Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 31st January 2025

Spring is coming!



Foxes



It is quite remarkable to think that we are now halfway through our first half term and we only have two weeks left until we break up! This first half term really has flown by, and despite it being grey and miserable outside, the children have been engaged, excellently behaved and enjoying their learning!

In English, the children have enjoyed reading the fantasy story 'Toys in Space'. They have had the opportunity to invent their own characters and storyline and have written their own stories! The children have been able to generate some good ideas and have, in turn, written some stories that have been interesting to read. Going forward, our class goal is to focus on independence, so that the children are able to be more forward thinking for themselves, and tackle learning head on without needing an adult to lead.

Our learning in Maths this half term has been a real challenge! In KS1, the children have been tackling adding and subtracting two-digit numbers across a ten. They have been using Base 10 to support them with this, and are beginning to grasp the method with increasing confidence. We will continue to practise this, before moving on to the column method, providing the children with different mathematical strategies to tackle calculation problems. In EYFS, the children have enjoyed learning all about mass and capacity. They have taken part in some practical learning that has enabled them to use vocabulary such as empty, half full and full to compare containers.

Our Science learning has been really fun this half term as we have been focusing on space. The KS1 children really enjoyed learning about constellations and they had the opportunity to draw the constellation linked to their star sign! Our EYFS children enjoyed the practical element of this too, as they made constellations using mini marshmallows – they also thought that they were rather tasty!

In Geography, our KS1 children have been exploring dangerous weather! They were really interested to learn about the unpredictability of weather and learnt about hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, blizzards and heatwaves! They looked at some of the extreme weathers happening in the world at the moment and considered how they could stay safe during these times if it were to happen to them!

We have lots to look forward to over the next half term, so please do keep an eye out on Class Dojo for what we get up to and check in with your child's Tapestry journal if they are in EYFS!



The Pilgrim Federation

REMINDER:

There have been lots of letters sent home recently, and today, with slips to be returned.

- Badgers' Shrine trip - urgent
- Y5/6 Bikeability - urgent
- Y5 residential - How Hill
- Y3/4 swimming
- Parent consultations
- Clubs for next half term

Please send them in promptly. Thank you.

Badgers



As always, it's been a busy time in Badger class. Children have been doing really well with a variety of writing activities. We have written biographies (Y5/6) and fact files (Y3/4) about Mary Seacole and, this week, we have been focusing on writing persuasive letters. Pupils in Y5/6 have been thinking about ways in which we could improve the school and they will be putting their ideas to members of staff in the form of a letter. They have thought of some interesting ideas and I'm looking forward to reading their completed letters which will hopefully result in some interesting changes. Watch this space for developments!

In DT, pupils are enjoying making wooden boxes which they will be turning into either a bird box, a plant pot or a bee hotel. In Art, we have been looking at geometric patterns and having fun in producing our own designs.

FORTHCOMING DATES:



Fri 7th Feb - Foxes trip to see the snowdrops - details on Dojo
Mon 10th Feb - Visit from Norwich Science Festival Touring Play
Tues 11th Feb - Badgers trip to the Shrine - Pilgrimage day
Fri 14th Feb - break up for half term
Mon 24th Feb - term resumes
Mon 24th Feb - Swimming for Y3/4 for the rest of term
Wed 26th to Fri 28th Feb - Year 5 to How Hill
Fri 28th Feb - Library van visit
Thurs 6th March - World Book Day - details to follow
Mon 10th March - Parent consultations - forms attached
Tues 11th March - Year 6 to Gresham's STEAM event - details to follow
Thurs 13th March - Parent consultations - forms attached
Fri 21st March - Red Nose Day - details to follow
Fri 28th March - Library van visit
Fri 4th April - last day of term for Easter break