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### **NEWSLETTER 26.01.2024**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of The Nightingale Federation,

It has been an absolute delight to spend time in classes over the last two weeks at both schools and observe our pupils learning. The sequence of learning across school is excellent. In Maths you could see division taught sequentially and progressively from Year 1 to Year 6. With each year group teaching the next stage for independence and security in maths skills and knowledge. This was followed up with some excellent training from our Maths Mastery Specialist and Maths Leader Miss Newcombe.

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Johnson, experienced Year 1 teacher at Thomas Bullock and the Science Leader has been appointed to the role of Interim Phase Leader for KS1 following a successful application and interview. This role will officially begin when Miss Newcombe leaves for Maternity Leave in Spring 2. Mr Long, will be taking over her role as Maths Leader and supporting schools in the Mastery Maths programme. Miss Newcombe will be spending time with both teachers over the coming weeks.

Next week we look forward to inviting our Governors into Thomas Bullock for our half-termly meeting. The following meeting, in March, will take place at Lyng.

### **UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS**

Please could we issue a gentle reminder around uniform expectations, particularly with regards to PE kits. These should consist of black or navy shorts / jogging bottoms, jade green T-shirt and plain black or white trainers. (Plimsolls permitted in Reception and KS1) Children should not be wearing any other colours for PE lessons or expensive branded trainers.

Day to day, the uniform consists of grey trousers / skirt, a white polo shirt and jade green sweatshirt with the school logo. Dark coloured shoes (not trainers) should be worn on non PE days.

Thank you for encouraging your child to wear the correct items.



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### Art Exhibition

You may have noticed the signs around Lyng advertising the art exhibition that will be taking place in the village hall on 24 & 25 February. Oak Class were invited to submit some of their work around the theme of Lyng bridge and the river, which will be on display at the exhibition. Please do make a note of the dates and go and have a look at the children's work!

### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

#### CHERRY CLASS

Cherry Class have moved onto looking at another traditional tale this week, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have a story map which we have been working on together to learn the story using actions. In English, we made our own bridge and acted out the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We had some very scary trolls in Cherry!

One of the class challenges this week was to build a bridge for the Billy Goat to cross over the water using the resources in class. We had some great team work with children taping lollipop sticks together to make a bridge. Some other ideas were using play dough, pipe cleaners, straws, and duplo bricks. We have also helped the goats cross a bridge by rolling the dice and reading the words on the rocks, improving our speedy reading and turn taking skills.



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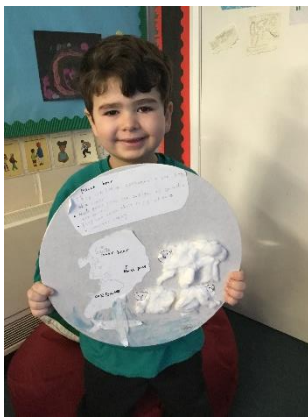
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### WILLOW CLASS

Willow class have really enjoyed their new topic of 'Planet Earth' we have had some fabulous homework creations looking at the different animals which live on different continents, flags and even models of the Earth!

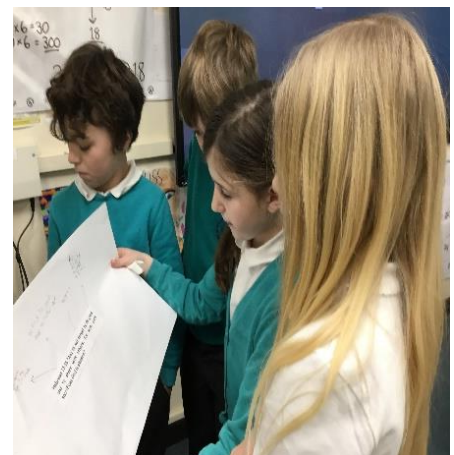


### ROWAN CLASS

This week in Rowan Class we have been using drama to explore the rainforest. Taking turns to be the interviewer and the explorer and using our knowledge of the rainforest and the rich vocabulary to describe an image in the explorer's mind.

In science we are investigating why plants have stems and using celery sticks to help us understand how water and nutrients are transported from the roots to the rest of the plant in vessels.

Also in RE, we have been exploring Christian Bible teachings in small groups, which relate to compassion.





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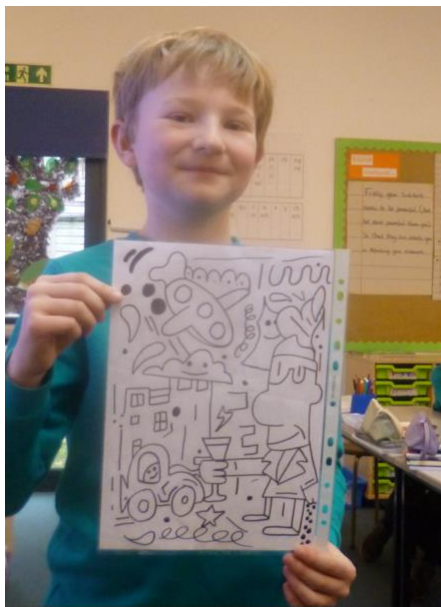
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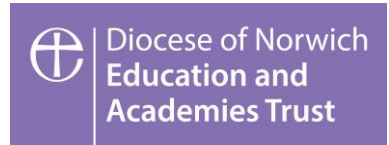
### OAK CLASS

Oak class have been enjoying creating river pictures in art and learning about climate zones around the world in geography. In English we have been creating 'How to be Superheroes', writing.

Out of school achievements; Amie achieved the 'Star Award' from gymnastics. Seth drew some doodle art based on the work we have drawn in Art Club.

Tobias made a jigsaw lighthouse, with a working light.





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### DIARY DATES

#### February

- 14<sup>th</sup> Bikeability training (year 5)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bikeability training (year 5)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bikeability training (year 4)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Non-club Football Festival event (some of year 4-6)

Half term 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February inclusive

#### March

- 20<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Parents' Evening
  - 27<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY OF TERM
  - 28<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed
- Easter holiday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive

#### MAY

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Class Photos
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing tests (Reception)
- Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### JULY

- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term
- 19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day School Closed