



'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely proud of how hard the children have worked this term. There have been plenty of bugs going around and children have continued to try their best even when feeling a bit poorly. We hope you all have a wonderful rest over half term and come back fighting fit for a very busy term ahead. Please see below for **Dates For Your Diary** including our Nativity performance!

It was great to see the children wearing red and supporting anti-racism on Friday.

After half term, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go to Lynnsport on the first Monday back (31<sup>st</sup> October). The children need to arrive at school in their named PE kits. They will change into Forest School clothes for the afternoon so please make sure they bring these with them in a bag.

If you know anyone who might be willing to donate us a REAL Christmas tree nearer the time, please let us know. We would love to have one.

## Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

This week's learning highlights:

### News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

We have had a terrific first half term together as a Reception and Year 1 class. Play continues to remain an important part to learning as tasks and activities are based around the children's independent ideas as well as linking closely to the curriculums and objectives. As always, we are immensely proud of how well the children have all adapted to their new beginnings!

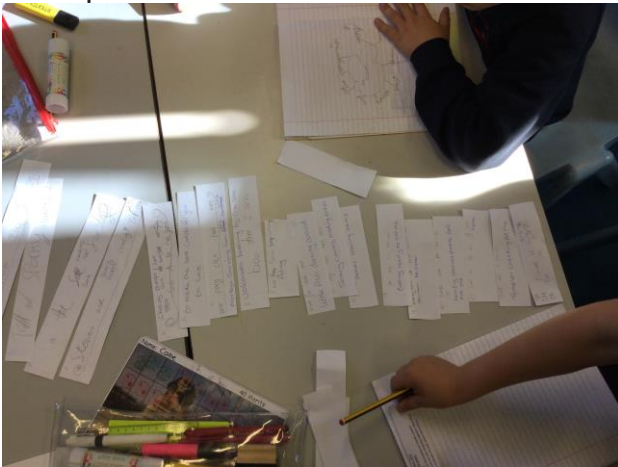
Forest School has been amazing again this week. We had a fantastic time using cutters and potato peelers to make our own sticks for toasting marshmallows - yum! Year 2 learned lots of new vocabulary linked to their class text, *The Gruffalo*, including nocturnal, prey, predator, and venom. In maths we have been busy adding and subtracting, we can add and subtract in 10s! In RE we learned about the creation story and shred our own ideas.



## News from the Juniors

This week year 3 and 4 have been working hard on creating list poems about Oliver and the Seawigs and one of the Rambling Isles that they have met in the story so far! The children worked really well in groups to create these poems and to listen to all the different ideas that they each had. They created some thoughtful and imaginative poems that they shared with the class and some of the year 6's as well. We have also been learning about roman numerals and how they are used. We all seemed to enjoy the challenge that this created for us.

Year 5/6 have been very busy this half term, finishing the Place Value maths topic and applying this knowledge to solving problems both as school work and homework tasks. They have really stepped up to becoming committed editors of their own work: responding to feedback and improving their writing. They have produced informative Fact Files, written Limericks and recently completed Journal Entries. While reading our class text 'Secrets of a Sun King' they have learnt many historical facts about Howard Carter and his significant archaeological find of the famous pharaoh (Tutankhamun), alongside a fictional story of mummies, missing canopic jars and a curse. Yet to finish the book they are intrigued to see how it will end. But this mystery will continue next half term! We are all looking forward to our trip to the Swaffham Museum to learn more.



## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

**Year R & 1:** Layla for your consistent efforts and focus throughout all areas of learning in Year 1!

**Year 2:** Elijah for his mature choices this week and sharing his knowledge and understanding.

**Years 3/4:** Jenson for working hard in his English this week with his team.

**Years 5/6:** Oscar for exceptional application of his Place Value skills and knowledge by achieving 100% in the End of Block test. Super Star - we call him Ostar!

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored persistence. We saw how the persistence of characters in Finding Nemo paid off and the children were able to reflect on times when they felt like giving up. Children shared success stories from their own perseverance and persistence. We heard about the impact of Marcus Rashford's persistence to reach his goals. He used this to affect the lives of many children. Through

his persistence, many families were supported during lockdown and continue to be supported today to buy food to feed their children. Our weekly mission this week is: To try try and try again.

Our 5 Core Values:



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd November	PFA Meeting 3pm in school cabin.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest Photography - children's individual & sibling photographs
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Week of Parent Consultations
Monday 21st November	PFA Meeting 7.15pm in the Dabbling Duck Barn.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas decorating afternoon
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	YR height, weight, vision & hearing checks Y6 height and weight checks
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm 'Nativity Production' in St Lawrence Church, <b>parents &amp; family invited (We are looking into the possibility of an evening performance at 5pm)</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day, bring in £1 in aid of Save the Children
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle in school hall for pupils
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term

## ICS FOOTBALL COACHING

<https://forms.gle/Jh2djBNKbRz5gXp99>

Please follow this link if you would like to sign up for football coaching. It will close on Tuesday 1st November so make sure you book before this date to ensure a place.

**We have changed the day from a Monday to a Wednesday at Harpley and Aaron Watson who is a Senior Coach will be delivering the sessions.**

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations are taking place the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November. Appointments are now available to book via Pupil Asset. Please do call, if you are having trouble signing up via Pupil Asset. Thank you.

## REGULAR DATES

Monday: Infants to go to Lynnsport - Infant children to come to school in PE kit.

Monday: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Monday: 1.00pm Forest School (INFANTS), named waterproofs to come into school in a bag.

Wellies are also required if they are not kept in school. 3.00pm onwards - Benjamin Howell, piano lessons

Thursday: 1.00pm onwards Stef Judd, piano and guitar lessons

Friday (am): PE (Juniors and Infants) with Rob from ICS Coaching - children to come to school in PE kit.

## MESSAGE FROM THE **PFA**

Meeting dates: Please come along if you would like to get involved, we would love to see you.

Wednesday 2nd November at 3pm in school cabin.

Monday 21st November 7.15pm in the Dabbling Duck Barn.

Please could any outstanding monies for school uniform be paid.

Have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stibbon, Mrs Stephens and the Great Massingham team