



Yox Valley Newsletter

Spring Term 1 | February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

January and February have been bleak and dreary months, and we are all looking forward to some Spring sunshine. Nevertheless, the half term has gone in the usual flash and we are getting ready to have our half way through the academic year break.

We would like to update you on some staffing changes at Yoxford we will be saying goodbye to Miss Eagle at the end of this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and commitment whilst working with us and wish her luck as she moves on to new opportunities. We have appointed Miss Tara Symonds to replace Miss Eagle and she will be starting with us on March the 10th. Elm will be taught by their new teacher, Ms Hazel Wood, after half term with Mrs Mansfield continuing to teach them on a Thursday. Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Ms Rahman at Easter time as she will be retiring. She has been with the school for over 12 years and will leave a big hole in the team at Yoxford. We will be advertising for the vacant positions at Middleton and Yoxford after half term.

There is much to look forward to as we move into the second part of this spring term and the prospect of the summer term is just around the corner. KS1 will kick start the new half term with a visit to Red House for a music and maths day - we look forward to hearing all about the educational visit.

Wishing our families a restful and fun half term,

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Diary Dates

17th - 21st February: Half Term

24th February: Children Return

Middleton

- **14th February** PTA Cake Sale
- **26th February** Spruce Class Photography Workshop
- **27th February** Parents Phonics Workshop - Ash Class @ 3:15
- **6th March** World Book Day
- **7th March** Red House School Trip - KS1
- **17th March** PTA Meeting
- **21st March** Celebration Assembly @ 8:45am
- **29th March** PTA Quiz Night
- **20th June** Class Photos

Southwold

- **7th February** Celebration Assembly
- **6th March** World Book Day
- **7th March** Red House School Trip - KS1
- **28th March** Celebration Assembly @ 8:45am
- **20th May** Class Photos

Yoxford & Peasenhall

- **14th February** Celebration Assembly
- **3rd March** Red House School Trip - KS1
- **6th March** World Book Day
- **4th April** Celebration Assembly @ 8:45am
- **20th June** Class Photos
- **27th June** Year 5 Enrichment Day - TMHS



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Middleton Primary School News

Ash Class

Ash Class have had a wonderful start to the half term. They have been busy in PE creating a Space themed dance in groups and as a whole class and even performed this for parents during our celebration assembly. During Geography, we have been looking at the 7 continents of the world. This also corresponds with Science, as we have been learning about animals' habitats. The children have enjoyed investigating where animals live around the world. In RE, the children have been learning about the Bible story of Creation and how Christians believe the world was created. Alternatively, we are going to learn about other beliefs about how the world was created including 'The Big Bang Theory'.

Spruce Class

We have had an exciting first half of the Spring term and have enjoyed visiting Yoxford weekly for swimming lessons. In PE we have been making gymnastic routines, working closely with a partner to put together sequences. In Science we have been learning about classification and different ways that we can sort plants and animals. We have also found out about plant reproduction and have propagated our own Rosemary plants; it will be interesting to watch them grow over the next few weeks. Our Scout lessons have also involved lots of practical Science activities, including writing secret messages with lemon juice and testing the properties of materials. We have also enjoyed our Open The Book assemblies where we have the chance to dress up and take part in retelling Bible stories.





Oak Class

Oak Class were acting out different scenarios involving strangers and how they would respond. Oak Class were practicing making tones and tints during art this week.



Elm Class

This term we have been engaged and focused in many different aspects of our learning. We have been busy finding out about the capacity of different boxes and containers as part of our maths. In Squirrels, which is the EYFS equivalent of Cubs, we have been working towards our Brilliant Builders badge. For our topic, we have enjoyed learning about different places in the world, so we took the opportunity to create a dragon in celebration of Chinese New Year.

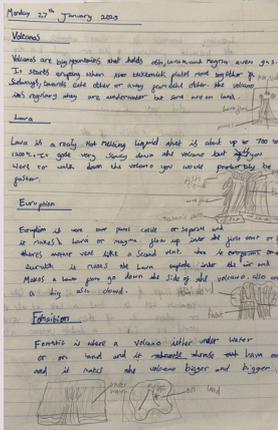
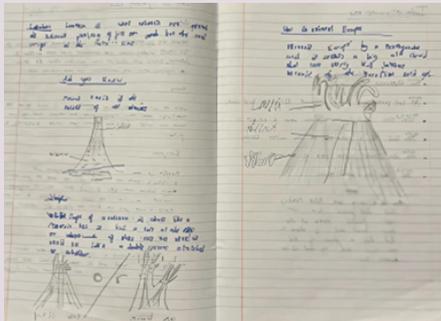




Yoxford & Peasehall Primary School News

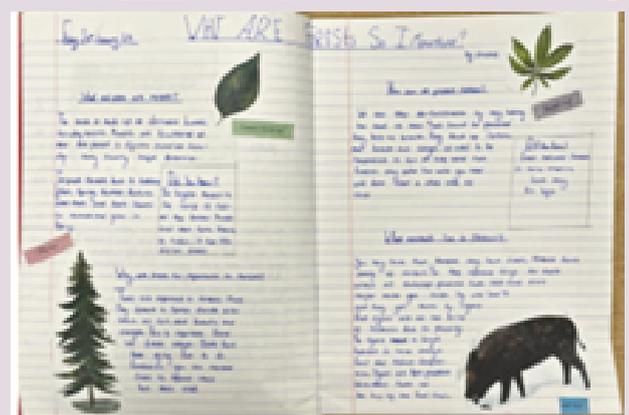
Willow Class

Willow class have been busy learning about natural disasters this term. We have written explanation texts about volcanic eruptions, drawn diagrams to show how tornadoes form and looked at the devastation tsunamis and hurricanes cause. Some of Willow class have also started work on the Suffolk Show's School Garden Project - they have begun by planting wheat. Watch this space!



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have enjoyed learning about different world biomes in our geography lessons and we have written amazing explanation texts about grassland biomes in English.





Southwold Primary School News



Astronauts Class

Astronauts have been working on building relationships and teamwork this term. The children have been working together in all sorts of different ways to achieve this. They have really enjoyed asking for teamwork challenges.

Apollo Class

Apollo class have been learning about Space. They created a model of the relationship between the moon, earth and sun to help understand how these objects orbit each other. In PE, the focus this term has been gymnastics. The children enjoyed the opportunity to use the equipment in the hall to show their different movement and balance techniques.





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Mercury Class

Mercury Class have had an exciting time with their robot-themed learning in ICT!

Exploring with Bee-Bots is a fantastic way to combine technology with problem-solving and spatial awareness. They have been reinforcing directional knowledge through hands-on activities making learning fun and memorable.

They have also been busy in maths learning addition and subtraction. The children used resources to consolidate their learning and made the lessons fun.





School Scouting Sessions

Beavers

The Beavers have been working towards their safety badge. They have learned about water safety and how to float like a star fish in the water if they get into trouble. They have been role playing crossing the road with how to safely cross the road with zebra and pelican crossings. The children enjoyed looking for dangers around the school and home, they showed the dangers by crossing their arms. We also covered rail safety and fire safety.



Cubs

The cubs from Yoxford went to Fressingfield scout hut for a development day with Mr Aalders-Dunthorne and Mr Hopkinson. They engaged with axe throwing and shooting.



Academic Calendar 2024/25

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PD DAYS						
2/9/2024 – School Directed						
3/9/2024 – Statutory Training						
25/10/2024 – School Directed						
6/1/2025 – School Directed						
22/4/2025 – School Directed/Wellbeing						