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WEEKLY NEWS

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What a fantastic week we've had! The children have been full of energy, curiosity, and kindness, and it has been a joy to see their enthusiasm.

This week, we've been focusing on the importance of talking to each other. We believe that communication is at the heart of everything we do. Whether it is chatting with friends in the playground, sharing ideas in class, or telling a trusted adult about how we're feeling, talking helps us grow, understand, and support one another.

Building Oracy Skills

One of the ways we are helping our children develop their ability to communicate is through building oracy skills. Oracy is the ability to express ourselves fluently and confidently through speech, and it is an essential part of learning. By practicing these skills, children develop not only their vocabulary, but also their ability to reason, explain, and collaborate with others.

Here are some of the ways we're supporting oracy in school:

- **Classroom Discussions:** We encourage all children to share their thoughts and ideas in lessons. By taking turns, asking questions, and explaining their reasoning, they develop confidence in speaking.
- **Talk Partners:** In many activities, children work with a partner to discuss and solve problems. This helps them practice explaining their thinking and listening to others.
- **Performances and Presentations:** From reading aloud in front of the class to delivering small presentations, children are given opportunities to speak in front of others, building both skill and self-esteem.
- **Story Mapping:** By using the story mapping approach to our English lessons we enable children to learn a bank of stories to retell and perform. This supports their writing and helps to develop their understanding of what a sentence is.

We encourage families to support oracy at home too. Take time to chat about your day, ask open-ended questions, and enjoy conversations during meals or car rides. Even storytelling, jokes, and singing can all build speaking and listening skills in a fun way.

Our open classrooms start next week. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn alongside your child. This half term the focus of these sessions is maths. Remember to check out our website for ideas about how to support your child with maths. We also have paper copies of the maths booklets in the office - please feel free to pop in and pick one up if you would like.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Julie Cornish.

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Attendance

At this time of year children often have colds and runny noses and feel generally under the weather. School attendance is still vital for children as any missed time means missed learning and catching up for your child.

The NHS has a document that supports parents/carers in deciding if their child is too ill to go to school.

The link to this is here:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Mobile Phone

We would like to remind you of our school policy regarding mobile phones:

- Mobile phones are only permitted for Year 5 and Year 6 children who walk to and from school independently.
- Children in lower year groups are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school unless this has been agreed with the Head of School due to an emergency.
- All phones must be signed into the school office upon arrival and remain turned off during the school day.

If you have any questions, or need to request an exception, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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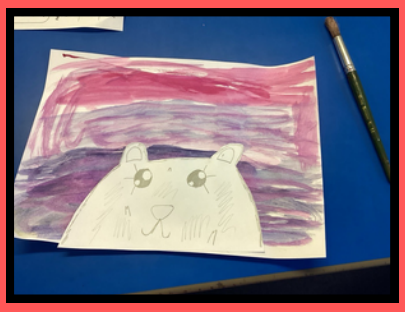
After-school Clubs

After-school clubs kicked off this week, and Art Club was busy crafting stunning watercolour paintings inspired by the Arctic!



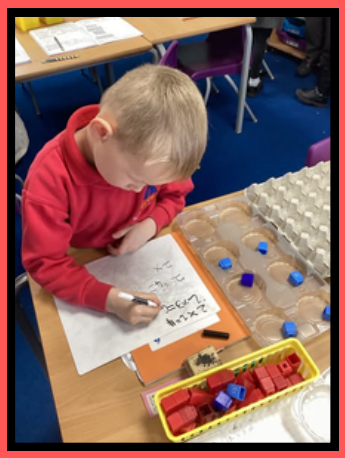




Around school this week!







The children in Murphy Class have been working hard in Maths, using arrays to solve multiplication problems.



In circle groups this week we looked at patterns in a maths themed activity.

Open Classroom's

SAID CLASS 21.01.25

COELHO CLASS 23.01.25

ROSEN CLASS 24.01.25

VERE CLASS 03.02.25

MURPHY CLASS 04.02.25

BRIGHT CLASS 05.02.25

HALLS CLASS 06.02.25

JACKSON CLASS 07.02.25

ALMOND CLASS 11.02.25

BOYCE CLASS 13.02.25

The open classrooms will take place straight after morning drop-off in the school hall, except for Bright Class, which will be held in their own classroom. These sessions will last for approximately 40 minutes..

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
10.2.25	HORSTEAD RESIDENTIAL Y4
17.2.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
6.3.25	WORLD BOOK DAY
1.4.25 2.4.25	PARENTS EVENING
3.4.25	YEAR 3/4 PRODUCTION TO PARENTS
4.4.25	END OF TERM
23.4.25	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
5.5.25	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
12.5.25	KEY STAGE 2 SATS
21.5.25	RECEPTION SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR5/6 SPORTS DAY (PM)
22.5.25	YEAR 1/2 SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR 3/4 SPORTS DAY (PM)
26.5.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
19.6.25 -20.6.25	Y6 CAMPING TRIP



REMINDER

We would like to remind you that payment is now due for all after-school clubs and music tuition for this term.
Thank you to those who have already made their payments.
We appreciate your promptness!

If you have not yet made your payment, please do so at your earliest convenience to ensure your child's continued participation in these activities.

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BE SMART ONLINE



S SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on **www.thinkuknow.co.uk**

A ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – **0800 11 11** or **www.childline.org.uk**

BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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