



News Sheet



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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

What another busy week we've had in Starfish! Throughout the week, the children have been working hard on their number skills. One of the activities the children have had out are the dinosaurs and their numbered footprints. We set out the dinosaur footprints with numbers 1-10 and the children placed all the dinosaurs around them, matching the correct amount of dinosaurs to each footprint.



The children have also been showing us their creative and collaborative skills as well this week. In the messy tuff tray, the children explored different coloured paints by using different tools to make patterns and mix the colours. They loved finding out what each tool did and mixing all the colours together.

We have also continued with our topic learning by talking about where we live and who we live with. The children were able to use pictures and the building blocks to talk about their homes, what rooms they had and whether they had stairs in their house or not.



Seahorse class

This week we have had great fun with our new surfer seats. Year one have been using them for the Drawing Club and have shown us how they work. They have sat really well on them so they are balanced and have not changed the presentation of their work. Mr Hopkins even had a go! We have all been using the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers this week. It has



created some lovely writing about the penguin and the boy. Year 2 have then gone on to write fact files about penguins. They have used a range of knowledge and worked really hard to ensure their handwriting is neat. Meanwhile in Drawing Club, year 1 and reception have looked at how they can help the boy when his boat is sinking.



In maths, years 1 and 2 have been making numbers using the numicon and dienes, looking at the number of tens and the number of ones to make it. We have been using the stem sentence 'There are 3 tens and 4 ones. The number is 34.' Reception have been introduced to the numbers 4 and 5. They have looked at how to form the number, what it looks like on a five frame and different ways we can join 4 or 5 cubes and the shapes they make.



In topic, Key Stage 1 have carried on learning about Amelia Earheart and her journey. This has also been linked in with our work on the continents and compass points. The children have pretended to be Amelia flying across the world and navigating to the different compass points. We have also been busy learning our song for the Christmas performance. We can now sing nearly all of the song without the words. We have also been busy cleaning some of the toys that we had used in the garden so we can use them inside.



Dolphin class

In Dolphins this week we have been preparing, cooking and eating as if we were fighting in the trenches during WW2. As a class on Monday we planned our very own trench stew using 5 simple ingredients, carrots, squash, potatoes, onion stock and bread. Once we had planned we had lots of moans from the class stating, "we'll make the stew but we definitely aren't trying it". On Tuesday, we were in the kitchen chopping the vegetables into bite size pieces, ripping the bread into edible chunks and boiling all the vegetables together in a pot with the stock cube. Then to the tasting! Once served up, every child tried the stew (which we were very impressed with). A few did not like the Dolphin trench stew but the majority enjoyed it, asking for seconds (even though the day before they were adamant they weren't trying it at all). In all, the class really enjoyed the experience of preparing and cooking their own food, with many sharing how they help out with the cooking at home.

Elsewhere; in English the class has started a new unit on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The class were very excited when they found out on Monday, as many have watched the film. We have had some excellent sentences throughout the week describing the wintry scene from the film and have progressed on to writing our own version of the start of the film.

In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000. The class has quickly grasped the concept of comparing two numbers and have progressed on to ordering. In our first ordering numbers lesson, we focused on building the numbers so we could physically see which numbers were greater. We then progressed on to using a place value chart. We spent lots of time discussing how we knew the numbers' orders and if we had put them into ascending or descending order.

In PE, the class have continued to enjoy gymnastics with the focus being again on rolls. We moved on this week to backwards rolls and cartwheels (I didn't realise they were rolls). The fun and enjoyment that the children were having was clear to see by the smiles on their faces and the enjoyment that came with the improvement in their rolls.





Shark Class

Sharks have had a very busy week! As this term is drawing to a close, the learning shows no signs of slowing down!

In Maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, as well as learning a few 'teacher cheats' to help us work out tricky calculations in simple, speedy ways when we are doing our assessments. We've also been seeing some great progress with our Multiplication Monday challenge where we have been seeing new people reach Level 3 every week so far this half term!

25/11/23

Can I compare calculations?

1) $872 + 315 =$ $872 + 415 =$

872 315

872 415 ✓

2) $872 + 315$ $872 + 415$

872 315

872 415 ✗

3) $6745 - 2000$ $6745 - 1000$ ✓

$23465 + 199$ $200 + 23465$

$82305 - 1378$ $82405 - 1376$

$582 + 69$ $586 + 68$

20/11/23

Round to check answers

1) $2,937$ rounded to the nearest thousand is $3,000$ ✓
 $1,870$ rounded to the nearest thousand is $2,000$ ✓

$3,000 + 2,000 = 5,000$ ✓

$2,937$
 $+ 1,870$
 $4,807$ ✗

2) $12,063 + 29,590 = 41,653$

$12,063$
 $+ 29,590$
 $41,653$ ✗

$12,000 + 30,000 = 42,000$ ✓

2b) $47,640 - 9,485 = 37,155$ ✗ ✗

$47,640$
 $- 9,485$
 $37,155$

$50,000 - 10,000 = 40,000$ ✓

3)

In English, we have finished off our narratives based on the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. On Thursday, we spent the morning creating and writing about our own magical world that we can access through a portal in an unexpected place. I cannot wait to read through all of the wonderful description and characterisation added by the children when I go through their work over the weekend.

Independent Write

Year: 5/6

Date: 23/11/23

Task: To independently write about someone travelling to an imaginary world via a portal.

Genre: Narrative



One cold evening, Lucy was, a home drinking a hot mug of hot chocolate. Her mum told her to throw out an old mirror, but the problem was that it was her favourite mirror. The first thought that came to her mind was pretending to throw it out but actually hiding it in her room. She dragged it up stairs and hid it under a blanket and pulled a bunch of pillows on it.

One morning, as Lucy got out of bed, the mirror started glowing. Lucy crept slowly toward it, but suddenly her hand got sucked in. Then her arms and then the rest. She felt nervous and scared for what is happening to her. She closed her eyes and squeezed them to pretend nothing was happening, but alot was happening.

All of a sudden, she tumbled and tumbled down a huge suga mountain. As she got to the bottom of the suga mountain, she opened her eyes and saw a world of suga. There were candy cane paths, a brownie tree that gave candy apples, a river of chocolate fudge and a huge gingerbread house that had a lake of chocolate by the side.

She looked around and saw a strange path that said "follow the path". The path was made of cookies and it had gumdrops on the side of it when you first walk down it. It would be nice to see massed canebars.

As she walked down the path it began to rain suga powder. Lucy opened her mouth and she caught a whole lot of suga. As she approached the end there was a huge candycane that was holding a candle. Lucy picked it and it swung back and forth back and forth.

Suddenly, there was a noise in a bush. Lucy stopped closer and closer to reveal a marshmallow man. It slowly step out of the bush and said, "Hello Mr Marshmallow man."

"Hi Lucy, but why am I here?" questioned Lucy.

"You fell through the portal," he said in a mysterious voice.

Lucy got closer and closer. "May I eat you?" said Lucy, licking her lips.

"I beg a your pardon," the snowman said.

"Sorry," replied Lucy.

Lucy quickly ran away because she was interested to what happened. She ran back to the portal to her room, but in her head she was trying to decide if she should destroy the mirror. But also it was a funny breathing land. So she decided to keep it under her bed for ever.

In Topic, we have taken a brief detour away from The Battle of Britain in order to look at classification, adaptation and Darwin's theory of 'Natural Selection' dictating which animals live and which ones no longer exist. It has been incredibly interesting seeing their ideas and knowledge develop. We also had great fun trying to design a creature that would face numerous challenges during its attempt to survive for 1 million years.

Mental Wellbeing

A word you may hear regularly from the children and adults at school is 'Resilience'. The definition of resilience is the ability to adapt to difficult situations. When faced with stress, adversity or trauma, we will still experience anger, grief and pain, but we're able to keep functioning — both physically and psychologically.

This young man has shown recently how being resilient paid off as he was able to walk on stilts. Sometimes we all need a reminder to be resilient and to keep going and this face shows us the benefits. Well done!



Safeguarding

Help with Living Costs this Winter

Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods. Click on the link for more details:

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/cssshared/ecourier2/fileoutput.asp?id=54504>



Lighthouse Lookout

Dolphins and Sharks previously nominated themselves to be part of the Lighthouse Lookout Crew. A great opportunity for the children to learn new skills and support others. The Lighthouse Crew gains the pupils' voice and allows the children to raise awareness and support others within the school. For each role there is a Shark and Dolphin with the Head Pupils supporting the roles alongside Mrs Winchester and Mr Austin.

Lead Lookouts Head Pupils



Mental Wellbeing Lookouts



Young Carers Lookouts



Safeguarding Lookouts



Anti-Bullying Lookouts



Diversity Lookouts



Friendship Lookouts



Road Safety

It has been great to see so many children and parents walking to school where possible and even those arriving by car have been parking a short distance away at the Priory or the community centre and walking to school from there. During the week there will be a road safety assembly to remind the children how to cross the road safely and this will be linked with stranger danger and dark nights. Please help us with this by ensuring that parents and carers park legally, safely and sensibly. Thank you for helping us keep your child/children safe.



Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

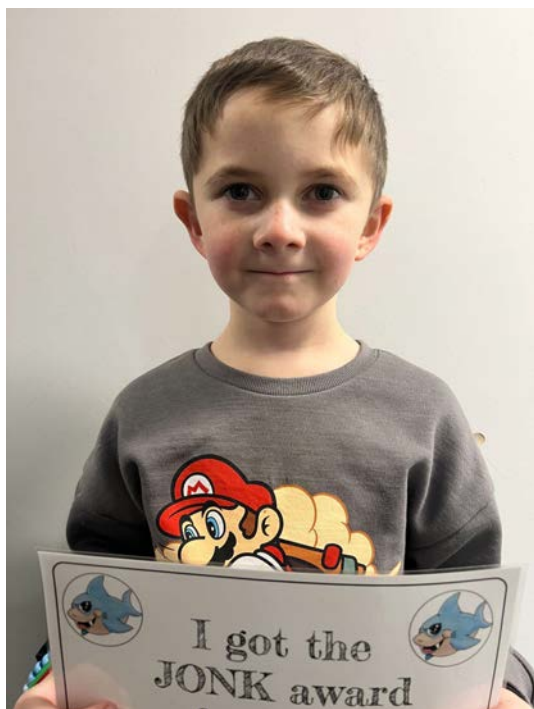
We will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

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

Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week



Dolphin Class JONK certificates this week



Shark Class JONK certificate this week



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 96.09%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 96.45%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.49%

Shark class attendance year to date 96.12%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Dolphins with 96.03%

Well Done Dolphin 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.

PE Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2

Monday and Thursday

Dolphin and Shark Classes - Years 3, 4,5 and 6	Thursday and Friday
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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 2023/24:**
1. Order Cut Off: Fri 6th October 2023 - Delivered 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.

PTFA Bottles and Jars donations
PTFA Fancy Dress costume donations

If you have any empty jars with lids at home that you no longer need or are destined for the recycling bin could we suggest they be donated to the school please?

The PTFA are collecting jars to fill with prizes for the Christmas raffle. If you can help please send your empty jars into the school office. The PTFA would also like scraps of wrapping paper. Thank you for your support.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
28/11/2023	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
29/11/2023	3:15-4:00	Homework club
30/11/2023	3:15-4:15	Football after school club provided by Premier Sport
05/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
06/12/2023	All Day	WWII Historical Visitor day (Horning Primary Y3/4/5/6 joining) Children and staff are invited to dress in period costume
06/12/2023	3:15-4:00	Homework club
07/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Football after school club provided by Premier Sport
12/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
13/12/2023	3:15-4:00	Homework club
14/12/2023	9:30-10:30	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter issued
14/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Football after school club provided by Premier Sport
15/12/2023	14:00-15:00	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter issued
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6
19/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
20/12/2023	3:15-4:00	No Homework club today
02/02/2024	All Day	NSPCC Number Day - 'Dress up for Digits' to raise money for the NSPCC
05/02/2024	All Week	Children's Mental Health Week - Activities for the week
07/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
08/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
09/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
7/3/2024	All day	World Book Day
15/3/2024	All day	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

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](#)



Norfolk County Council 2023-2024 Coastal Together

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Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec (10.00-11.00am or 11.00-12.00noon) @ Great Yarmouth Charter Academy, Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 4LS

Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec (3.00-4.00pm or 4.00-5.00pm) @ Aylsham High School Sports Hub, Palmerston Way, Aylsham, NR11 6FN

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