Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 21st March 2025

Spring is finally here!!

Foxes



We have had a great week in Foxes and it has been lovely to see some sunshine. The children have enjoyed being outdoors more and it has been great to use the field at break and lunch times.

The children have been busy completing NFER tests this week. I have been really impressed with their results and it just shows how much progress they have made since September. The tests themselves are quite challenging, but the children have tackled these with confidence and enthusiasm.

In English this week, we have moved onto a new text. Our focus text, 'Dear Earth' has enabled us the opportunity to become explorers. We have thought about what explorers do and where they may venture around the world. The children have written some great sentences about where they would want to go in the world and why. They have then finished the week off with writing facts about different animals that the character explored on her adventures.

In mathematics this week, the EYFS children have started exploring shape. The children went on a 3D shape hunt around the environment and they are really getting to grips with shape names and properties. Our KS1 children have been exploring measurement. They have been using centimetres and metres to measure different objects and compare these. Next week, the children will move onto comparing lengths and heights and using the four operations to work out problems involving these.

In our afternoon sessions, the children have been getting very creative. In art, the children have been learning about a famous artist called Georgia O'Keefe. They have been sketching different types of spring flowers and will be creating a large scale flower which they will fill with oil pastels in the coming weeks. These will hopefully be displayed at the Salthouse Art Exhibition. In our design and technology sessions, we have been planning, designing and will now be creating a fabric garment for Zid, the alien! We are looking forward to using different joining techniques to create these.



The Pilgrim Federation

Reminder



Don't forget the Easter bonnet competition! Children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and these will be judged on Friday 4th April. Children will take part in a parade before the Easter egg hunt.

Ask in the school office for more details.

Badgers



Badgers enjoyed their visit to three Walsingham churches last week. We were surprised by how different they all were – both inside and out.

In English, Y5/6 have been writing balanced debates on questions such as 'Should children have phones in school?' and 'Should uniforms be compulsory in schools?'. Y3/4 pupils have been writing diaries, letters and setting descriptions in relation to a film about a lighthouse keeper. This week, we have continued with our lighthouse theme, learning about the life of Grace Darling and writing newspaper articles about her sea rescue.

Freddie and Lily-Rose enjoyed an afternoon at Greshams on 11th March. They worked with other pupils in the federation to complete STEM related tasks. Both represented their school brilliantly and Freddie's group came third in the competition.

Yesterday, Lily-Rose and Sophie represented the federation at a swimming gala; Mr Snowdon tells me that they both swam well and showed good team spirit.

FORTHCOMING DATES:



Fri 28th March - Pyjama Day - Donations please
Fri 28th March - Library van visit
Thursday 3rd April - Easter Service at The Shrine - 9:30am
Friday 4th April - Easter bonnet competition and Easter egg hunt from 2:45pm
Fri 4th April - Last day of term for Easter break
Wed 23rd April - Back at school for summer term.
Wed 23rd April - Reception and Year 6 height and weight check
Fri 25th April - Whole school photos.
Fri 2nd May– Federation Founding Day at Kelling - details to follow.
Mon 5th May - No school as Bank Holiday
Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May - KS2 SATs
Fri 23rd May - EYFS/KS1 Federation Arts Morning at Hindringham
Fri 23rd May - Break up for May half term.
Mon 2nd June - Return to school

Red Nose Day

The children look splendid in their red clothing and accessories today! A massive thank you to all children and parents for donating cakes for the cake sale. We really appreciate your support.



