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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well and that you have all had a lovely half term break.

The children have all come back to school fully energised and ready to get stuck into their learning. This half term the children's focus subjects will be geography and music. Please see below for details.

Class	Geography	Music
Bumblebee	Our School	'Rhythm in the way we walk'
Hedgehog	Tour of Wortham	'Three Little Birds'
Barn Owl	Rivers	'Mamma Mia'
Otter	America	'Happy'

Due to many of our classes being in bubbles last half term, we have decided to continue with the lifetime sessions that we had originally planned, please see the table below for details. The only exception will be for year 4 who are having 'maths engineering' workshops delivered by an outside company and supported by Miss Chenery.

Class	Lifetime	Teacher
Reception	Music	Mrs Cartledge
1	Design Technology	Mrs Erith
2	Sports	Reece Clarke
3	Forest School	Mrs Widdeson
4	Maths Engineering	Miss Chenery
5	Healthy Lifestyles	Mr Waters
6	STEM	Mr Varela

Covid Update

Although the Government has changed their guidance regarding Covid, the information that we have received from Suffolk remains the same and therefore our guidance and procedures relating to covid will continue until they are reviewed again on 1st April. If you need to come into the school to speak to a member of staff, we would be very grateful if you could wear a mask. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Ukraine

We are all very saddened by the recent events in Ukraine as I am sure you are too. Some of our children, mostly older, have understandably been talking about this situation. Therefore, to support our children, we are planning to spend some time early next week to talk to them about what is happening and will be sharing some resources that have been provided by the Government and BBC news. We will only be doing these sessions with children in Barn Owl class and Otter class.

We fully appreciate and respect that some parents may not want their children to be aware of these current events and therefore if you would **not** like your child/ren to be part of this session I would be grateful if you could email the office by **Monday 7th**. We will reassure our children that if they are worried or have any questions then they can speak to a member of staff or to their family at home. For our younger children, we will only speak to them about this situation if they ask any questions and will encourage them to talk to you so you can decide how much you wish to share.

Trips & Special Events

On a more positive note, Barn Owl class and Otter class both thoroughly enjoyed their school trips to West Stow and Duxford before our half term break. There are some great photos of both the trips on our Facebook page so please do have a look.

Bumblebee class and Hedgehog class had the pleasure of Banham Zoo coming to visit them before half term. This visit was linked to the children's science topics and learning about animals. The zookeepers brought along some of their little (and not so little) friends from the zoo for the children to look at and even hold!

As I write this newsletter, I know that Hedgehog class are very excited about their trip to Orford Castle to complete their history topic on 'Castles'. Please look out for photos of the trip on our Facebook page.

Finally, we are all very excited about 'World Book Day' which we are celebrating on Friday this week. We cannot wait to see the children's amazing costumes and I know that Mrs Erith has an exciting day of activities planned.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

We will be raising money for this wonderful charity this month and therefore, for a voluntary £1 donation, we would like to invite the children to come into school dressed in non-uniform, wearing something red and if they have one, their red nose.

Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bella and her family to Wortham Primary. Bella has joined Hedgehog class this half term and it has been a pleasure to have her join our school. I would also like to welcome Miss Spriddell, our new teaching assistant in Bumblebee class. Miss Spriddell joins us having already worked with children in the early years and we are delighted to have her join our team.

Annual School Reports

You will be receiving your child's annual school report the week beginning Monday 4th April. These will be given to your child or put into their bookbag. Attached to their school report will also be a parent questionnaire which we would be grateful if you could complete and return to school. Thank you.

FOWs Meeting

The next FOWs meeting will be **Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm** at the **Cross Keys pub, Redgrave** – everyone is welcome to come along.

Term Dates

Please note that our last day will **Thursday 7th April** as we have a PD day on the Friday.

As always, thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Best wishes,

Hayley Clarke
Head of School