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Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Next week we will be sharing attendance letters for those children whose attendance was below 90% last term. Attendance is an important national issue and schools have a statutory duty to inform families when attendance falls below. Please be reassured that every case is considered on an individual basis before deciding if further action is required.

In a few weeks' time we will be holding a Scholastic book fair after school. This is an opportunity for you and your children to come and have a look at a wide range of different books to suit all ages and interests.

As a school we are focussing upon reading as it has been identified through assessments and through discussions with children that reading, especially reading for pleasure, is an area for us to focus upon. Children have said that they would like to read more, and for them to be read to more, both by school staff and by parents.

We will be sharing with you a number of resources to promote reading and for you to support your child when reading at home.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mr Gamble

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

LOOK what we're
LEARNING!

Robins have settled into the new term brilliantly! Our topic this half term is My Planet and Beyond. Last week we went to Antarctica and discovered it's at the bottom of the World. We found that penguins lived there and learnt lots of different facts. This week our focus has been on London. We have been exploring the sights and learning about the King.

In PE Robins have had lots of fun learning to use the apparatus in the hall!

Wrens have been enjoying their Great Fire of London topic! We are writing a diary pretending to be a London rat from 1666! We have started our new science topic on Plants and planted broad beans in jam jars. (This week the roots have started to grow!) We are keeping a bean diary! In maths, we have been measuring and thinking about numbers to 20. Year 2s are learning about repeated addition and multiplication! The Wrens enjoyed the nonsense poem Miss Humphreys shared with them! What a busy start to the term!

Swifts have had a busy start to the term! We have finished our Fractions learning and have now moved on to Multiplication and Division. We have used our times table knowledge to help us multiply 4-digit numbers by 2 digits! We are really enjoying our English text - The Explorer by Katherine Rundell, we have written some amazing descriptive pieces about the rainforest. We can't wait for our independent writing next week! Our English also links brilliantly to our Geography topic of Rainforests - we just learnt about the four layers of the rainforest and got to draw these out.

Skylarks have enjoyed looking into Henry VIII's wives in more detail, and why Henry had so many! We have explored descriptive poetry and have now written our own poems about colour. In art, we have begun to look at Magdalene Odundo, who uses ceramics and glass to create sculpture. In Maths we have been revisiting multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. There has been much discussion about our goals and dreams, how they can change and how we can start to achieve them.

Diary Dates

- 22 January – Y5/6 Norwich City Football League Competition
- 29 January – Y5/6 Norwich football coaches' seminar at Bunwell



- 2 – 7 Feb – Scholastic Book Fair
- 19 – 23 Feb – Half Term
- 29 Feb – Y5/6 Norwich Sportspark Games Festival
- 4 March – International Women's Day
- 7 March – World Book Day
- 27 March – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 28 March – 12 April – Easter Break
- 15 April – World Art Day
- 22 April – Y5/6 Norwich City Football League Competition
- 6 May – Bank Holiday
- 27 – 31 May – Half Term
- 27 June – Class Photos
- 19 July – Last Day of School

