

Wortham Primary School Weekly Newsletter



12th January 2024

Breaking news in Bumblebee Class!

The children in Bumblebee class are on the hunt for the Gingerbread Man who has been causing havoc in the classroom once the children have gone home! The children thought it would be a good idea to learn the story of The Gingerbread Man and have loved creating wanted posters and inventing traps to try to capture him! The children have been re telling the story in groups and have also been playing with the new games they received from FoWS at Christmas. In year 1, children have been learning about teen numbers and how many tens and ones are in each number. Reception children have been learning how to represent number 5 and its composition.



Hedgehog Class

This week, Hedgehogs have reading non fiction texts, identifying their features and how they are used to engage the reader. Hedgehogs have also been developing their skills in history and have been analysing and interpreting clues about why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain.



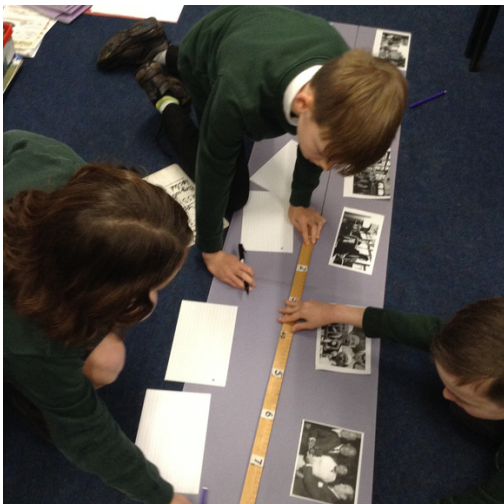
Barn Owls Class

In English this week, Barn Owls have been reading instructions to help them set up and play games. The children then used these to analyse the features that had been used to make them easier to understand. In history, Barn Owls have continued learning about events in World War 2. They put events on a timeline and looked at some artefacts related to these events including ration books, letters from evacuees and a gas mask. Barn Owls have also been working with Wilder Schools today and have continued their work on developing biodiversity within the Forest School area.



Otter Class

Otters have loved starting their new history topic, Civil Rights. This week, they imagined they were curators of the National History Museum working as a group to create a timeline display of the Civil Rights Movement in America.

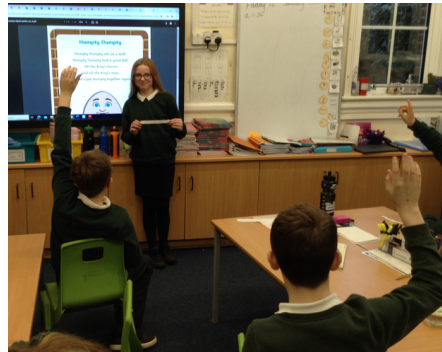


School Meals

We are aware that the school meals being provided have not always been to standard that our parents, or the school, expect. I would like parents to know that we are aware of the issues and have raised these with both the catering company and the Chief Finance Officer of our Trust. I have been assured that the issues are being addressed and that we will start to see improvements. I would like to assure our parents that I will continue to personally monitor the meals and raise any issues that the school, parents or children bring to my attention.

Lifetime

Lifetime has started this week and the children are enjoying their sessions of drama, Spanish, Forest School, team games and purposeful play for communication.



Maths at Wortham Presentation



Thank you to all the parents who came to our maths evening this week; we hope you found the session useful. We are very grateful for the positive feedback and for the suggestions on how we can provide further guidance and support to parents. The staff at Wortham are now going to work on creating video explanations and examples of the methods our children are taught to use in maths. Not only will we include the four operations ($+$ $-$ \times \div) but we will also include fractions and percentages. I am sure you can appreciate that this will take some time but we will share these with you and add them to our website as soon as each one is ready.

Safeguarding and Online Safety Updates

With the rate at which the internet, social media and internet connected devices continue to develop and change, it can be very challenging to keep up with all the latest terminology, risks and guidance. In this week's newsletter, I have included two links to the NSPCC website which is a great tool for both educators and parents.

The first link takes you to a page about keeping safe on social media. It includes information about the risks such as oversharing, unrealistic body image or reality and receiving and sending inappropriate content. It also includes tips on staying safe, age ratings and features for parents to be aware of.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media>

The second link takes you to a page on internet connected devices (smart speakers, smart watches, doorbells, tablets etc). This page includes the risks to be aware of and tips for keeping your family safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/internet-connected-devices>

I hope you find these links useful.

What's on next week?



Tuesday

- **School Council Meeting with Mrs Clarke**

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