



# Newsletter – March 2021

## Heacham Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of the hard work our pupils and families are doing at home during this time. What a great first few weeks back in school for ALL of the children. Attendance has been high and it has been so lovely to see them all settling back into their old routines so quickly. Once again, a huge thank you to all of our parents, school staff and children for the fantastic work that has taken place over the last two months. Well done everyone! We were proud to support Red Nose Day on 19th March and the children enjoyed dressing in red, as well as having a special lunch as a treat on the day. Many thanks to all the families who joined us for our bedtime stories event during 'Book Week' and huge congratulations to the winners of our Extreme Reading Challenge; we had some very creative entries! Did you hear Mrs Chadderton on BBC Radio Norfolk? She was very proud to talk about all the fabulous families from Heacham. Thank you for your feedback from the remote learning survey - for your lovely comments and ideas. One comment was that not all children received a mention in the celebration assemblies. We know everyone worked hard and we know it was hard to be at home for so long for many of our pupils. Therefore, we have made a special certificate for our home learners to give them recognition for this term. We will give those out this week to make them feel special and proud of themselves. It really was heart-warming to look through the quality pieces of work being produced every day at home with families.

Our Zoom community meetings on Thursday mornings were positive. We had a question and answer session to discuss how things are going, as well as a session covering reading and writing tips and ideas. Thank you to all the families who have supported these meetings, the discussions have provided some valuable feedback, support, advice and reassurance. We hope you enjoy a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on 12th April for the summer term.

*Louise Jackson and Emma Hunt*

### Term Dates

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.  
Please see our website for information

**The Last day of Term is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Children return on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

**Tempest School Photos will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

**NHS Height, Weight and Vision Checks will take place for Goldfinches Class on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than Facebook.



**Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior \_WNAT**  
@heachamjunior

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Assistant Head Miss Bennett, please make an appointment at the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority 😊

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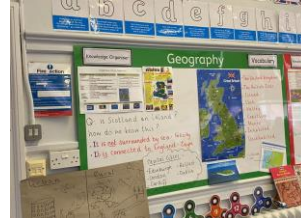
## Our Learning

**EYFS** have been looking at travel and have learnt about many different ways to travel by playing with themed activities such as boats in the water tray, mark making with pen cars to show the route they have taken and have drawn pictures of aeroplanes, trains and much more. They have talked about speed and sorted vehicles into different types. There is so much to learn about transport! They've spent a lot of time outside exploring the signs of Spring and have helped to dig our garden areas and look at what is growing and living there. EYFS staff are also in the process of creating an outdoor learning room to enjoy as the weather gets warmer, they can't wait to show you the completed room! The children in both classes have returned happy and smiley and are thoroughly enjoying being back with all their friends ☺



**GOLDFINCHES** have been learning the story of the enormous Turnip. They've created their own storylines following this theme too. They've also been looking at transport like their friends in EYFS and have created a play hot air balloon by recycling a cardboard box! Goldfinches have also investigated shapes and patterns, looking at sequences and creating patterns of their own and took part in a mini project researching the Arctic and the animals that live there. They have also spent a lot of time developing the garden areas outside, where seed balls have started to spring up and revamped the mud kitchen.

**ROBINS** have loved being back. They have produced a gorgeous lock down poem and loved reading different stories and exploring different texts at the start of this half term. They are now learning and innovating a new story in English lessons called Little Charlie. He goes to take his grandma some food but some scruffy pigeons and other creatures eat it before he gets there! In Maths they have been measuring everything and anything- length, weight, capacity and are now going over some of our basic maths skills- counting in 2s, 5s, 10s exploring number patterns and addition/ subtraction. In knowledge, great discussions have been had to think about what to spend a budget on and the things they would do if they were prime minister. Everyone agreed it is a very tricky job, especially at the moment! Robins have also loved finding out about how to take care of our world. They have joined Ken Hill for assemblies about conservation, have been inspired to do their own litter pick and have started thinking about small changes they can make that can help the world we live in. They have also explored different architectural features of buildings and are lucky to learn in a school with so much history and beautiful features inside and out. Have you ever noticed the two entrances? Separate doors for Boys and Girls! I wonder when they were built.



**OWLS** have been researching ancient Egyptian art this term and have looked at tomb art, masks and sarcophagus', busts of Pharaohs. They created their own sphinxes and clay beads, and made papyrus paper using glue! In History, Owls learnt about the Romans and their empire, how they had large armies that invaded Britain and went on to build many of our towns. They have spent time in PSHE looking at how to be healthy and have a healthy body, knowing what food helps good health, how to sort foods into correct groups and how and when to use medicines. Maths has had the class looking at fractions,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  and in English children have been writing their own 'Lesson learnt' stories and learning longer vocabulary such as monumental and hysterically.

### Next Half-Term

**NEST AND NURSERY** will become explorers this term, looking at maps, learning how to hide, really hunting for and finding treasure. They will also look at ladybirds – their life cycle, why they have spots and where they live.

**GOLDFINCHES** will be looking at Growing and Changing – What do seeds need to grow, why do we grow trees and life cycles. They will also learn about Relationships and feelings.

**ROBINS** will travel across the seven continents in Geography, learn about plants in Science and talk about and create freestanding structures in Design Technology.

**OWLS** will be visiting Northern Europe in Geography, researching electricity in Science, discovering how to make music and looking at murals and tapestries in Art.



## Rewilding Britain: Wild Ken Hill



# WILD KEN HILL

Children across our school have taken part in online assemblies to learn about conservation.

The Wild Ken Hill project aims to see wild nature thrive and demonstrate that climate change, air improvement and water quality can come about from using the land, whilst creating a space that communities can use to learn about, explore and enjoy nature.

Our classes have really enjoyed learning about the habitats, flora and fauna at Ken Hill and have already thought about activities they might be able to take part in to help, from litter picking and recycling, to growing vegetables in the school garden.

If you'd like to learn more, go to [www.rewildingbritain.org.uk](http://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk) or [www.wildkenhill.co.uk](http://www.wildkenhill.co.uk)



## Half Term Activity



Can you make an egg carton chick? How about a loo roll tube rabbit?

Share your Easter creations with us on Class Dojo!

## Everywhere Bears Read!



We hope you were absolutely thrilled with your new friends on your return to school. Thank you very much to the PTA for offering to purchase them so we could offer every child one!

If your child has not received a bear, do let us know, some are still hiding in Miss Thrower's office!

We know you're all fabulous readers or you really enjoy story time, so we'd love to see some photos of you and your buddy bear enjoying some books at home.

Your teacher will give you a Reading Card after Easter and every time your grown up uploads a photo of you, book and bear to Class Dojo, a sticker will be added to your card. When your card is full, you receive a certificate to say how well you've done and are then entered into a termly draw for a great booky prize!

Happy reading!

Our phone lines are now back up and running, thank you so much for understanding and cooperation whilst we were awaiting repair 😊

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## Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 14 days and/or take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste. Remember to:

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



### Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



### Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



### Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.**



West Norfolk Academies Trust is now on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

## Cashless Payments

All payments can be made via the school's bank details or through the card machine held at the office. **We do not have ParentPay.** Payments include Drop in Club, Nursery Fees, Charity collections and other chargeable items.

### Contactless Card Payments:

Payments via the card machine held at the school office.

### Bank Transfer payments should be made to:

Heacham Infant and Nursery School

Sort code: 30-99-77

Account Number: 35469768

\*Please add a reference to your bank payment e.g. 'Surname Nursery'.

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Does this sound like you?

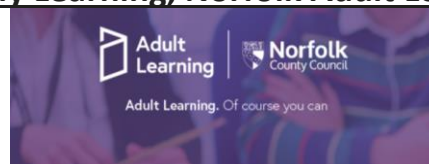
- On a low wage, or recently been furloughed?
- Claiming universal credit or other benefits?
- Struggling to apply for jobs without access to a laptop?
- Is your child finding it difficult to do home learning without a computer?

Reconditioned laptops, access to wifi, broadband dongles are just some of the items being distributed to families like you unable to access the internet during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Getting online at home can help with home learning, job applications and helps you to connect with friends and family.

Find out what help is available from the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, give us a call on 0344 800 8020

## Family Learning, Norfolk Adult Learning



Norfolk County Council is offering free and fun interactive sessions and courses to Norfolk families with children 0-4 years, taking part together. These are currently delivered online and our dedicated tutors will share hints, tips and tricks for running some great, engaging activities for all the family to enjoy.

Our sessions promote children's learning in all areas of development within in the EYFS, with a greater focus on the Prime Areas. Over the last year, opportunities to support these areas of development have been limited, with families unable to see relatives, meet friends or attend social groups. The contact children have had in the world outside their home environment has been impacted by social distancing and mask-wearing. Developing an understanding of and ability to interact and communicate with others, has been lost. Our sessions compensate for this by exploring activities and opportunities to meet children's needs in these crucial areas of development at a time when they need it most.

Please see our website and Facebook for more information:

[Family Learning courses - Norfolk County Council](#)

[Norfolk Adult Learning - Facebook](#)

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Lots of helpful information about health advice and support for children, child development, childhood illnesses, emotional health, pregnancy and Covid FAQs

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