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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the spring term! Our newsletter for this half term, includes information on your child's learning, school news and the exciting events that are coming up.

Our Learning

This half term, our focus subjects are geography and music. 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	Geography	Music
Bumblebee	East Anglia & Farming	'Our World' Traditional Nursery Rhymes
Hedgehog	Coast to Coast	'Hands, Feet & Heart' Afro pop, South African
Barn Owl	Italy	'Dancing in the Street' Motown
Otter	America	'Happy' Pop / Neo Soul

Lifetime

Our Lifetime sessions began on Friday and the table below which shows the exciting learning taking place this half term.

Year	Lifetime	Teacher
Reception	Yoga	Mrs Erith
Year 1	Coding	Mrs Banham & a group of Y6 to support.
Year 2	Sports	Clarke Coaching
Year 3 & Year 4	STEM	Miss Stevenson
Year 5	Spanish	Mr Waters
Year 6	Forest School	Mrs Widdeson

Gold Mark

Well done to Mr Waters for achieving the Gold School Games Mark for the 2021-2022 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success and are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

Vision and Values

Thank you very much for all your amazing feedback for the new vision and set of values for Wortham Primary. We have now collated all the responses and are in the process of finalising the new vision. We are very excited to sharing this vision, and the values that have been voted for, with you in the coming weeks.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

We love all kinds of books and relish every opportunity to read at Wortham! World Book Day is therefore one of our favourite events in the calendar! Mrs Erith has been busy planning an afternoon of exciting reading based activities and we are looking forward to welcoming grown-ups to our house assembly from 2.45pm to share yours or your child's favourite books to read!

Annual School Report

At the end of this term, your child will be bringing home their annual school report. This report will provide you with information about where your child is currently attaining, the progress they have been making, general comments about attitude and behaviour as well as all the wonderful things they have been enjoying. The report will also give three areas that we will be supporting your child to develop. At the end of the academic year, we will bring this report to your parents evening and will review these areas and the progress your child has made. We will look forward to sharing your child's report with you, however, in the meantime, should you wish to discuss any matters relating to your child, please do email or call their class teacher.

Your Voice Matters

Thank you for your ongoing support and the ideas you have continued to share with staff. 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; we really appreciate hearing yours and your children's feedback as this helps us to continually enhance the experience for the whole school community.

Safeguarding Updates

It has been brought to our attention that some of our children are being exposed to inappropriate language and unpleasant behaviours whilst they are online gaming. Unfortunately, there have been occasions where this continued and been brought into school. The safeguarding update this month is therefore in relation to cyber bullying. The link below provides some helpful advice for the things we as parents can do to support our children. 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.youtube.com/watch?v=IMZTgfdWE4w>

Coffee Mornings

I have been enjoying our half termly coffee mornings and I am now thinking about planning our next one. Before I do this, and to ensure that as many families as possible are able to come along, I would love to hear from you and find out when you feel the best days and times are to hold these coffee mornings. Being able to meet with our families provides us with the opportunity to hear from you and learn about your experiences at Wortham. Therefore, I would also really appreciate your feedback on whether you would like to continue to have a coffee morning or if you would prefer a half termly 'drop in' morning or afternoon where you could come along, meet with me and have a coffee on an individual basis. I would be grateful if you could pop me an email hayley.clarke@worthamprimary.org.uk and let me know your thoughts - thank you!

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.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day – Parents invited to come from 2.45pm to share books.

Wednesday 29th March: School Reports sent home.

Thursday 30th March: Last Day

Friday 31st March: PD Day

Monday 17th April – 1st day back

Best wishes,

Hayley Clarke

Head of School