Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 17th January 2025

Happy New Year!

Foxes



It has been a brilliant start to 2025 in Foxes Class and the children have returned refreshed and excited for learning. Our new learning theme this term is Space, Weather & Seasons, and the children are really excited to become astronomers and meteorologists as they study these themes.

Over the next few weeks in our English lessons, we are focusing on the book 'Toys in Space'. A mysterious box arrived in Foxes Class on Monday and the children have had to write predictions about where the toys have arrived from. The children have written lost and found posters for the toys and have focused on using conjunctions within their writing to link ideas.

In Maths, our EYFS children are carrying on with a focus on numbers from 0 to 5. They are revising how to identify, write and count the numbers, whilst also investigating their composition. In KS1, our children have moved onto Addition and Subtraction within 100. This is quite a challenging unit as the children have to use related facts to add and subtract two-digit numbers. The children have been persevering with it and are completing some great work.

In the afternoons, we are enjoying learning all about Space, Weather & Seasons. In our Art lessons, the children have learnt how to create preliminary sketches before drawing a large-scale alien and painting it with water colours. Our youngest children, have been exploring painting techniques to use sponges to create planets and they have also made star-shaped shortbread!

In RE this half term, our big question is 'How did the universe come to be?'. So far, we have explored the environment with our senses and learnt about one of the creation stories linked to the religion of Hinduism. This was quite a complex story to explore, but the children listened attentively and produced some excellent written work to discuss it and its meaning.



The Pilgrim Federation

Collective Worship

Our focus value in Collective Worship this half term is 'respect' as we think about how we act towards one another. We think about how this value links to many other values within the fruits of the spirit and discuss how we can embody them in our day-to-day lives. Whilst we reflect, we think about the quote from the Bible; "My dear brothers and sisters, understand this. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger' (James 1:19). Families are invited to Collective Worship every Friday morning from 9am. Tea, coffee and refreshments are provided whilst you wait. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Badgers



First of all, I'd like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year.
Badgers have settled in quickly after the Christmas break and, as always, we've had a busy time. Our learning themes for this term are 'Diversity' and 'Where we live'. This week, children have been researching information about the Windrush generation and the Caribbean. They have been writing reports about their findings.
In Maths, we have been working on multiplication and division and the older pupils have been getting to grips with written calculation methods. They are doing really well in tackling some tricky concepts!
In Science, we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance, Food Chains and Biodiversity.
Two children have been given awards from Football Club last term. Congratulations to Freddie who won the trophy for supporting his classmates and to Eli who won the medal.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after school clubs now finish at 4pm. Football club will continue to run until 4.15pm when it re-starts at the end of this month. Please ensure that you pick your child(ren) up promptly.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

A polite reminder that children need to be in school for 8.45am and picked up promptly at 3.15pm. We still have a number of children who are often late. Lateness is recorded on registers and persistent lateness is reported to Mr Snowdon. Every minute counts, so please support the school and your child(ren) with this.

FORTHCOMING DATES:



Wed 29th Jan - Football club starts again
Fri 31st Jan - Library van visit
Mon 10th Jan - Visit from Norwich Science Festival Touring Play
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
Tues 11th March - Year 6 to Gresham's STEAM event - details to follow
Thurs 13th March - Parent consultations
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