



The Waveney Valley Partnership
St Edmunds Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Friday 12th January 2024



Message from Mr Lea

What a great start to the term - this week I have been visiting classes and seeing some of the wonderful work that the children have been completing. Their attitude to learning has been exemplary.

We have also been showing prospective families around our school and they have been extremely positive about our calm and purposeful environment.

I know that there are many different events planned this term for both our pupils and parents to get involved in. We really hope that you will join us for these.

Please remember we are all here to support you all and we are very aware that there are times when you need help, as we start this new calendar year always remember our staff are there to talk to should you need to.

St Edmunds Dates

Sharing Assemblies at 2.45pm: 12.01.24, 26.01.24, 09.02.24
Spring census – Winnie the pooh menu: 18.01.24
Syleham village hall Quiz to support or HPTA: 19.01.24
Yr 6 HHS Transition dates: 23.01.24, 26.02.24, 27.03.24
Learn more with Mr Lea – Maths: 25.01.24 2.30pm
Class photos: 01.02.24
Learn more with Mr Lea – SPAG: 07.02.24 2.30pm
Education visit – Beech to Sizewell: 12.02.24
Education visit – Rowan to Sizewell: 01.03.24
Beech Class – Swimming: Spring 2 at Harleston pool
Beech Residential - Horstead: 07-09.05.24
Rowan Residential - Bawdsey: 17-19.06.24

Attendance Information

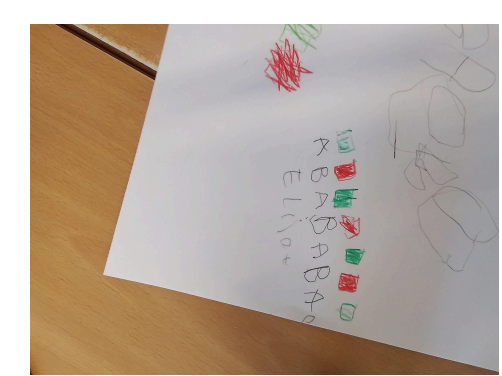
The Government this week launched a new attendance campaign with the heading 'moments matter, attendance counts' We fully support the key messages of this campaign.

One of these is focusing on trying to get children into school even if they wake up with worries or some minor symptoms. I would hope that our families know that all of our staff take care of the pupils like a family member and if they need to contact you during the day to discuss how your child is feeling they would always do that - no child will ever be made to stay in school if they are feeling unwell.

Also, our office staff always complete an attendance check every morning and will follow up on any pupils not in school. At the present time we are supporting a number of families and look forward to continuing this in the future.

Please get in touch if you have any worries or concerns about your child's health or attendance.

Message from Mrs Eaton - Acorns Class



In Acorns we have been learning about repeating patterns. The children had to recognise the unit of repeat within a pattern, which in our example was 'red cube, green cube'. They then had to work out how many times this unit was repeated. After noticing that there were two elements in the unit of repetition, we renamed

them A and B so that the children could understand the pattern as an AB pattern. They then had to recreate this pattern and copy it onto paper.



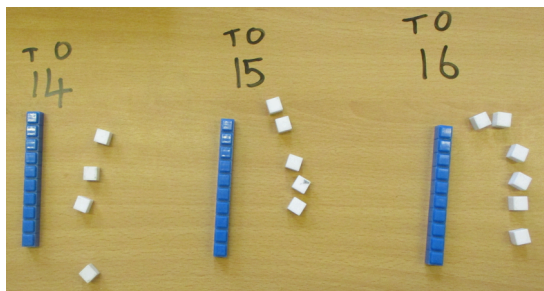
Our topic this term is traditional tales which has been kicked off with the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have been very good at using our wooden story characters to retell the story.

Message from Mr Lamoureux - Oak Class

Welcome back! Oak class is excited to share with you the highlights from our productive first full week back at school. It has been wonderful to see the children settle back in so well and approach their learning with purpose.

In our Literacy lessons, we have been recapping the essentials of a sentence. The children have been experimenting with descriptive writing, using expanded noun phrases to make their writing more engaging for the reader.

In Maths, Year 1 have been actively exploring numbers using various resources. They have been learning about tens and ones and understanding their value. In Year 2, the children have been focusing on money. They have been working hard to develop their skills in counting money and selecting the appropriate coins.





During our afternoon lessons, we have started our Science unit by naming different materials. We've also taken a fascinating look at the history of banknotes and explored the reasons why significant people feature on them. In addition to that, we've embraced our artistic side by learning the art of fabric printing and creating unique patterns.

Message from Mrs Tilley - Beech Class

Beech class have shown their determination and resilience whilst settling back into school this week. We have started our new Literacy task, which is using the video 'The Lost Thing' to create our own narratives. In Maths we have been using manipulatives to find factor pairs and the children were purposeful and resourceful using the counters to support their learning.



In Music we have been answering the lesson question 'What do you see when you listen to the music from these films?' To do this we listened to several different pieces of music that had been used in films and then drew the emotions it made us feel..

Message from Mrs Allmey - Rowan Class

It has been a busy start to the year in Rowan Class. I have been impressed with the motivation of all the children and the purposeful attitude since they have returned.

There have been a number of timetable changes. Brass for Year 5 children will be on Tuesday afternoons however PE has changed to Wednesday afternoons. Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday to be returned by the following week. I sent the log in details for Times Table Rockstars home with the children this week and it has been lovely to hear that some of the children have been practising at home.



In PE we have started a dance unit using the titanic as inspiration. The children practised balances to represent the titanic.



Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Claire Tilley and Miss Sheri Frearson.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:
www.suffolksp.org.uk

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.