



Watton Junior School Newsletter—January 2024

This half term our Core Value is: To develop their confidence as independent learners.

CLASS NEWS

LKS2

This term our core story is 'Tales of Wisdom and Wonder' which is a set of stories from different countries. Our first tale was 'The White Rat' from France. In our English lesson, we learned the story and acted it out in class. Our second story was 'The Pedlar of Swaffham' from England. We have been writing a diary entry from the perspective of John Chapman, the main character from the story, as he heads to London for the first time.



In Math's, our focus has been multiplication and division, looking at using bigger numbers. Y3 has also started learning about fractions.

For our topic lesson we are doing geography. We have done a country study on France. We have researched what landmarks and physical features are in France. We also looked at animals native to France, famous people from France and the food they enjoy eating.

Our computer lessons this term are based on the theme of online safety and how to stay safe when using the internet. PE this term is gymnastics and dance. While in Music we have looked at and listened to music from the country India.

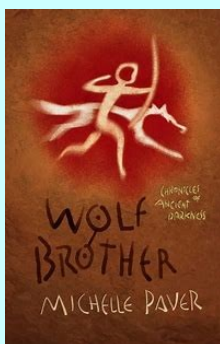
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In Year 5 and 6, we have begun reading "Wolf Brother" and are enjoying Torak's adventure. This core story provides lots of opportunities for us to develop our writing skills. As well as the non-chronological report (where we are writing to inform), we will be writing to persuade and incorporating diary entries. This will lead us up to our final narrative based on the core story. We have loved creating our own kennings based on our non-chronological reports on wolves.

In Math's, we have progressed from calculating with fractions to understanding the place value of decimal numbers. In Year 5, we have looked at two decimal places (tenths and hundredths) and in Year 6, up to three decimal places (thousandths).

This year has seen the children focusing on counterbalance and counter-tension in gymnastics for PE. The children have loved working together and using their knowledge to create gymnastic routines.

The children were fascinated by evolution in our latest science lessons. They discovered how characteristics are inherited from biological parents and how species can use this to adapt to their environments. In geography, the children were intrigued by the



Diary Dates

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

14.02.24—Valentines Day themed lunch

14.02.24—Kingswood parents information meeting 3.30pm

16.02.24—School breaks up for Half Term Holiday

26.02.24—School Reopens for Spring Term 2

04.03.24—Book Week

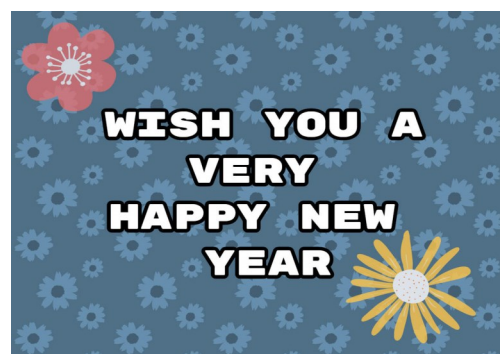
07.03.24—World Book Day (children can come to school dressed as their favourite story book character)

11.03.24—Science Week

11.03.24—Bikeability

15.03.24—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief & Mid-year Reports sent home

27.03.24—School breaks up for Easter Holiday



SMILE: We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil in a
Safe, Meaningful, Inclusive Learning Environment

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Young carers won the poppy competition and enjoyed receiving their prize of crafting items.



Join us to raise awareness. 15th March 2024. Wear something Red. Find more details on Dojo.

Some of the Year 5 girls had a wonderful time developing their football skills at Thetford Academy. They all came away beaming and bursting with lots of ideas on how they could continue this on at Watton Junior School. It was such a joy to see them discover this new found love of football.



If you would like to enter we can collect the entries and get it to the centre before the deadline.

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 month's highest attendance winners are:-

Boudica—97.28%

Volunteer Reading Partners Wanted

Can you spare an afternoon a week to come and listen to the children read? We are looking for reading partners who would be assigned to a class and come at the same time every week on a regular basis. You would need a DBS check which we would arrange and pay for. Please come and speak to the office if you are interested.



Please do not bring dogs on site.
Please do not smoke or vape on site or by the gates.

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