



WINTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

17th December 2021

NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT ACADEMY HEAD

This newsletter is a celebration of the fantastic finale to yet another challenging year. However, although it is important that we acknowledge the challenges, especially with the uncertainty facing the country at the moment; it is the enthusiasm, positivity and resilience of the children, staff and families that should be celebrated. After a busy half-term of learning across the school, the children have enjoyed a festive week in the lead up to the end of term.

Last Friday we held our own Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for the Friends of Winterton Primary School which was a great way to start our Christmas festivities. On this day, we also learnt that the Christmas Raffle organised by the Friends of Winterton Primary School had raised an amazing £507, with an additional donation coming from the charity bottle from the Fishermans Return. Each child also enjoyed receiving a chocolate selection box present from the Friends - thank you for this kind gesture

Our whole school community also enjoyed a wonderful Christingle Service at the church, where the children had the opportunity to make a Christingle, find out about the origin of the Christingle and what it symbolises and share a range of Christmas songs from traditional carols, to nativity ensembles and even a rendition of O Christmas Tree in German. Due to the current COVID restrictions in school and similar restrictions last year, this was the first time in two years that the children could perform to their families at Christmas so it felt like a very special occasion. Thank you to Father John and Sandra Laws for their support in leading and organising the service, and to Tesco in Caister for their donation of the oranges for the Christingles.

The end of last week also saw the culmination of lots of hard work and rehearsals for our performance of A Wiggly Nativity. The children performed fantastically on stage for two different recordings of the performance, one edited which has been shared on our Facebook page, and an unedited straight run through which has been shared on the Google Classroom and which was also enjoyed live by the Shark Class. We hope you enjoy the children's fabulous performance and the many magical moments of a school nativity. We are already planning our first whole school live performance in over two years, which we hope to bring to you at Easter if restrictions allow and if not in the summer term - watch this space!

On Wednesday the whole school enjoyed an incredible visit to the Hippodrome Circus, where everyone sat in awe and wonder at the amazing talent displayed by the dancers, jugglers, magicians, entertainers and acrobats. The children's behaviour was exemplary and it made us feel very proud to take nearly 70 children from 3-11 years old and to genuinely be able to say that the whole experience was a pleasure. The music, lights and energy of the production really is a spectacle and is something that cannot be replicated. If you haven't been to the Hippodrome Circus in Great Yarmouth before, then it is well worth a visit!

Finally the children ended the week with a whole school Christmas dinner, a Christmas party and a visit from Father Christmas, courtesy of Terry Byrne. A huge thank you to Terry for organising the arrival of Father Christmas on a procession of military vehicles and for the kind gifts the children received.

Please remember to follow our school Facebook page for regular updates of what the children are doing in school, combined with a selection of fabulous photos and videos. If you do not use Facebook, you can still view the page using the following link <https://www.facebook.com/wintertonPrimaryschool>

After that brief resume of a truly wonderful week, all that is left to do is to thank you once more for all your support this year and to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.



This term Starfish Class have explored many books and enjoyed the activities that autumn has had to offer. We began this half term by creating a fireworks display in the hall. We painted splashes of reds and yellows to show how the fireworks burst in the night sky.

In Maths the Starfish learnt how to add and take away numbers from 0 to 10 and show their workings using a part part whole model. In literacy we read about Arnie the Doughnut and learnt how a friendship grew between Arnie and Mr Bing. It was also a treat to try a doughnut for ourselves as a snack. We found out that doughnuts come in all different shapes and sizes just like us. The children discussed how we must celebrate these differences just as we do when we enjoy our favourite types of doughnuts.

The Starfish Class have also shown their love for the story Stickman, by making their own to play in activity time. This story also prepared the children for the Christmas period when Santa flew the Stickman home.

As Christmas came closer the children wrote letters to Father Christmas telling him they were 'nice' this year and asking for lots of nice presents. They were then sent a present from Santa (a book called 'The Most Wonderful Gift in the World') where Little Bunny Boo Boo searched for a brand new friend.

Our most enjoyable experience this term was the Nativity play where the children worked very hard to remember all the words to the songs and they looked fantastic in all their costumes. Their singing was phenomenal and they really do deserve a well-earned rest this Christmas.

From the whole Starfish Class we hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year.







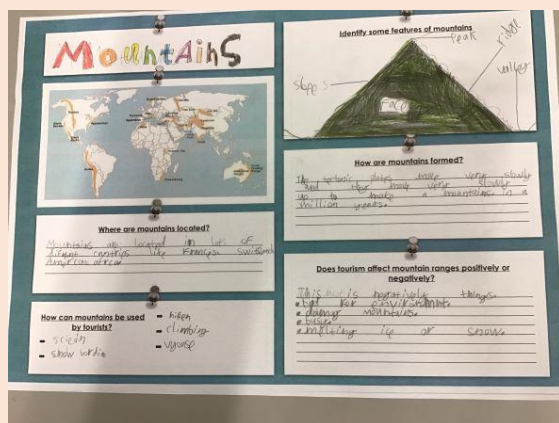
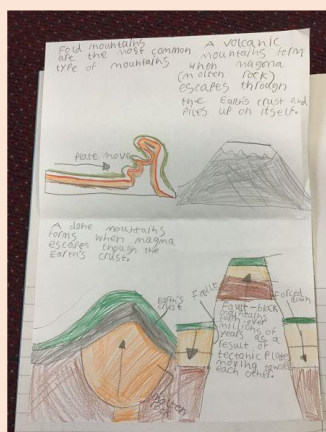
The Seal Class have had a very busy half-term completing their first Talk For Writing unit in English where they learnt the to retell the story of The Lion and the Mouse, before adapting the story to create their own versions which they could then write confidently using the same structure as the original story which they knew from memory. One of the titles included The Polar Bear and the Arctic Fox. At the start of this story, the polar bear traps the arctic fox and threatens to kill him but then lets him go free with the promise of a favour in return. When the polar bear then gets his foot trapped in a hole in the ice, the arctic fox comes to his rescue and uses his claws to dig him out.

Learning about mountains in geography has really engaged the children and they have enjoyed discovering how mountains were formed, where mountain ranges are located, the key features and the positive and negative effects that tourism can have on areas with mountains. If only we could go and visit some real mountains!

In science, the children have enjoyed exploring the seasons and finding out about how and why the weather changes across the seasons. They have also learnt why the daylight hours are less in the summer and more in the winter affecting the length of the day.

In PE, the children have been creating gymnastic routines using sequences of balances, jumps and travel. They have also been learning how to make contrasting shapes and how to work with a partner, as well as individually.

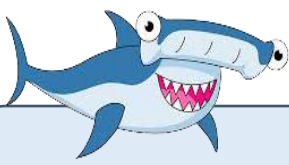
We have ended the term by completing a range of Christmas activities, including 3D Christmas cards, reindeer hot chocolate sachets, Christmas cake pops and snowmen measuring sticks.





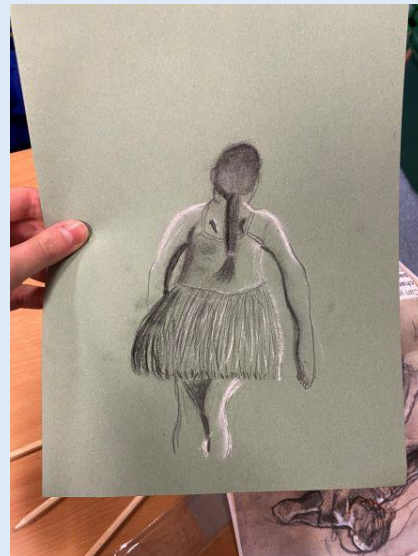
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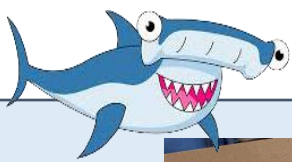




Degas dancers

Sharks have discovered the artist Degas and his drawings of dancers. After learning how to use different grades of pencil and experimenting with using charcoal to shade and sketch, the Sharks have been developing their life drawing skills. Lucky for us, we have had some willing ballerina volunteers who we have been able to sketch from life to emulate Degas dancer drawings. Life drawing is not easy and yet the Sharks have worked tirelessly, with focus and perseverance, to improve their sketching skills week on week - and look at some of these excellent examples.





SHARK CLASS



Running club

The children in the running club have been working extremely hard this half term. We have been looking at sprints, short distance and long distance running.



Boogie bounce

Wow! how energetic, the children have been bouncing this half term. They have learnt how to bounce safely, played games and danced. the children really have had a fantastic time



Drama club

The children in the drama club have been bringing traditional tales to life. They have taken on the roles of individuals and retold a short scenario. We have also used the book 'Rumble in the Jungle' to put together a short production with the children retelling the story. They also made the props to use.



DT club

The children have been practicing some really important skills; using a hammer correctly, using sandpaper, organising the materials and most importantly patience they have made some fantastic wooden lanterns.



Arts and crafts club

In the arts and crafts club we have made firework pictures, created ornaments and decorations for our Christmas tree entry that will be displayed in the Great Yarmouth Minister until 20th December. The children have also made Christmas cards, photo frames, mini Christmas trees and loads of other Christmas bits.



ATTENDANCE DATA

Attendance for this half term:

Seahorses: 86.1%

Starfish: 89%

Seals: 91.7%

Sharks: 90.7%

Whole School: 90.3%

National Average: 96.1%

Attendance Facts

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

PE Days

On your child's PE day, as listed below, please ensure they come to school dressed in clothing suitable for PE. Lessons may be indoors or outdoors so please send warm clothing with a t-shirt or shorts underneath in case they get hot. Children must wear suitable footwear such as trainers and have separate shoes for indoors, such as plimsolls, if they do not have wellies to wear outside at playtime. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and all jewellery is removed before coming to school.

Seal Class – Monday



Shark Class – Tuesday

Starfish/Seahorse Class – Thursday – Please bring your PE Kit in a separate bag and come into school in uniform, the children will change in the classroom.

Rockpool After School Clubs

From September all curriculum enrichment after school clubs will be free of charge, but we would like the children to book for the half term if possible as we will be completing projects throughout the sessions. If childcare is needed after 16:30 please contact the office as this is available and we will organise this for you.

These clubs will be running from Week Commencing 10th January. Please book in under Rockpool Clubs on Arbor.

	After School Clubs	
Monday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Multi Sports Club With Mr D’Rosario and Mr Smout Cost:£0	
Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30PM	Boogie Bounce With Mrs Jones and Jump Warehouse Cost: £17.70 for 5 Sessions	
Wednesday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Puppet Making Club With Mr Smout and Mrs Jones Cost: £0	
Thursday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	DT Club With Mrs Waters, Mr Bell and Mrs Jones £0	
Friday 3:30PM – 4:30PM	Cooking Club With Mr Smout and Mrs Herod Cost:£0	

Club Descriptions

Monday – Running Club – Cross Country and sprints

Tuesday – Boogie Bounce – Led by Jump Warehouse – There is a cost for this club, all 5 sessions will need to be paid for when you book. There is no Boogie Bounce on 18th Jan and no club will be running that day. **Only 20 Spaces available.**

Wednesday – Puppet making – Making puppets eg: hand puppets, spoon Puppets, finger puppets

Thursday – DT Club – Metal Work and Making Jewelry.

Friday – Cooking Club – Making delicious cakes, biscuits and savories

Rockpool Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run daily from 8:00 – 8:30am. There will be a standard charge of £2.50 for the first child and £1.00 for each sibling attending on the same day. A healthy breakfast will be provided.

Little Nippers

We are pleased to announce that our Little Nippers toddler group will be restarting on Monday 10th January after half term break at 9.45am-11am in the school hall. The group will be led by Mrs Nicholas. When you arrive for the session, please enter through the hall doors in the car park.

You will need to pre-book your space at Little Nippers by contacting Mrs Saunders in the school office on 01493 393218 or by emailing her at office@wintertonprimary.org. If you know you would like to attend every week, then you can book your space for the whole half-term to save you phoning each week - just please let us know if you cannot attend for any reason. The cost of the session each week is £2.50 which you can pay cash for weekly or you can pay upfront for the six weeks in one go with a payment of £15; this cost will include a drink and a snack for each child and a hot drink for every adult. Additional children will be charged at £1 per child.



Diary dates

Friday 17 th December	-	12:00	-	Christmas party and Surprise
Friday 17 th December	-	3:30pm	-	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	-	08:30am	-	Return to School
Friday 18 th February	-	15:30	-	Break up for Half Term
Monday 28 th February	-	08:30	-	Return to School

Christmas Activities



Please help us to win some new books for our school library by collecting the Books for Schools vouchers in the following newspapers:

- Eastern Daily Press
- Great Yarmouth Mercury
- Norwich Evening News
- Lowestoft Journal
- Beccles & Bungay Journal
- Dereham & Fakenham Times
- North Norfolk News

There will be collection boxes in the school office or in Winterton Post Office. Please pass this message onto any friends or family you may have in other parts of Norfolk too as the vouchers can come from any of the above publications. Thank you for your support.

BOOKS
FOR SCHOOLS



**HELP US WIN A
SHARE OF £20,000
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Academic Calendar 2021/22

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PD DAYS

01/09/21 Education Conference
 02/09/21 School Directed
 22/10/21 Statutory Training
 04/01/22 School Directed
 03/05/22 Trust Directed
 06/06/22 Wellbeing