News Sheet

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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

Starfish have had a brilliant first week back after the half term.

We have started the week by looking at healthy eating. We looked at the five different food groups and the children enjoyed completing the food groups puzzles. When completed, the children talked about what foods they could see, what they have at home and which items they like best. Over snack time, the children then reminded each other that we need to eat our fruit before our savoury item as fruit is the healthier option.



The children have also been working on their fine motor skills this week. Using the screwdrivers and various screw shapes, making Numberblock characters out of the multilink cubes and putting the puzzle pieces together have helped the children to work on the strength in their hands. They have shown resilience and kept trying when the cubes haven't quite fitted together or the screws struggled to come out of the board, finding new ways to solve their problems.



Starfish have also been looking back at Nursery Rhymes this week, using the cards and finger puppets to sing their favourite songs and act them out. One of the most requested rhymes was 'Wheels on the Bus' with the children choosing each verse and the actions to go with it.

Seahorse class

This week Reception have been very busy exploring capacity. This has involved a lot of water. They have been measuring, pouring and comparing the water. It has been great to hear the children copying and adapting the questions that the adults had asked them. Meanwhile year 1 and year 2 have been looking at the five and ten times tables. They have been looking at the similarities and differences between them.

In English, Reception have been looking at the book 'Diary of a Wombat' and thinking about who Wombat might meet and what else Wombat might like to eat. In Key Stage 1 we have started looking at non-fiction texts so that we are ready to create our own non-chronological reports at the end of next week.

Our topic lessons in Key Stage 1 have been about money and how we can earn and save money. The children have shown a good knowledge of the different things they can do and choices that can be made about saving money. Reception's topic lessons have been very science based looking at the seasons and the weather. They have thought about the different types of clothes we wear in the different seasons.

We have been very lucky to have Miss Neil start working with us from UEA as a part of her PGCE placement. She has settled in really well and has enjoyed getting to know the children this week.







Dolphins

After a week off, Dolphins hit the road running coming straight back into our learning with a week full of learning.

We have covered a great deal in maths this week, from multiplying odd and even numbers and their rules, to learning the 7 times table and then building an understanding of square numbers. We were curious why the result of numbers times by themselves were called square numbers. When investigating with the multilink cubes we found out that they are called square numbers because when put into an array, they can make a perfect square.

Over in English, we have started a new unit on the narrative *The Tale of the Whale*. We started the week looking at what alliteration is and we got to grips with writing our own alliterative sentences. Some of the sentences the class created were, *Groaning Gertude gave the man a golden gate* and *The pupil painted peacefully with paint*. Later in the week we created the next part of the story, diving under the sea and finding a sunken ship with the whale.

This week we have also completed an RE unit on Buddhism. The class were very interested and curious about this religion and their ideas around life and death. Most liked the idea of being reborn as an animal, although there was some discussion on which animal is best to be reborn as.

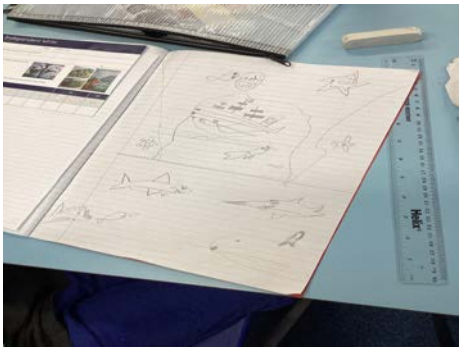




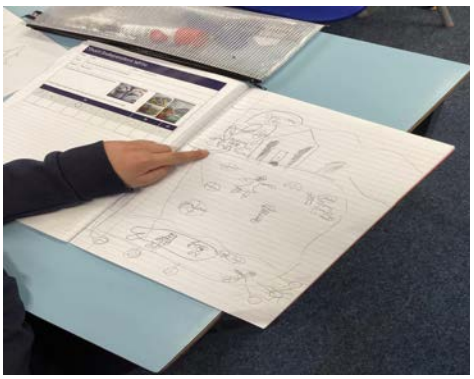










Sharks

We're back again! Past the half-way point of the year and hurtling towards the summer term at full speed. It has been lovely getting back into the swing of things this week.

In Maths, we've been securing the last little bits of multiplication and division knowledge needed to have a go at the long fabled 2-digit long division next week. We have looked at Factors (both common and otherwise), Multiples and how to easily solve squared number problems. The children have been very impressive in their ability to explain their thinking around these concepts.

In English, we have been looking at poetry - attempting to write our own Raps based around The Lorax by Dr Seuss. We've also been exploring tongue-twisters and other wordplay to try and elevate our own writing and have a little fun whilst doing it. I am still waiting for someone to successfully complete Rhubarb Barbara faster than I can, they're starting to get very close!

Finally, our topic work this week has been all around Money Sense and how to calculate interest. It has been very eye-opening for some of them to learn about the different ways we can pay for things, and how quickly some of them can escalate with how much you have to pay back! Hopefully this will encourage them to make smarter choices with their finances as they begin to move forward into adulthood. All in all, another busy week in Sharks!

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March rather than Thursday 7th March due to PE and swimming. We would like to encourage the children to come in dressed up as a book character. In the afternoon we will be off timetable completing a range of book and story activities.



On the day the PTFA will be selling chocolate bars with the chance to win a 'Golden Ticket'. Children can then redeem their ticket for a seat on the minibus to the Norfolk Children's Book Centre the following week. Once at the centre, children will be given the chance to pick a book of their choice bought for them by the school.

Mental Wellbeing

Bacton Primary School are proud to be hosting their first **Family Hub & Community Engagement Event** this term. During the event you will meet a range of professionals offering their services to you as parents/carers to support your children as well as yourselves. As a school we will be promoting how we support mental health within the school, we will be introducing our new parent led Child Behaviour Therapy (CBT) sessions and raising awareness around online safety. An added bonus for your wellbeing, **free** drinks and refreshments will be available during the event.

Please add the date to your diary and we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 13th March 14:30 - 16:00.



Hire Hub Club

We are carrying on with the Hire Hub and have further sessions booked in with Premier Sport. If you are interested in coming to either session please contact the office.

Monday 4th March 2024 - Scooter Skills
Monday 18th March 2024 - Ball Skills

If you are interested in borrowing something, please see Mrs Temple or Mrs Underwood who are outside at the end of the day. If they are not there and you would like to hire something please come in and someone can come and help you. We have had some great photos sent in by families of equipment being used that they have borrowed and would love to see more photos of the equipment being used.

Costume Library



Working alongside the Hire Hub, will be a costume library created by the PTFA. It will work in the same way as the Hire Hub in that you can borrow a fancy dress costume and then return it the next day or borrow on a Friday and return on a Monday. It is all completely free and is possible due to donations.

Online Safety

Before the half term break we were looking at digital footprints. We added the below poster to our Facebook page.



Over the next week or two will be working with the children to demonstrate how far a post can reach. Mrs Winchester was very excited to see how far the post reached, have you had a look to see? The children currently have not been made aware, but they will be soon. As we know, there are lots of benefits to the internet but there are also many concerns around the usage, hence the reason for promoting safety whilst using it.

Please click on the link to watch the Norfolk Constabulary Online Safety Webinar:
Recorded Online Safety webinar for parents and carers

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.



Child car seats: the law



Children must use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules

Attendance

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.16%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 94.23%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.77%

Shark class attendance year to date 95.16%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Seahorses with 97.98%

Well Done Seahorse Class

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 how to be collaborative next week.

Seahorse Class JONK Certificate this Week



Dolphin Class JONK Certificate this Week



Shark Class JONK Certificate this Week







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 (Please note Yrs 3 & 4 are swimming on Thursday)	**Thursday and Friday**
Dolphin Class Years 3 and 4 - Swimming	**Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please**

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.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
27/02/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
28/02/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club
29/02/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)
04/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Premier Sport Parent/Carer/Child Workshop - Scooter Skills
05/03/2024	AM and PM	Sharks - 2 Groups - Norfolk SnowSports - Tubing - letter issued
05/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
06/03/2024	12:00-3:15	Dolphins - Norfolk SnowSports - Tubing - letter issued
06/03/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club
07/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)
08/03/2024	All day	World Book Day
12/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
13/03/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club
13/03/2024	2:30-4:00	Family Hub & Community Engagement Event
14/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)

15/3/2024	All day	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
18/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Premier Sports Parent/Carer/Child Workshop - Ball Skills
18/03/2024	4:15-5:15	Spring Disco - Letter Issued to be issued
19/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
20/03/2024	3:15-4:00	Homework Club
21/03/2024	3:15-4:15	Sports Club - Invasion Games (Hockey, football etc.)
26/03/2024	All day	Seahorse visit to Banham Zoo - letter issued
28/03/2024	3:15	Break up for Easter holidays
17/04/2024	All day	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability Level 1 - Letter issued
18/04/24	4:00-5:00	PTFA Bingo - Letter to be issued
23/04/2024	12:30-5:30	Year 6 STEAM competition event at Greshams School Holt - letter to follow
13/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test
14/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Reading test
15/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths papers 1 and 2
16/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths paper 3
15/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
16/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
17/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
18/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	Allday	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	3:15	Break up for the Summer Holidays

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



EVERYONE IS EXCITED!

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ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET STARTED IN SWIMMING LESSONS?

-LESSONS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITY`S

- SPACES AVAILABLE NOW

- SWIMMING LESSONS RUN 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR

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- UP TO 57% OFF DAYS OUT & ATTRACTIONS

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- UP TO 25% OFF FAMILY HOLIDAYS & RESORTS



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