



Aslacton Primary School

Half Term ending

Friday 10th February 2023

Head Teacher's Message

The first Spring half term has flown by!

There have been great core stories this term and I especially love hearing all about Penguins. You cannot ever get tired of learning about Penguins, and the thought of the Emperor Penguin growing up to 130 cm/4 foot tall is mind blowing.

We have had some lovely learning cafe sessions this half term looking at angles in art and gymnastics, poetry and artwork on the core story of "The Iron Man". Thank you to everyone who took part and to staff for organising them.

The children are all desperate to win their first or next Dojo badge. I have been displaying the Silver and the Gold badges which are strongly coveted and hopefully will act as motivation to earn more Dojo points.

An 'Attendance Ted' has been introduced this term. The class with the best attendance for the week gets to keep 'Attendance Ted' in their class for the week. The winning class is announced in my Head Teachers assembly on Fridays.

Finally, I'd just like to remind you of the amazing resource for information, support or guidance regarding your child - the Just One Norfolk website is a wealth of knowledge and is being developed all the time. I will include the link below.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/>



Have a lovely half term.

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Around the School

Owls have been super busy this half term! they are now penguin experts after reading our core story "Emperor's Egg" by Martin Jenkins. We have painted Antarctic scenes and used these to write setting descriptions. We also used them to be the background of our wonderful mixed media artwork where we used drawings, paint, photos and print to fantastic effect. Reception have learnt about different types of penguins and sorted animals into ones which come from cold places, and ones which come from hot. We have all also found out about David Attenborough and the work he has done. In the past two weeks we have been learning poems. We performed them, chose favourites and wrote new verses for them in our learning cafe. All this alongside making great progress in our phonics and number work. Well done Owls for a fabulous half term!

Kestrels have had a busy start to the Spring term. In English, we have enjoyed reading The Iron Man and comparing it to film, The Iron Giant. We have written list poems, diary entries and persuasive letters in role as characters from the story. In maths, we have had lots of success using mathematical vocabulary to describe fractions and thinking about the part-whole relationship. In science, we have shown lots of enthusiasm when learning about the digestive system and the functions of different types of teeth, and in our topic lessons we have enjoyed finding out about volcanoes, how they are formed, and how they can affect people's lives. During swimming sessions, Years 3 and 4 have worked hard to gain confidence in the water and should all be proud of the progress they have made. Well done everyone - have a lovely half term!

Eagle class have been working very hard to master fractions, decimals and percentages. We have been finding equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with mixed denominators and calculating fractions as decimals using a short division method. The children have become confident to convert and compare across all unit forms. In English, we have lost ourselves in the wizarding world of Harry Potter. The children have written character profiles, letters, and composed exciting stories about a trip to Diagon Alley. We have word processed and published these stories with illustrations - magical! In Science we have been learning about the theories of Charles Darwin, Evolution and Adaptation. We have also studied the stages of fossil formation and how fossils can provide us with key information about the past. In Geography, we have located the Galapagos Islands and have used digital maps to pinpoint their location in the world. We have researched different and unique creatures that inhabit the islands. In art, we have used different techniques to create stencil art. We will continue to transfer our designs to fabric after half term. In P.E, we have enjoyed football matches with Mr Reeve and in gymnastics, we have improved our balancing and body tension postures. A super half term Eagles!

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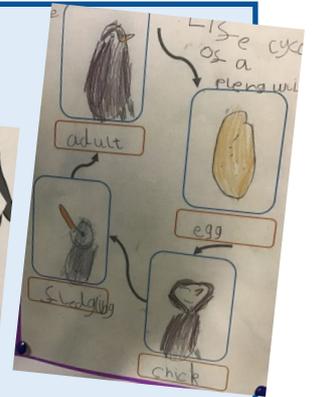
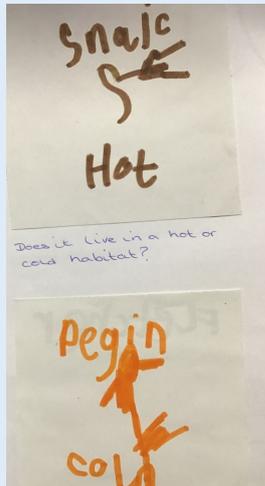
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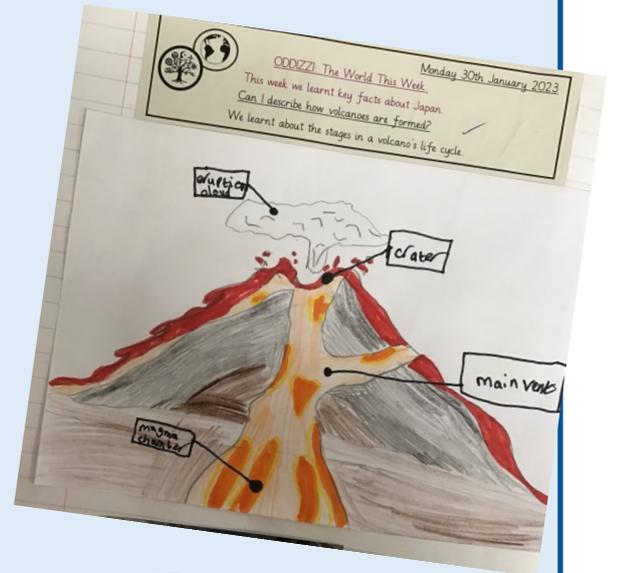
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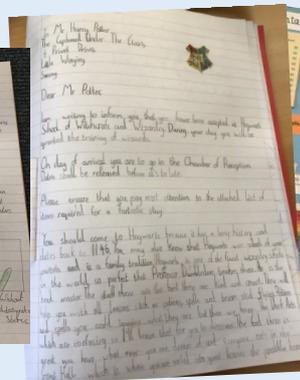
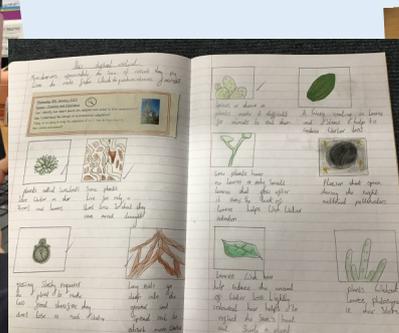
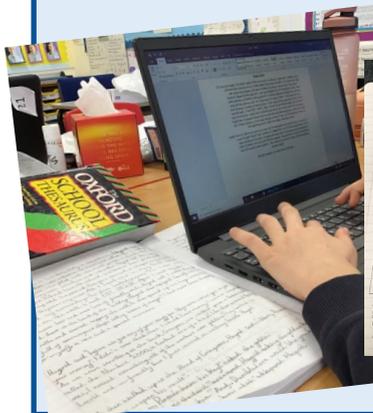
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Family Friday for the rest of the Spring Term - 9am unless otherwise stated

24th Feb: Eagle

10th Mar: Kestrel

17th Mar: Owl

31st Mar: All classes 2.45pm

Parent Readers for the Spring term:

Owl: **moving to Mondays** at 2.50pm

Kestrel: Wednesdays 9am

Eagle: Monday morning 9am

World Book Day

World Book Day 2023 is on Thursday 2nd March. At Aslacton we will be celebrating on **Friday 3rd March**, when we would like the children to dress up in costumes. Our theme at Aslacton is "Books are Magic." We would love the children to dress up as a book character this year; perhaps these could be magic related. We are very aware that dressing up may put on families, it would be lovely if these costumes were homemade to help with this.

To help promote a love of reading, we are excited to let you know that Leanne from Bookbugs and Dragontales book shop will be coming in to school that week to lead a book themed workshop for each class. You can find out more information about them here: [Bookbugs and Dragon Tales – Independent Book Shop, Cafe and Arts Centre in Norwich](#)

We look forward to sharing all our learning with you.

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Our New Parent Engagement Programme

Following our parent survey in the autumn term, we have looked at the results and developed a programme of events for the remainder of the year. These events will be trialled and will inform next year's engagement programme.

Lunch with you child:

We would like to invite parents to have a picnic lunch with their children. Your feedback said that Thursdays are preferred so we have made sure that these sessions are on this day of the week. Weather permitting, we will be outside on the field. Sessions will be as follows;

Owls 13th July
Kestrels 15th June
Eagles 6th July

Project sessions:

During these sessions, you will be invited into school to design and make a product to take home. In the feedback from our questionnaire, parents said that they would like to make a piece of artwork and some food to take home. These will be held on Tuesday mornings as this was a preferred day. They will be held between 9am-11am in the school hall. You will need to sign up for these sessions in advance in the office. Sessions will be as follows:

Owls 28th March and 25th April
Kestrels 16th May and 20th June
Eagles 13th June

Forest School sessions

Mrs Gowing would like to invite you to join our forest school sessions in the summer term. You will be invited outside between 2-3pm on those days. Dates to be confirmed nearer the time.

These sessions have been carefully planned; ensuring activities are on different days and at different times of the day to provide more opportunities for all parents to attend. We hope that these sessions, as well as our existing; Family Fridays, Sharing sessions, Reading sessions and Learning Cafes, provide a varied and exciting range of activities for our families. We are very excited about having you back into school and we know the children can't wait to see you!

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Save the date!

February	
Monday 13th—Friday 17th February	Half Term
Week beginning 27th February	Parent Consultation week—please sign up at the office. NO CLUBS this week
March	
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day –details ton page 4
Monday 20th March	Y6 parents meeting re Y6 SATs. 9am in the hall
Tuesday 28th March	Owl Parent Project session—see page 5 for details.
Friday 31st March	Easter Service for pupils in church Break up for Easter
Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April Easter Holidays. Children return Tuesday 18th April	
April	
Monday 17th April	School closed to pupils—Staff INSET
Tuesday 25th April	Owl Parent Project session—see page 5 for details
Wednesday 26th April	Y2 parents meeting re Y2 SATs and assessment 9am in the hall
Friday 28th April	Skipping workshops (during school hours)
May	
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday—School closed
Monday 8th May	Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 16th May	Kestrel parent Project session—see page 5 for details
Friday 19th May	Eagle Cake Sale after school (Friends of Aslacton)
Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June May Half Term	

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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

This half term's attendance: 92.7%

Class with the best attendance: Eagle with 94.9%

Late pupils this half term: 0

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