



# WALSINGHAM CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – 4TH OCTOBER 2024

### Autumn days



#### Foxes

We are busy bees in Foxes as we carry on with our timetabled learning and also prepare for the Harvest Festival. It is definitely starting to feel autumnal and the children have enjoyed looking for signs of autumn within the environment through exploration of acorns, conkers and chestnuts!



Now that it is chillier, please ensure that you send your child in with a coat, preferably with a hood, as we do like to get outside even if it is raining! Please ensure that your child also has a pair of named wellies in school so they can go outside and splash around.

In English, over the next couple of weeks, we are focusing on the very famous text by Michael Rosen called 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have already spent time focusing on the bear within the story and have finished the first week with a written non-fiction explanation text. We learnt lots of key facts about different types of bears around the world, lots of children liked the 'Spectacled Bear'. As we move onto the second week of our focus text, we think about sequencing and ordering events within the story before we re-write the narrative.

In Mathematics, our EYFS children have moved onto '1, 2, 3'. They are learning how to recognise, count, write and subitise the three numbers. The children are using different resources to represent the numbers too. Our KS1 children have moved on to the unit of 'Addition and Subtraction within 20' and they are showing that they have good calculation skills when adding and subtracting smaller numbers.

We've enjoyed our Design & Technology sessions so far and have designed and made a prototype of a windmill. All of the children have unique designs and are hoping that their windmill will be stable and fit for purpose! In Geography, we have been continuing to look at maps and this week we mapped our route to school. The children identified their house and where they live on a map, before sketching their route, considering what they see along the way. Our EYFS children took part in a cooking activity and they had the opportunity to make crumble – we hope you enjoyed it!

At the end of the day we always enjoy listening to a story. This half term we have been reading 'The Norfolk Story Book' by Isabelle King. It is a series of short stories which are all based on areas in Norfolk. We have just finished the short story of 'Alice and the Snap Dragon' which was based in Norwich Castle and we have now moved onto 'A Mammoth Journey'.



#### **PRAYER SPACES:**

The children had the opportunity to take part in Prayer Spaces again this year. The focus was based around 'The Lord's Prayer' thinking about the meaning behind this. Activities were then provided for the children to carry out. They thought about the values of thankfulness, hope and peace, kindness and were reflective throughout. All of the children engaged excellently and had a fantastic time. Do take time to see our Prayer Spaces display in the hall when you're next in school. A few photos are attached too.

## Badgers

In preparation for our River trip, Badgers have been reading 'River' by Marc Martin and 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith. We used the books as inspiration for our own River poems which are now on display in the classroom.



This week, Badgers have been researching information about the Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece. They have put a great deal of effort into writing reports and fact files.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our 'Prayer Spaces' morning – the children impressed our visitors with their excellent behaviour and thoughtful comments. Well done Badgers!

Today, we were joined by other KS2 pupils in the Federation and we welcomed visitors who spoke about their careers. They spoke about what life is like as a Civil Servant, Sports Coach, Police Officer, Fire Officer and Accountant. Once again, Badgers listened well and asked some thoughtful questions.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY:

On Friday 18th October we will be holding a non-uniform day when children will be able to wear their own home clothes in return for bringing in a tombola prize which will be used to raise funds on the Hindringham Firework evening on Tuesday 5th November. All money raised at this event will pay for all of the children in all four Federation schools to visit the pantomime in Kings Lynn in December so we will all benefit.



## FORTHCOMING DATES:

Tues 8th Oct - Badgers to River Stiffkey trip - afternoon

Wed 9th Oct – Discovery Judaism visiting Foxes for a workshop

Fri 11th October - Library Van

Tues 15th Oct – Individual and sibling photographs (see letter)

Wed 16th + Thurs 17th Oct – Parent Consultations (see letter)

Thurs 17th Oct - Harvest Festival at St Peter's at 9.15am - all welcome

Fri 18th Oct - Foxes trip going pumpkin picking (details to follow)

Tues 22nd Oct – Reception 2025 Open Afternoon 1:30-3:00pm

Thurs 24th Oct – Y6 to Crucial Crew at Gresham's Prep School (details to follow)

Thurs 24th Oct – Finish for half term break

Fri 25th Oct - School closed - INSET day

Mon 4th Nov – Back to school

Tues 5th Nov – Federation Fireworks at Hindringham from 5.30pm

Wed 6th Nov to Fri 8th Nov – Year 6 residential to Norfolk Lakes

Fri 8th Nov - Library Van

Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need day

Mon 18th Nov – Flu Immunisations

Thurs 21st Nov - Foxes trip to the Shrine (details to follow)

Fri 6th Dec – Christmas Jumper day

Tues 17th Dec – Federation Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange

Fri 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas





# Prayer Spaces

