DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

10th January 2025

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

Welcome back and a happy new year to all. We hope you found time to relax and celebrate with family over the festive period. We are very much looking forward to starting a new term and all of the new learning that will be revealed.

The start of this term coincided with Epiphany. Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', as it is when the wise men followed the light of the star and baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world. This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they've just realised something.

Mrs Brand

Robins

Welcome back to the start of the spring term! This week during PSHE Robin Class have been learning to recognise the differences between fair and unfair and the negative impact of discrimination. During our history lessons this term we will be learning about the life of Louis Braille. This week we have been learning about why he is importantly remembered today. During our Computing lessons we will be learning to group data and information. This week we have had fun labelling different objects and beginning to experiment with placing them into different groups. We have also discussed how an object can fit into more than one group depending on the context.

Barn Owls

Barn Owls have started the term with a bang! In English we have read and understood our new text and we have started our Guided Reading books as well. Year 3 are reading 'Hidden Figures' , the true story of 5 amazing black women who contributed significantly to C20th American science, especially the space race. Year 4 are reading The Secrets of Platform 13 - a story which lives in a similar world to Harry Potter (but with lots of differences too). Year 4 will need to be reading chapters at home each week for this term.

In maths we have started a topic on multiplication and division and in science we are investigating forces and magnets. In history we will be looking at the Ancient Egyptians for the whole term, including a visit to Norwich Castle in February. In PE we will be working on gymnastics and fitness and in art we will be looking at the art of Georgia O'Keefe and JM Turner.

Golden Eagles

Welcome back to a new term! We have got straight back into our learning this week. In Re we have started thinking about Christianity, this week we thought about all the things Jesus said at the sermon on the mount and how this relates to Christians today, we had some thoughtful discussions from this. In PE we are doing gymnastics and dodgeball– if children would like to bring in socks with grips on the bottom, they can use these within the lessons rather than having bare feet – socks like the ones you get at trampoline parks.

We have really focused on multiplication this week in maths – multiplying 3-digit by 2-digit numbers and even multiplying decimals. The hard work that the children have put in to learning their times tables at home is really helping them to complete some ultra hard questions in class. For example, one of the Challenge questions from yesterday's lesson was …

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In English we have begun to read a 'warning tale' about two boys camping in their back garden. We are going to use these as models for creating our own warning tales. Please talk to us at home about the different things we might get warned about by adults. This will help us think of lots of different ideas about what we might include in our writing. Examples could be – always checking both ways before crossing the road, not talking to people online, not playing near train tracks…

Our geography topic this half term is Volcanoes and Earthquakes – how exciting! In our first lesson we looked at the composition of planet Earth and found out that it is covered in 'tectonic plates.'

Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit (10.02.25)

If you have not yet completed the consent forms, or made payment for this trip please do so at your earliest convenience.

Robins Sea Life Centre visit (25.02.25)

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Cold Weather Clothing

The weather is very cold, so please can we ask that children bring in appropriate clothes for outside play including hats, scarves and gloves for lunch and break time. Please ensure all items are named.

Children also need a spare pair of shoes to play on the field

Any donations of spare gloves are gratefully received.

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.11%

Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Gardiner who has joined our MSA team this week.

KINGFISHER FEDERATION



Thank You

'Good News for Everyone' came into school on Thursday to present our Y6 pupils with New Testaments.

They also have a 'Bibles Help on Line' website which you can access via the following link www.wordsofwisdom.org.uk

School Prayer

Dear God, help us to have as much faith as the wise men who followed your star to find Jesus. Lead us down the right paths and help us to shine from the inside out.

Amen

Attendance Award

This week

Robins

Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 29/01 - Robins Road Safety Session
- 10/02 - Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit
- 14/02 - NSPCC Number Day
- 14/02 - Last day of Spring Term 1
- 24/02 - First Day of Spring Term 2
- 25/02 - Robins Sea Life Centre visit
- 05/03 - Y1 & Y2 to Dance Festival at Hobart
- 04/04 - Last Day of Spring Term 2
- 23/04 - First Day of Summer Term 1
- 05/05 - Bank Holiday
- 06/05 - Tempest Y6 Leavers Photos & Class Photos
- 07/05 - Y1 & Y2 Multskills at Hobart
- 09/05 - Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5)
- 23/05 - Last Day of Summer Term 1
- 02/06 - First Day of Summer Term 2
- 22/07 - Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

Helpful Information

School Website - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org.org/
School Calendar - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/calendar/
Term dates 2024 / 2025- https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38151
Term dates 2025/2026 - https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57134/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2025-2026
Office email - ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org
Support Resources - https://padlet.com/senco134/kingfisher-federation-6tczryp0bt0pjcu7
Office Phone - 01986 893 277

Community



Tuesday 18th 10-12 (The Final Third) ⚽

https://forms.gle/4cDAcedgWKGqdFa8A

Thursday 20th 10-15 (The Finisher) 📖

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