

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 28th January 2022

What a week! Thankfully, the heating has been working properly since the boiler service on Wednesday - long may this continue!

I have had the pleasure of teaching in most classes this week and I have thoroughly enjoyed myself! Singing with Reception and a class glockenspiel session with the Squirrels have been particular highlights! I am extremely grateful to have missed the science lesson in Badgers class this week. Whilst the children really loved the activity, I'm not sure I'd have had quite the same level of enthusiasm! Thanks to Mrs Shepherd and the Badgers staff for organising such a fantastic learning opportunity - please see the photos on the next page!

Unfortunately, cases of covid within school are rising. Whilst not yet at reporting threshold levels this is obviously a concern. Please be vigilant and if your child displays symptoms, ensure they have a PCR test and children **must** then stay at home whilst awaiting the results. We have noticed that alongside the main symptoms, children seem to suffer with headaches and stomach aches too so if in any doubt, please do get your child tested.

Next Friday promises to be a very busy day as we will join in with the NSPCC's Number Day and also plant some trees to mark the Queen's coronation date. Please see the separate parent mail with more information.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Martin

Cold Weather

With the weather turning colder once again, please ensure that children come to school with a warm coat, hats, gloves and scarves.

Children should also have jogging bottoms for PE so that they keep warm.

Please ensure all items are named!

Key Dates

Term 3

Tues 4th Jan to Fri 11th Feb

w/c 31st Jan

SEND parents evening slots - days/times TBC

Fri 4th Feb - NSPCC

Number Day and Queens Coronation Tree Planting

w/c 7th Feb

No clubs running this week

Parents evenings - please sign up to speak to your child's teacher

This week's award winners are:

Hedgehogs Class

Oaklee for his enthusiasm and interest when doing this phonics sessions.
Bonnie for her wonderful sequencing and writing about Burglar Bill.

Squirrels Class

Poppy for concentration in reading and using her phonic knowledge to sound out unknown words.

Leo for using wonderful adjectives to describe a friendly monster.

Foxes Class

Teddy for his eager attitude to his learning.
Kensi for an incredibly imaginative narrative story.

Badgers Class

Elodie for her determination during our science lesson dissecting a pig's heart.
Jack M for his infectious enthusiasm in all lessons - he always participates fully in all our learning.



PE for Term 2

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Squirrels - Friday

Foxes - Wednesday

Foxes - swimming - Thursday

Badgers - Friday

Please remember to send your child into school wearing uniform and with a separate bag for kit to change at school this term!



We understand that children are sometimes ill but we are celebrating attendance each week. If your child is well enough to be here, please ensure that they are!

This week's attendance:

94.5%

Hedgehogs Class

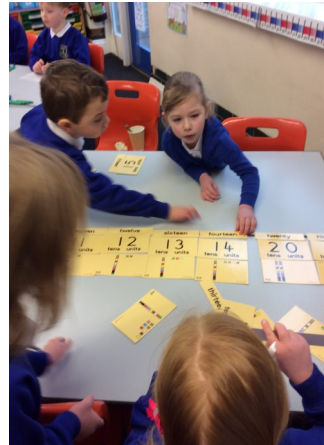
This week in Hedgehogs class, we continued with our Jungle Gym in our PE sessions. It was our chance to become lions, we climbed up on high rocks and pounced on our prey. Then, we prowled around the hall. All the children have improved in their skipping this term, as well as their confidence in jumping off equipment. In maths, we became a human tens frame as we explored numbers 6, 7 and 8. At the end of the day, we love a story or nursery rhyme. On Thursday, the children chose to sing wheels on the bus, made the bus themselves and thoroughly enjoyed their singing.



Squirrels Class

This week in squirrels class we have been playing musical instruments to accompany songs. We have been looking at paintings by the artist Kandinsky and recreated one of our own.

In English lessons we have been identifying adjectives and using them in our written work. Maths this week has been about representing numbers in a variety of different ways. We have also been counting and multiplying by 10. We have been sorting and classifying materials in science lessons into natural or man made.



Foxes Class

We have had another busy week in Foxes class this week! One of our main focuses in English has been to complete an independent write, writing a narrative of the true story of the three little pigs. The childrens sentences were fantastic! They used the skills that they learnt during our sentence stacking lessons to write their own narratives which were a pleasure to read!

During R.E, the children enjoyed looking at a virtual tour of a Synagogue. They learnt about the features of a Synagogue and were able to explain what each part was and why they were special to Jewish people.

Another week, another football skill! This week, children learnt all about shooting accurately. They then played a mini game of football, putting their skills to their test!



Badgers Class

This week in Badgers Class, we dissected a pigs heart. All the children were really sensible and were fully engaged in identifying the different arteries and veins, as well as the four chambers and valves. They were fascinated that the right side of the heart was thicker than the left, as this side has a stronger muscle in order to pump the blood around the entire body.



We have continued to read and roleplay "A Midsummer Nights Dream" and the children have written excellent character descriptions about King Oberon and Queen Titania.