

Newsletter – May 2021

Heacham Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter holiday and how this half term has flown! Walking around school it has been wonderful to see the learning in classes with children keen to talk about what they know and share their progress in their books.

Teachers have been busy refreshing the reading spaces around the school to provide cosy, inviting places for the children to enjoy their favourite books. Each class has a different theme and it has encouraged children to read for pleasure and to talk about books they love.

We had some superb entries for the Easter egg challenge and it was incredibly hard to choose a winner but Esme's beautiful ballet inspired egg, complete with tutu was a winner. Well done Esme!

On National Numeracy Day, the children enjoyed exploring all kinds of maths based games and activities. There were games outside where you could score points for getting the bean bag into the numbered hoop, parts of a plant with scores to add up, pattern making, problem solving and lots of fun working together and playing with numbers. We all enjoyed this day – thank you to Mrs Parton, our maths leader, for organising it. Watch this space for a maths challenge coming up soon...

Enjoy the half-term break – let's hope the sun shines a bit and we can enjoy some time outdoors with our friends and families. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 7th June for the rest of the summer term.

Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt and Catherine Bennett

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 28th May. Children return on Monday 7th June 2021.

Have a lovely half term 😊

Twitter

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



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@heachamjunior

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Assistant Head, Ms 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

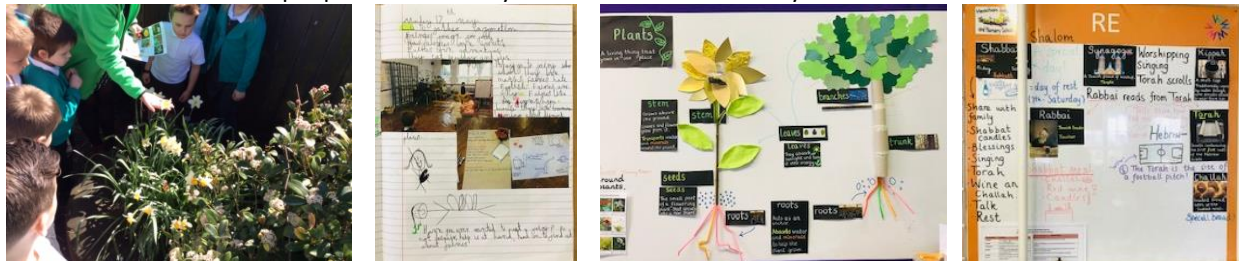
EYFS have been exploring outside and learnt all about mini beasts and plants. They currently have 5 little caterpillars that will grow into beautiful butterflies! They're really enjoying watching them grow and can't wait to see them cocoon and emerge with new wings. The children have also been looking at ladybirds – why they have spots, how many spots they have and have found out that they are symmetrical. Sometimes they come in different colours too! The Nursery garden is looking lovely and they've planted lots of flower seeds, beans, tomatoes, potatoes and strawberries. They've also hidden some treasure and had lots of fun trying to find it again.



GOLDFINCHES have been learning about Growing and Changing this half term. They have grown beans and cress, and planted strawberries and have learnt about all the different parts of the plant. They have also been looking at different leaves, taking part in a nature scavenger hunt. The children have had some tadpoles and caterpillars in class to look after and learn about their life cycles, and have learnt the, 'I'm a little tadpole' song. In Maths, they have practised 'teen' numbers and counting up to 20, created patterns and worked out the next in a sequence. In English, the class has listened to the story of The Billy Goats Gruff and have told their own troll stories. The children have also taken part in the Royal Mail stamp competition, creating a stamp for NHS Heroes. The designs are absolutely beautiful! Good luck Goldfinches!



ROBINS have visited the seven continents this half term, learning The Continents song and finding out lots of information about each different landmass. The class have learnt about the life of plants, how they grow, what they need to grow and what can affect them, like how putting dyes in water can change the colour of the petals! They even grew their own cress and looked at how growing in different places – bright, dark, In English, the class practised some spells for making fairy dust and turning their teacher into a frog! Ribbit! They have also explored bridge structures and created their own using straws, marshmallows, gummy sweets and ... The class have also learned that the Jewish people observe a day of rest on the seventh day of the week called Shabbat.



OWLS have been learning about electricity – currents, circuits, static, conductors and insulators. They have made their own circuits with buzzers and bulbs and tested the properties of different materials. They have been exploring Scandinavia and learning about migrating animals, the Sami people and their culture, the climate and human and physical features. They have also dived into the world of Roald Amundsen, an explorer who voyaged to the North Pole, creating a diary entry as though they were him. Art has had the children practicing printing, weaving, frescos, murals and tapestries. They have created an underwater mural to rival the Sistine Chapel! English has seen the class travelling to Mars and Saturn, using their imaginations to write some beautiful reports showing their fabulous understanding of 'generalisers', 'contraction', 'determiners' and 'expanded noun phrases' to structure their writing in to paragraphs. The Owls class read has been The Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, which they have really enjoyed.



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Next Half-Term

NEST AND NURSERY will be investigating rock pools! Looking at all the creatures that live there, sharing lots of seashore related words and learning how to stay safe near the water.

GOLDFINCHES will also be learning about the sea, discussing what can be found in the ocean and on the shore, listening to stories about the sea, learning how to stay safe near water and talking about why lighthouses are important and what can harm creatures in the sea.

ROBINS will look at 3D art and sculptures in Art, discover prehistoric Britain in History, talk about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and whether they are important to Jewish children in RE and discover the power of magnets in Science.

OWLS will be researching Vikings and Anglo Saxons in History, meeting the Kings and learning about invasions, marauding and raiding! They will visit the solar system through Astronomy in Science, discovering constellations, waxing and waning moons and how the Earth is made, and looking at moving vehicles, wheels and axels in Design Technology.

All classes will also be looking at attending some virtual visits. From art galleries museums to local conservation sites and sea life centres.

After School Clubs

Please email the office to apply for a space.

All After School clubs will finish at 3:30pm and will run until the 16th July.

From Tues 8th June and every Tuesday after:

Y2 The Big Sing with Shona Waters

Learn uplifting songs featuring Makaton, body percussion and actions to make you feel good.

From Weds 9th June and every Wednesday after:

Y2 Athletics with Rachel Parton

Learn to run with confidence and agility, throw in different objects in a variety of ways and practise techniques for jumping distances.

Y1 Gardening with Claire Chadderton

Learn to plant and pot your own plants and seeds and help them grow.

YR - Running with Catherine Bennett

Practise running – sprints, long distance and obstacles, learn to stop safely and improve confidence.

Date TBC:

Y1 Dance with Kristie Welch

Learn some fun dance routines and take part in an exciting performance.

Upcoming Events

Fun Run – Friday 9th July



We are pleased to announce that many of the Trust Schools are taking part in a Fun Run in the school grounds to raise money for the NHS Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Trust Schools. Children will aim to complete a 1km track on the school grounds. Heacham Infant school children are invited to wear rainbow or multicoloured clothing. Donations can be made via Bank transfer or card payment at the office.

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'.

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)

<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

Have you checked for funding?

You might be eligible for Free School Meals/Early Years Pupil Premium funding.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying! Pupil Premium can cover Nursery sessions too!

You can apply online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Or email the office for an application form.

Do you have any spare/outgrown uniform?

If you have any old uniform items or PE kit that you no longer need, please consider donating it to our Spare Uniform box.

We have a dwindled collection of items to send children home, and would be very grateful if anything can be sent. Also any clothing for our Nursery, ages 2 – 4 would be very handy!

Please contact the office if you have anything to offer.

Thank you ☺



Did you see BBC Springwatch is at the wonderful Ken Hill?

Michaela Strachan and Chris Packham will be broadcasting from the coastal farm over the next two weeks, hoping to catch the amazing species homed at the project and to more about how re-wilding can help tackle the loss of diversity and climate change.

From wading birds and songbirds, to beavers and harriers, we're in for a real treat, getting a glimpse into these creatures' lives.

Michaela, the educational outreach lead for Wild Ken Hill has recently hosted some fabulous forest school taster days for our children, something we hope to be able to arrange again soon! Our classes had a great time learning and playing in nature, experiencing s'mores over the fire and mud face paint.

This year BBC Springwatch asks volunteers to spend some time joining their Do Something Great campaign to help nature and our wildlife. Many organisations are supporting the campaign and have shared details of activities and events, such as litter picks and beach cleans, bug hotels and Hedgehog highways online.

Search Springwatch, Do Something Great to find out more.



Regenerative Farming

We're experts at regenerative farming, growing healthy food while fostering amazing farmland biodiversity and storing carbon in our soils



Rewilding

We're letting nature take over on 25% of our site, with ponies, cattle, pigs and beavers managing the rich landscape for us



Traditional Conservation

We actively manage freshwater marshes, river valleys and woodlands, spending time and effort to create great habitat for rare species

Half Term Activity



World Environment Day takes place on the 5th June and World Oceans Day on the 8th June.

We are challenging you to create some ocean animals using recyclable or reusable materials.

Can you make an egg carton turtle, whale or jellyfish? Share your creations with us on Class Dojo, and don't forget to tell us what you used to make them!

Everywhere Bears Read!



Our new Reading Cards will go home with children on the 7th. Don't forget to post videos on Dojo of you reading with your bear, and remember to bring your card back to school to be stamped!

Once all 30 spots have been stamped, you'll be rewarded with your certificate and be entered into the end of term Prize Draw!