Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 29th November 2024





Foxes Christmas is fast approaching and things are very busy in Foxes Class as we prepare for the Christingle Service and Nativity. The children are conscientiously learning their lines and practising the songs we will be singing in both services. Alongside getting prepared for lots of events, the children are carrying on with a full curriculum and some of our older children have been completing their NFER tests in Reading and Maths. The children continue to work hard whilst getting excited and looking forward to what's to come.

The children really enjoyed the trip to the Walsingham Shrine and the opportunity allowed them to learn about Walsingham as a place of pilgrimage. They had the opportunity to look at Tudor artefacts that pilgrims would have carried upon their journey, comparing these to what we have now. They then visited the Walsingham Abbey to see the site where the previous Holy House was, before visiting the Modern Holy House and lighting candles. To finish the day, they made clay grotesques and retold the story of Walsingham using imagery.

In English, our EYFS children have continued looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and they wrote some excellent independent apology letters from the Wolf. This week they are retelling the story using their phonics to support them. Our older children are continuing to read 'The House Held Up by Trees'. They have enjoyed learning new vocabulary associated with this text, recognising how the house was abandoned. This week they have been writing nature poems using different poetic devices such as onomatopoeia.

In EYFS, our youngest children are revisiting core principles of maths, this week looking at patterns. They have been recognising, copying and creating their own ABAB patterns. Our Year 2 children have tackled their NFER tests. These are used by us as a school so that we can assess what children know and build on from this. We have moved onto our final unit for this term in White Rose Maths, this being shape. The children have found this unit quite tricky, so we are going to take time doing lots of practical additions to the lessons by going on shape hunts and recognising shapes within the environment.

Our afternoon sessions continue to be busy and the EYFS children enjoyed making Autumn Bonfire Soup this week. We seem to have a theme with soup this half term, as our KS1 children are planning, preparing, making and evaluating a healthy vegetable soup! In preparation for this, they learnt new cutting techniques this week so that they can safely chop the vegetables that they will be adding to their soups next week!

Homework continues to be sent and children are engaging well with their spelling practice at home, so thank you. Just a reminder to parents that we do expect you to hear your child read at least five times at home, so please do record this within their reading record. Thank you!



The Pilgrim Federation

FORTHCOMING DATES:



Wed 4th Dec - Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival trip
Thurs 5th Dec - Christingle Service at St Peter's at 2pm
Fri 6th Dec - Christmas Jumper day
Fri 6th Dec - Library Van
Thurs 12th Dec - Christmas lunch at school
Fri 13th Dec - Carol singing at Tesco, Fakenham
Tues 17th Dec - Federation Pantomime at Kings Lynn
Wed 18th Dec - pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Thurs 19th Dec - Christmas Play at St Mary's at 2pm
Fri 20th Dec - Christmas party and last day of term

Badgers



The Badgers have been busy this week with their termly assessments. They have all shown great determination and maturity with completing these – well done Badgers!

We have been reading 'The Beast of Olympus' in Literacy lessons and comparing it to the 'Twelve Labours of Heracles' myth. This involved creating our own beast of Olympus in preparation for our own story writing.

In Science, we have been looking at stars and constellations. This led to some beautiful star themed art work.

We are looking forward to a visit on Friday from Lucilla, one of our Federation governors. She is an expert on Ancient Greece and I know she has some fun activities lined up for Badger class.

CHILDREN IN NEED:
Thank you to everyone who gave a donation for wearing home clothes on Children in Need day. We raised £30 for the charity.





CAKE SALE:
Thank you very much for donations of cakes and biscuits and to everyone who bought some. We have raised **£70.00** for our School Fund which helps pay for extra treats and trips for the children.



Some pictures from the Foxes class trip to the Shrine...





