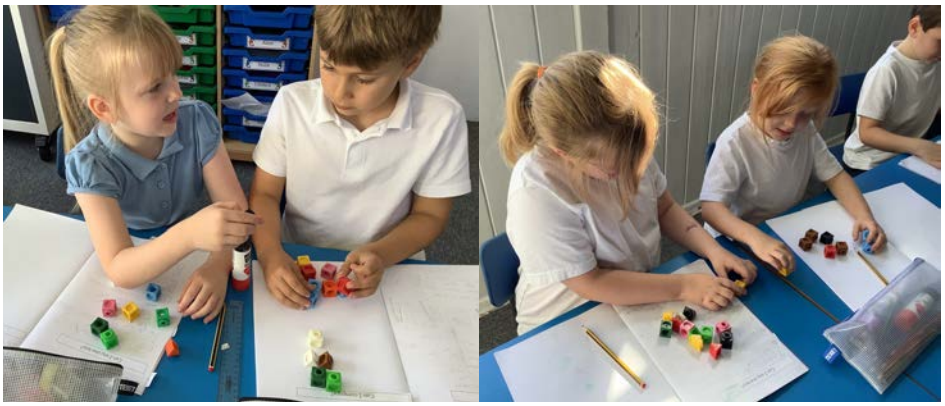
We have also been experimenting with colours this week, using lots of different paints, paint brushes and tools. The children covered the tuff tray with paint, using their hands as well as the brushes, before using rollers and pattern stampers to make different pictures and patterns in the paint. The children loved mixing the colours and creating new colours as well.



Seahorse class

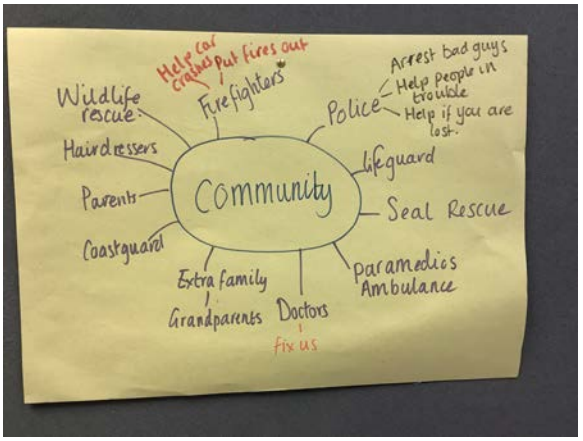
It has been a busy week in Seahorses starting our new English units. Year 2 have started writing sentences for the book 'Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and Year 1 and Reception have been using a clip from Button Moon to inspire them to use a range of vocabulary when describing objects. They have described Mr Spoon and his rocket as well as thinking of a meal to give to a hungry alien.





Meanwhile in maths, year 1 and 2 have been comparing numbers and working out which number is greater, less than or equal to another number. They then went on to look at how we know something is a whole or part of a whole.

In topic, Reception have been looking at people who help us and what they do to help us. It was great to see how much they already knew without needing prompting or support from an adult. Year 1 and 2 have drawn flying machines and then have started to learn how to type and write sentences on a chromebook.

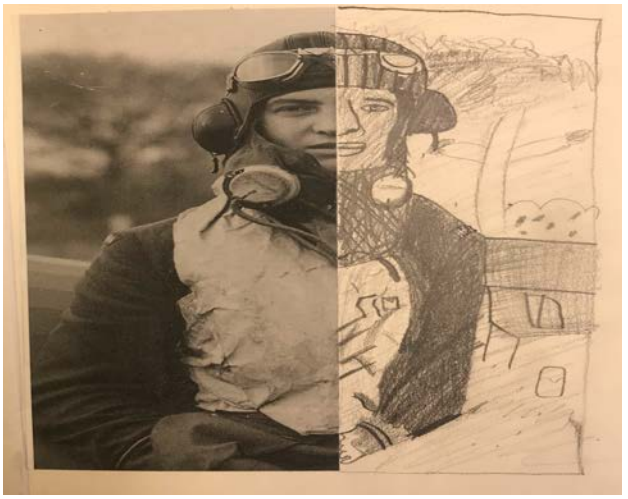


Dolphin class

This week Dolphins have started their new English unit of journalistic writing. On Monday we were being curious about what journalistic writing is and how the different parts of a newspaper report look. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we were being creative, writing our own sentences and completing a short independent write on an eye-witness account of the Blitz. Then, on Friday we used reflective skills to edit our short writes.







In maths, the children have been working really hard on adding three addends, adding across ten and subtracting across ten. We have been using lots of manipulatives this week and it has really fostered the children's understanding and linked in with our JONK characteristic of this week of being resourceful.

Elsewhere in Topic, we have moved onto our Art block. In this block we have investigated different shading techniques, such as cross-hatching and stippling. The children then used these skills to produce a piece of artwork on a Battle of Britain pilot and as you can see there are some great pieces of artwork that have been produced.





Shark Class

It has been a very productive week for Sharks, even in Mr Wilson's brief absence, and

they should all be very proud of the work they have done! In our writing, we've started our non-chronological reports based around Terry Deary's Horrible Histories - I am very excited to see their independently produced ones next week! In maths, we have shifted our focus towards subtraction and this has been met with great success. The children have been using pictorial and written methods to explore what happens when we cross over the 10s and 100s to help their understanding of number. We've also looked at 3 different ways we can count in 9s if caught in a pinch.



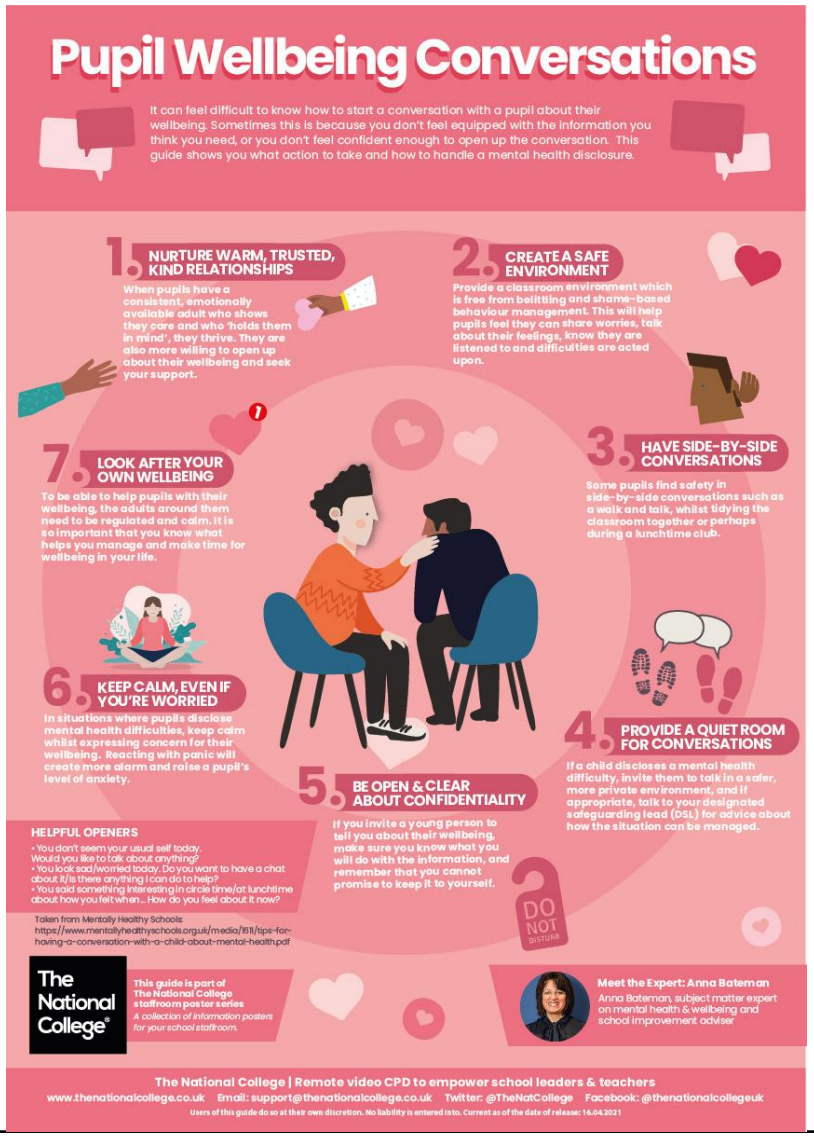




Finally, in topic we have been looking at the use of RADAR in the Dowding System to help defend our skies from the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain, including an excellent role-played raid which we have attached photos for. We had a lot of fun pretending to be radar operators, AA gunners and fighter pilots!

Mental Wellbeing

This week, we would like to raise awareness of the steps we take within the school to support your child's wellbeing.



Online Safety

We continue raising awareness for online safety with what you need to know about live streaming.



Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

We will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

Teachers and TAs will be looking out for children who demonstrate the JONK skill of Collaborative next week.

Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week



Dolphin Class JONK certificate this week



Shark Class JONK certificate this week



Our new Head Boy and Head Girl



Our new School Councillors



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 96.53%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 97.89%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.81%

Shark class attendance year to date 95.24%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolpins with 100%

Well Done Dolphin Class

Return to school in September 2023

You may remember that back in the autumn term we consulted on changes to the start and end time of the school day inline with the government white paper. From September 2023 our start and end of day time will be changing - see below

Start	8.35-8.45 drop-off (8.45 the doors close)
Finish	3.15 pickup

Reminders

School Lunches
Please check the school website for the Spring/Summer Menu
There has been some waste lately, please ensure that you order a meal that your child will eat.

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.

PE Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2	**Monday and Thursday**
Dolphin and Shark Classes - Years 3, 4,5 and 6	**Thursday and Friday**

Uniform
Order directly through Birds of Dereham (any time)
https://www.birdsofdereham.com/

Or place your order on the School Money System before the cut off dates below.

Order Through School - Dates 2022/23:
1. Order Cut Off: **Fri 6th October 2023** - Delivery in November 2023

2. Order Cut Off: Fri 16th February 2024 - Delivery in March 2024
3. Order Cut Off: Fri 26th April 2024 - Delivery in May 2024
4. Order Cut Off: Fri 7th June 2024 - Delivery in July 2024

	Sweatshirt	Cardigan	Fleece Jacket	Delivery charge
Order through school (includes 10% discount)	£10.50	£12.00	£14.50	Free

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 04/10/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
05/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
Wednesday 11/10/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
12/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
Wednesday 18/10/2023	3.15-4.00	Homework Club Years 1 to 6
19/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
19/10/2023	3:15	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
30/10/2023	8:45	Return to school from October Half Term Holiday
03/11/2023	2:00	Harvest Festival Parents invited into school - letter to follow (Please note this is a change to the previously advertised date)
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6

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

