

# Wortham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

1st March 2024



## Welcome back!

Welcome to the second half of the spring term. We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have all come back and have settled straight back in, excited to start learning about their new topics.



## Topics & Lifetime

Our two focus subjects this half term are geography and music. The table below shows the topics each class will be learning.

Class	Geography	Music
Bumblebee	Our School	'Everyone' (Music from around the world)
Hedgehog	'A Tour of Wortham'	'I Wanna Play in a Band' (Rock music)
Barn Owl	Surveying our Local Area	'Classroom Jazz' (Jazz music)
Otter	Settlements in Modern Britain	'Happy' (Pop & Motown)

We also move onto our next RE topics with Bumblebee class learning about the Easter story, Hedgehogs learning about Islam, Barn Owls learning about Sikhism and Otters finding out about Humanism.

Lifetime also began this Friday with sessions including Forest School, drama, yoga, Spanish and designing & making a board game.



# In school this week...

## Bumblebee Class

Bumblebees have started reading 'The Naughty Bus,' and shared their own experiences of buses and journeys they had been on. Year 1 children wrote letters to 'The Naughty Bus' and Reception children have painted a large bus for them to use in the role play area. The children enjoyed using google maps in our geography lesson, where they located the school and other familiar places in Wortham. Year 1 enjoyed helping the Reception children to use the chrome books to draw a picture.



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## Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs had a challenge this week in science to find out the most suitable material to patch up a broken umbrella. The children planned and carried out a fair test to investigate the absorbency of different materials. Well done Hedgehogs - with all this rain, we need our umbrellas!



## Barn Owl Class

Barn Owls have also been investigating in science this week. Their challenge was to work in groups to find out how the force and weight of an object changes when it is placed in water. Great team work Barn Owls!



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## Otter Class

Year 6 also started their new science topic 'Living things and their habitats' and took their learning outside to investigate different microhabitats. This was also a great opportunity to make use of the redesigned solar dome!



## Daily Exercise

Daily exercise continues this half term but has moved to the new time of 2pm. We are also completing our sessions in our house groups and have a carousel of activities for the children to complete throughout the week. These activities include skipping, completing the apparatus course, running circuits and basketball. The children have had a great week; it has been great to see all the children being fully active, all at the same time and the staff joining in too!



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## Safeguarding Update for Parents

I have recently come across a website that includes very useful information about the games and apps children and young people are using. Every app and game has different features and therefore it is not always easy to know how to keep children safe while they are using them. For each one, this website clearly sets out the features and terminology used, the potential risks to be aware of, tips for parents and importantly, the age rating. Please take some time to sit down, have a cup of tea and view this link to explore any of the apps and games your child uses. If you need any support in this area, please do get in touch. <https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>



## Wrap - Around - Care

Our first week of Wrap-Around-Care has been a huge success. It has been lovely to welcome children into breakfast club; we have loved eating breakfast together and have enjoyed sharing croissants, pain au chocolat and fruit. Some children have even tried foods that they said they didn't like and now like them! In both sessions, the children have enjoyed playing games like Uno, Battle Ships and Jenga. Children have also had time to read, do their homework and enjoy craft activities. Who's coming to join the fun next week?

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## Staffing News

I am delighted to share with you that, as of next week, I will be working full time and will now be in school on a Friday. I will continue to teach Hedgehog class Monday - Wednesday and will be based in the office on Thursday and Friday. I am very excited to be back working full time and being able to spend more time working with our amazing children and staffing team.

### What's on next week?



#### Monday

- **Orienteering Competition**

#### Tuesday

- **Y6 trip to Hartismere to watch the performance of 'Sister Act'**

#### Thursday

- **World Book Day - Grown ups invited in from 2.30pm**
- **FOWs selling Mother's Day gifts after school in Otter Class**

#### Friday

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