



Newsletter ~ February 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of this term, the Government announced that children in England would not be returning to school until at least Monday 8th March, this means that we have another few weeks of remote learning as well as a much needed half term break.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work our pupils and families are doing at home during this time. Remote learning has been hugely successful with the vast majority of pupils engaging in our knowledge curriculum covering a broad range of subjects and activities – it really is heart-warming to look through the quality pieces of work being produced every day. The school has remained open to a small number of pupils and they too continue to follow our curriculum so that there is consistency. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you at home with remote learning.

Our Zoom community meetings on Thursday mornings have been well attended. So far, we have had a question and answer session to discuss how things are going, as well as a session covering reading and writing tips and ideas. Thank you to all the families who have supported these meetings, the discussions have provided some valuable feedback, support, advice and reassurance.

We launched our 'Extreme Reading Challenge' last week. Over the next week please continue to post pictures of the most extreme (but safe) places you have been reading. Remember that all entries will be put into a prize draw to win wonderful books to enjoy at home.

We have really missed all our families and children; we look forward to welcoming everyone back in school.

Louise Jackson, Deputy Headteacher and Emma Hunt, Executive Deputy Headteacher

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings which were planned for the end of February have been postponed to w/c 8th March (to be confirmed).

Lunch Menu

Lunchtime Co. are currently providing a further reduced Contingency menu. Please see our website for the latest 2 week options.



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council. Please see our website for further information.

The Last day of this Half-Term is Thursday 11th February. Only Keyworker/Vulnerable Children return on Monday 22nd February 2021.

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with Mrs Bridge in the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. 😊

Love of Learning, Bright Futures, Happy Memories

Our Learning – In class and at home

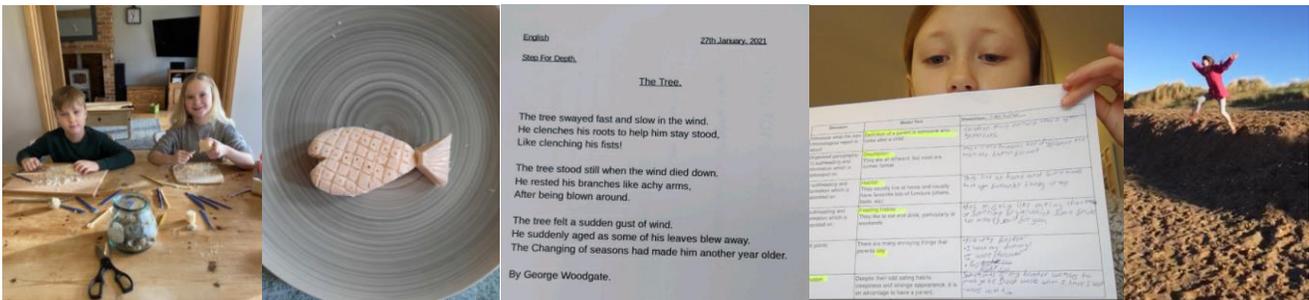
Sanderlings

This term we have been writing our own information texts about magical creatures and plants. We created maps of our own imaginary islands in the style of 'The Land of Neverbelieve' and then drew and described some of the amazing fantastical creatures that might live there! In Science we have been enjoying exploring rocks, fossils and soil - some of us used sweets to show all the different layers of soil in the earth!



Avocets

How creative you all are? Here are some pictures of your fellow pupils in year 4 showing the variety of learning we have had this month. In Art we have been learning about the elements of design and the soap carving certainly captured the section about sculpture. We have Jake and Ella showing how it's done and what a mess it can make - Great results. In this photo of the fish we can see the intricate detail Leo has achieved. We hope you enjoy the poem by George which is beautifully illustrated, it is included on the last page. Bella is showing a fine example of boxing up. Applause to you! Many of you have become very creative with your PE lessons. Dance, Judo and maps showing us daily mile routes and last, but not least, a little known sport - dune jumping. Here is how it's done by Olivia.



Lapwings

At home and in school, the pupils in Lapwings have embraced a range of subjects, including geography, history, RE, art and science. We have been impressed with the high standard of learning overall and we thank our families at home for their ongoing support with this. In English, we have been looking at instructions – thinking about the features and writing our own. In maths, the focus has been on fractions, finding equivalent fractions and converting proper to improper. The Chinese inspired artwork has been amazing and science has seen us complete a range of exciting experiments on separating. It has certainly been a busy half term!



Our Learning – In class and at home (cont'd)

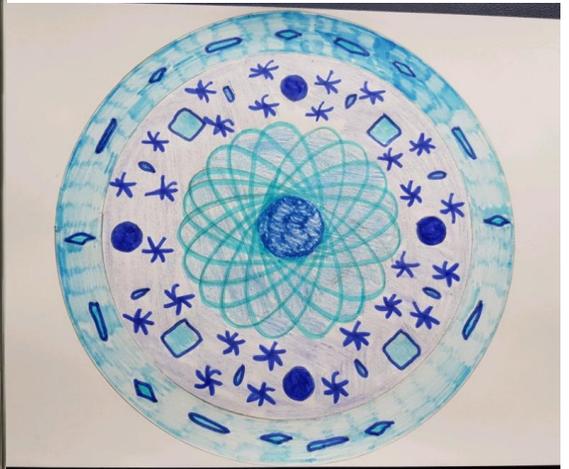
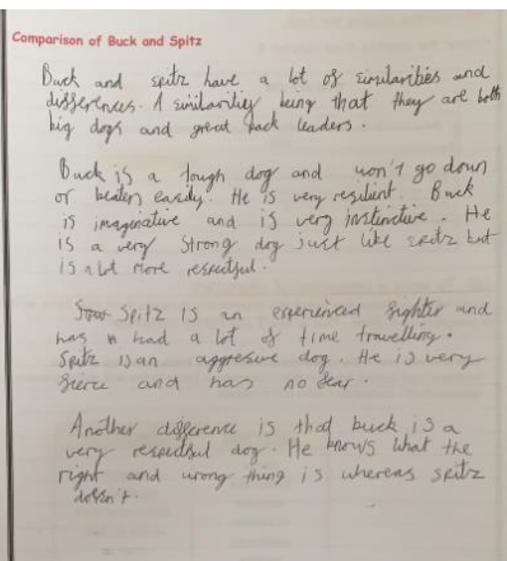
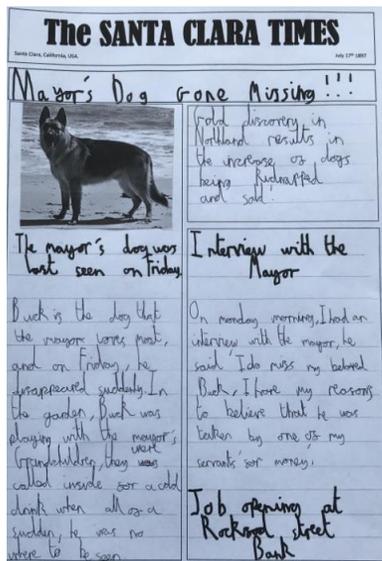
Albatross

We've had another busy half term in Albatross Class; in History we've all loved learning about the French Revolution and how Napoleon became the Emperor of France and tried to conquer Europe, until he met in match with British Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar! In Geography we've enjoyed learning about different regions of the UK including Yorkshire and Humberside; the children produced some super drawings of the Humber Bridge and Ribbleshead Viaduct showing how and why the landscape has changed by the construction of these immense structures. We've also conducted some super science experiments in class and lots of the children at home have also been conducting their own experiments including testing the density of different liquids – as you can from the picture Miss Prosser very much enjoyed this one too! In amongst all of this we've learnt about the beautiful art of Chinese painting as well as getting a full understanding of the selfless and caring nature of Sikhism who strongly believe in equality and how above all else they believe in helping others before themselves which is a lovely message for us all to learn from. It was also lovely to see so many of the Albatrosses on our 'Bring Your Pet to Zoom' session. We met lots of pets including a snake!



Oystercatchers

This half-term we have read a book called Call of the Wild. It has had some very challenging language as it was written in 1903 but we have followed the story well. In maths we have finished our conversions between fractions, decimals and multiples and are working very hard on our algebra which we are enjoying. Art has been looking at Chinese art, geography has been focused on South America and history has looked at the rise of Hitler and what triggered World War 2. Next half-term we move onto looking at World War 2 and we move onto areas and perimeter in maths.





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Does this sound like you?

- On a low wage, or recently been furloughed?
- Claiming universal credit or other benefits?
- Struggling to apply for jobs without access to a laptop?
- Is your child finding it difficult to do home learning without a computer?

Reconditioned laptops, access to wifi, broadband dongles are just some of the items being distributed to families like you unable to access the internet during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Getting online at home can help with home learning, job applications and helps you to connect with friends and family.

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Finding this winter even harder because of Coronavirus?

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- Day to day living costs including food & energy bills
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Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior_WNAT

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>
 Lots of helpful information about pregnancy, childhood illnesses, child development, emotional health & Covid FAQs

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 14 days and/or take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other

-  **Wash hands**
keep washing your hands regularly
-  **Cover face**
wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
-  **Make space**
stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
 Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.



The Tree

The tree swayed fast and slow in the wind.
He clenches his roots to help him stay stood,
Like clenching his fists!

The tree stood still when the wind died down.
He rested his branches like achy arms,
After being blown around.

The tree felt a sudden gust of wind.
He suddenly aged as some of his leaves blew away.
The changing of seasons had made him another year older.

By George
Avocet Class