



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 26th January 2024

***This half term our Core Value is:
to actively contribute to the local and wider community***

Curriculum News

Nursery:



In Hedgehog nursery in January we have welcomed new children. Together we have all been making friends and learning to follow the routines and rules. We have also started our new topic of Polar by reading the story *Be Brave Little Penguin*. In Maths we are learning 2D shape names and have made polar animals out of triangles, circles and rectangles/oblongs.

In Monkeys the children have been exploring winter and learning about the differences they will see in the weather and in the world around them, including how ice is made. We have also been learning all about penguins, inspired by our core story 'Blue Penguin'. The children have completed lots of different activities relating to penguins, including painting them and practising moving like them in PE.

Reception:

This month in Reception we have been finding out about Antarctica. The children are learning about Penguins and writing their own facts. In Phonics we are learning the next group of phonemes and starting to think about what happens when two letters work together (digraph). In Maths we are focussing on numerals 6-10 and finding out lots about these.



Key Stage 1:

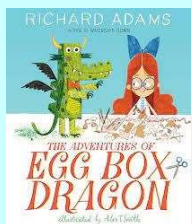
In KS1 we have been reading our core story *Egg Box Dragon*. In English we have been learning about synonyms and antonyms for some of the words in our core story. We have had a focus on writing the perfect sentence, making sure it has a subject, verb and object. This week we learnt that *Egg Box Dragon* is very good at finding missing items. We received a letter from the Queen in our story asking us to help her find a diamond that is missing from her crown!

In Maths year 1 have been completing place value to 20. They have learnt about one more and one less and how to use number lines. Year 1 are now moving on to addition and subtraction within 20. Year 2 have been investigating money, looking at the value of coins and learning how to give change. Year 2 are now moving on to multiplication and division.

We have been completing Science weekly, looking at different classifications for animals. Such as mammals, fish and reptiles. We have also looked at carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We are looking forward to our trip to Loch Neaton the last week of term to use our science observational skills.

In DT we made our very own *Egg Box Dragons*. We made a pivot, hinge and slider mechanism to make our dragons have moving parts! We thought carefully about the design of our *Egg Box Dragons* to make them as close to the description in the story as possible.

We have now begun History and we are learning about the royal family.



Diary Dates

Please note dates may be subject to change. See Class Dojo for updates. Thank you.

Thursday 1st February—Height & Weight Checks for Reception Children (National Child Measurement Programme)

Week beginning Monday 5th February—parents invited into classes to vote for Dragonfly Gallery Nature Exhibition Winners (see Class Dojo for each class date)

Monday 12th February—Parrot, Penguin and Giraffe Classes Science Observation Visit to Loch Neaton

Wednesday 14th February—Valentine's Themed Lunch

Friday 16th February—Elephant, Cheetah & Meerkat Classes Science Observation Visit to Loch Neaton / School breaks up for Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th February—School Reopens for Spring Term 2

Friday 1st March—Bug Busters

Monday 4th March—Book Week

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (children can come to school dressed as their favourite story book character)

Monday 11th March—Science Week

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief & Mid-year Reports sent home

We are excited to tell you that we have been offered the opportunity to display some of our children's fabulous art work at The Dragonfly Gallery in town.



Every child at Westfield (Nursery included) will produce a piece of art work based on the theme 'nature'. This could be to do with animals, the weather, plants, natural environments or seasons. They will be given time IN SCHOOL to do their artwork, but it would be wonderful if you could help them to decide what to draw / paint / create. The children will have a piece of A4 paper to work on, and can select from a variety of media, including paint, pencils and pastels.

When all of the artwork is ready, you will be invited in to vote for your three favourite pieces in your child's class. The winning three pieces from each class will then be displayed at The Dragonfly Gallery for the whole of the month of March!

The class teachers be in contact with you on Class Dojo to give you more information about dates for creating and voting.

Please help us keep school clean and tidy, and make a prompt start to lessons in the morning, by not letting your children run around between the bushes and on the muddy grass in their school shoes in the morning. This is wasting valuable time cleaning the floor and shoes before the children can sit on the carpet in class or have PE in the hall. If they accidentally get muddy on the way to school, please knock the mud off their shoes outside before sending them in. Thank you for your help.

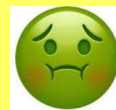
News from the Rainbow Room

To enable all children to feel part of the Rainbow Room when they visit, each child has a register leaf. This month all the children have been designing and decorating their own leaf to hang on to the Rainbow Room tree. Here are some of their fantastic designs.

All our Thrive, Young Carers and Little Troops groups have also been working on a special surprise for a lovely lady in our community who celebrates her 100th birthday soon! Look out in the next newsletter for our special delivery.



Winter Bugs

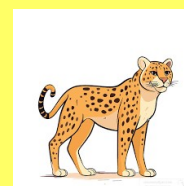


Whilst we aim for 100% attendance, we understand there will be occasions when a child has an illness which prevents them from coming to school. In these circumstances please telephone or email us first thing in the morning and leave a message please.

If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them at home until 48 hours after the vomiting or diarrhoea ends.



This class with top attendance this month is: **Cheetahs!**



HOUSE POINTS

So far this academic year...

Delta: 6729

Epsilon: 6627

Gamma: 6797

Beta: 6474

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