



Wortham Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing break. We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, please see below for further details.

Our Learning

This half term, our focus subjects are history and art and design. The topics in each subject are shown in the table below. You can find more information about these topics on the curriculum page located on our school website.

Class	History	Art & Design
Bumblebee	The Great Fire of London	Painting - Landscapes
Hedgehog	Stone Age – Iron Age	Painting – Cubism
Barn Owl	The Mayans	Printing – Lino Printing
Otter	History of Civil Rights	Drawing – Perspectives through landscapes

Lifetime

Our Lifetime sessions begin this Friday afternoon. Please see the table below which shows the exciting learning taking place this half term.

Year	Lifetime	Teacher
Reception	French stories and songs	Mr Waters
Year 1 & Year 2	Music – responding to music through art.	Miss Stevenson
Year 3 & Year 4	Team Building	Mrs Erith and Mrs Banham
Year 5	Forest School	Mrs Widdeson
Year 6	Sports	Clarke Coaching

Art Solutions

We are very excited to be welcoming Art Solutions to Wortham Primary next Monday and Tuesday. They will be working with staff, children and parents on a collaborative art project which will be displayed in our front foyer. We are looking forward to sharing this experience with you and cannot wait to see the final product on display!

History Workshops

To enrich our history curriculum, the staff have been organising workshops for the children to experience. We are very excited to be inviting 'One Day Creative' to deliver a Black History performing arts based workshop to year six. 'Portals to the Past' will be coming in and presenting a 'Stone Age – Iron Age' workshop for Hedgehog class and finally Barn Owl class will be engaging with a variety of virtual Mayan workshops throughout their topic and will get to take part in a live question and answer session with a Dr. Diane, an archaeologist who specialise in the Mayans!

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

At the end of last term, we began working with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and volunteers from Redgrave and Lopham Fen. For the next two years rest of the year, they will be working with the school and particularly with the children in year 4, on a project to help improve the biodiversity of our school grounds. The children have already begun working on the project and we are looking forward to seeing how the project develops.

Behaviour policy & Star of the Week

We have recently reviewed our behaviour policy and have made some changes which we believe are going to support us in continuing to providing a safe, nurturing and empowering environment for our children to learn and grow. Our new policy has been uploaded to our school website so please do take a moment to read it.

We are keen for children our children to learn how to identify for themselves when they have accomplished something that they are proud of. Whilst we will continue to provide extrinsic methods of rewarding children, such as special messages home and stickers, we will be replacing 'Star of the Week' by inviting every child to recognise themselves something they are proud of. The children will then record this on their own certificate which they will bring home to share and celebrate with you. We are looking forward to hearing and seeing the children sharing how amazing they are!

Your Voice Matters

Thank you for your ongoing support and the ideas you have been sharing with staff on how we can continue to enrich our school. As and when you have anything to share, please do get in touch by coming along to our coffee mornings, giving me a call or sending an email.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on Friday 10th February 9 – 10am. It has been lovely to spend time with you, getting to know our new families and hearing from you about your experiences. Please do come along and join Mrs Clarke and Mrs Flatman for coffee and cake, ask any questions and meet other parents. We would love to see you there!

School Library

Please come along to our school library which is open every Monday after school from 3.20 – 3.45. Parents and their children are welcome to come to the library to share books and change their library book.

Safeguarding Updates

The safeguarding update this month is in relation to setting up parental controls on your child's device. The link below provides a helpful checklist for the things you can do to ensure your child stays safe while they are online. If you have any questions about online safety, please speak to Mrs Banham who is our Online Safeguarding Lead. Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to any of our safeguarding features please do come and speak to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Flatman.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/#>

Dates for the diary

Mon 9th and Tues 10th Jan – Art Solutions

Tues 24th Jan – Black History Workshop – Otter class

Thurs 26th Jan – Stone Age – Iron Age Workshop – Hedgehog class

Weds 1st Feb – Mr Peck visiting Y6 for transition to Hartismere

Fri 10th Feb – Last day

Best wishes,

Hayley Clarke

Head of School