Bacton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th February 2026

A message from Mrs Houghton



As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half term, it is always lovely to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and wonderful moments we have shared across the school. The most recent topic of Habitat Homes has really captured the children's imaginations, and we have seen them enthusiastically talking about and creating amazing habitats from across the world, not just in lessons but also during their breaks, which is so fantastic to see!

Last week, Mr Austin and I had a brilliant few days with Year 4 at Hilltop. The weather was chilly but the excitement levels and varied activities kept everyone warm! The centre's motto is "challenge by choice" and all the children demonstrated real determination and enthusiasm with big smiles all round!

Looking ahead to next half term, we have our World Book Day celebration which will take place on Friday 6th March. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be time for them to share their books with friends and celebrate the enjoyment gained from entering the wonderful world of books.

We also look forward to welcoming families into school on Wednesday 3rd March for our Art workshop where we will have lots of creative activities for everyone to take part in!

And now, as we head into half term, I would like to wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable break.



CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

93.4%

STARFISH PRESCHOOL



It has been very loving in Starfish these last couple of weeks as the children have been celebrating Valentine's Day and thinking about their family and who they love.

The children worked hard on making 'Love Monster' cards for people they love. After using red, pink and purple paint and squashing it between the paper, Starfish used glue, googly eyes, pipe cleaners and feathers to create their own 'Love Monster' for their family.



Starfish also used pastry and jam to make heart shaped jam tarts! They looked delicious!

We then decided to celebrate Pancake Day a week early as we are on half term next week and all enjoyed some pancakes with butter and jam for our snack. Yummy!

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We have also been looking at our colours this week with some sorting and creative activities. Starfish loved having the collage box back out, carefully using scissors and glue to add colour and texture to their art books.



RECEPTION, Y 1 & Y 2 SEAHORSES

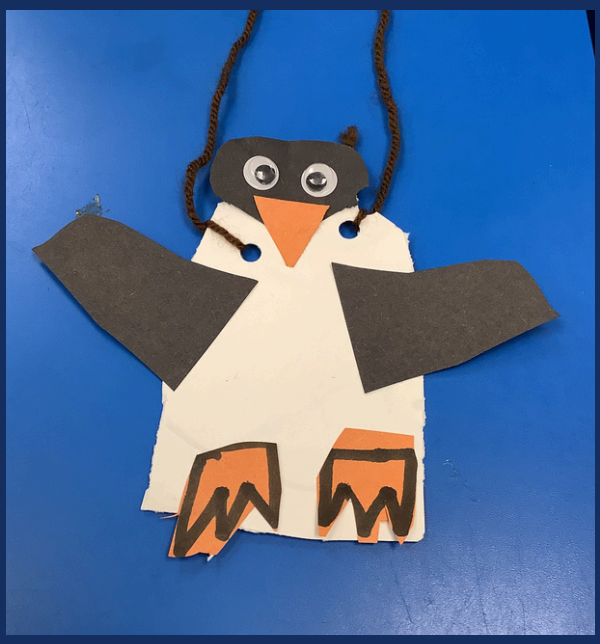


Seahorses have thoroughly enjoyed their new topic, "Habitat Homes." They have been learning about different habitats, focusing on the Arctic and Antarctic. The children have loved exploring how animals adapt to these cold environments and have been busy creating their own habitats for different animals. They have also shown great creativity when producing their own weather reports, thinking carefully about climate and conditions in these regions.

In English, the children have been developing their writing by including a wider range of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. They have enjoyed exploring the texts "One Day on Our Blue Planet: Antarctica" and "Lost and Found", which have inspired thoughtful discussions and some lovely descriptive writing.

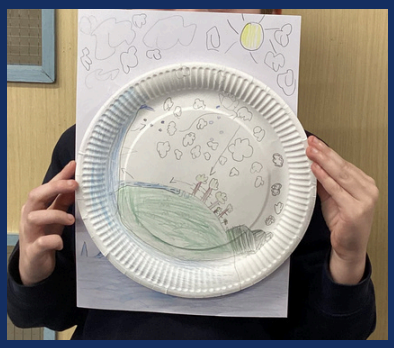
In Maths, KS1 children have been focusing on counting in twos, fives and tens, as well as exploring commutativity in multiplication and understanding multiplication as repeated addition. Reception children have been concentrating on numbers to 8 and developing their understanding of how these numbers can be partitioned in different ways. The children are showing increasing confidence and enthusiasm across all areas of their learning.





Y3 & Y4

STINGRAYS



The Stingrays have had another fantastic few weeks of learning during our second Spring Term topic, Habitat Homes. The children have continued to build on their knowledge of rainforests and have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout this unit.

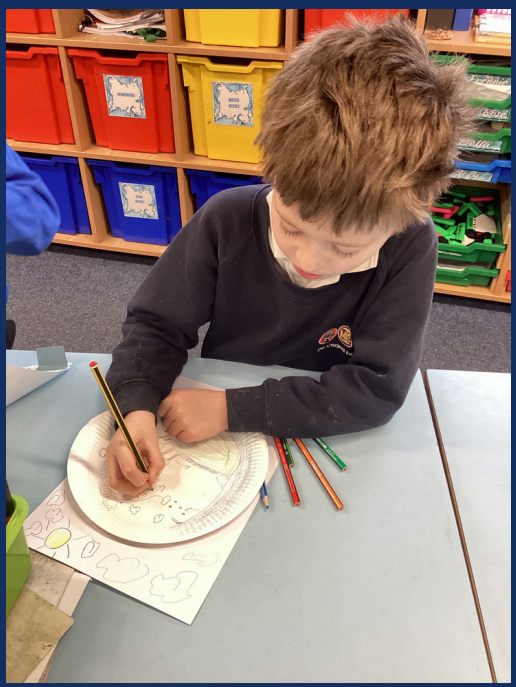
During this topic, the class explored rainforests in greater detail, learning about where they are located around the world and what makes their climate unique. The children discovered how rainforests are typically found near the equator and discussed the hot, humid, and wet conditions that help support such diverse wildlife and plant life.

A highlight of this topic was learning about the water cycle. The Stingrays investigated how water moves around our planet through evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection. The children were fascinated to discover that the water we use today is the same water that existed millions of years ago – even the same water that dinosaurs once drank!

In English, we have been focusing on narrative writing using the book The Tin Forest. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story and identifying how settings and emotions change throughout the text. Inspired by the book, the Stingrays created their own imaginative narratives where their stories began in a sad, miserable place before transforming into a happy and hopeful environment.



In Maths, we have begun our learning about fractions. The children have been investigating what denominators, numerators, and vinculum are and how they help us understand fractions. They have also been learning how to count, order, and compare fractions, developing their confidence in this new area of Maths. The class has shown great focus and perseverance while learning these important concepts.



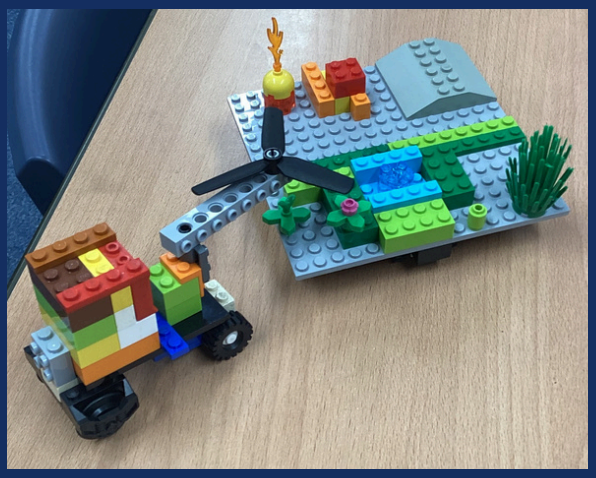
Y5 & Y6

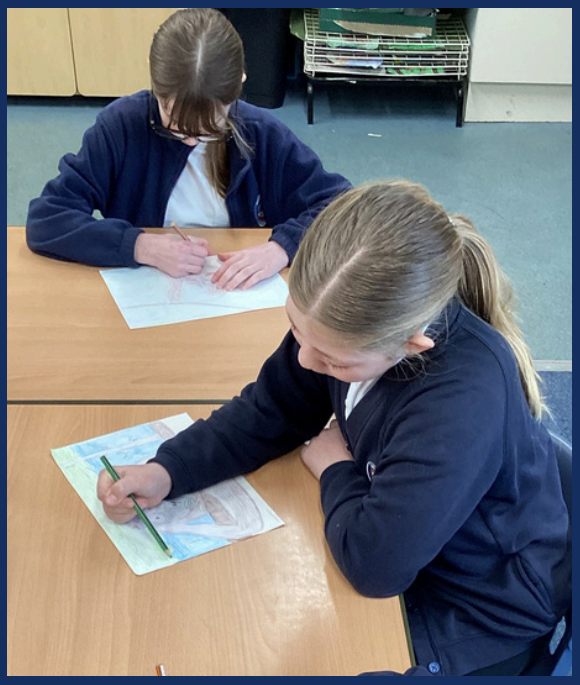
SHARKS

Sharks have continued to enjoy their learning. In English we have had a focus on The Jungle Book and spent time looking at narratives and the detail needed to make their writing engaging. The children have had a look at information texts and have written about the different layers of a rainforest and what each layer is like.

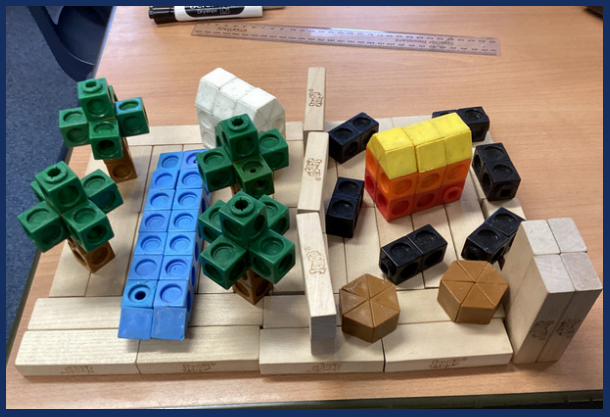
In maths, we have been focusing on decimals, percentages and fractions. Although this is a tricky topic, all of the children have worked hard to understand it and completed some amazing work.

As part of the wider curriculum, Sharks have been looking at Habitat Homes which has had a focus on the rainforests; the weather, location and what makes them unique. There has also been a focus on deforestation and what that means. I have been incredibly impressed with the amount of beautiful work the children have produced and their knowledge of the rainforest.









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