News Sheet

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Horning Hedgehogs

No.3 Autumn Term

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Inspiring Creative Learners

Stay and play!

Stay and Play sessions are Friday mornings 9-11am. They are open to babies, toddlers and young children aged 2-4 years old including those who don't currently attend the setting. The first session is free, with further sessions costing £2.50.

A chance for parents and carers to meet new families in a caring and supportive environment.







Come and join us for some family fun and learning. Please book in advance via school 01692 630470 or hedgehogs@coastaltogether.co.uk

Hedgehogs Forest Preschool



Hedgehogs' week began with a visit from Rachel's pet chickens. The children were so calm and gentle with our little feathered visitors. They enjoyed quietly watching them scratching and pecking the ground for food and listening to their tiny cheeps. The children had the opportunity to stroke the chickens' soft fluffy feathers. Rachel showed us her chicks' earlobes and we found out that the colour of the lobes matches the colour of the eggs the chicken will lay! Some of Rachel's chickens will lay blue or green eggs- wow!

We joined in with the traditional tale 'The Little Red Hen', using signing for the animals in the story.



We had some super writing going on in the den with two of our hedgehogs announcing with excitement that they were going to do their homework!

Rachel kindly brought in a book about birds. We tried matching the colour and pattern of bird feathers with the birds in the book.

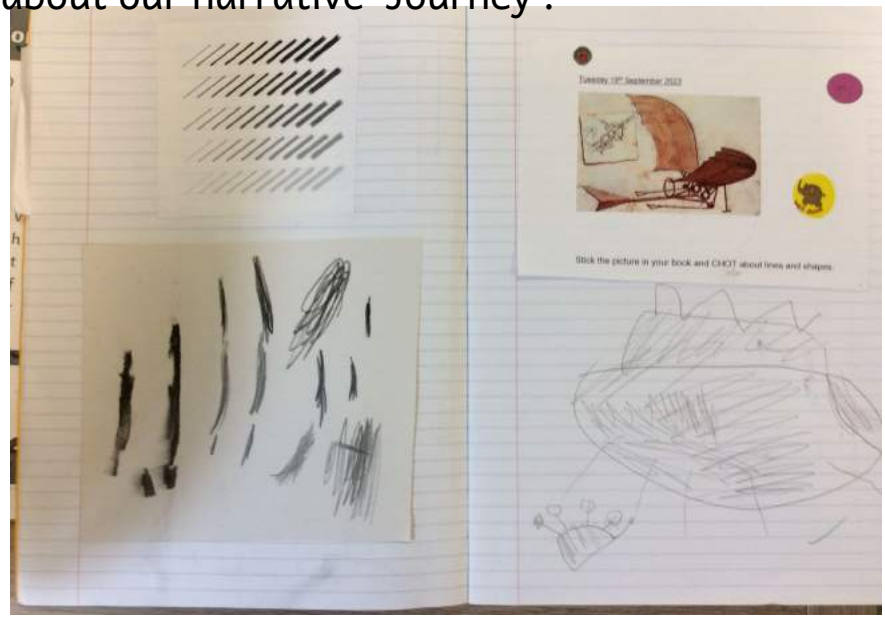




The extra windy day saw us based indoors but we amused ourselves by putting on puppet shows, mixing gloop using cornflour and water (which was curiously solid and runny at the same time!) and bringing the outdoors in by exploring conkers and chestnuts that had been blown off the trees. If you go for a walk at the weekend, see what seeds you can find and please bring them in for us to explore next week.

Otter Class

Otters have had another fantastic week, the children have all settled so well into our classroom routines and we are super proud of them. This week in our topic lessons we have been designing and sketching our own flying machines, with great success. We have been using a variety of pencils and charcoal to see how they create different lines and marks on the page. In our English we have been continuing to produce some excellent sentences about our narrative 'Journey'.



Our Reception children have been working really hard and have produced some fantastic work during our 'Funky Fingers' activities. They have been super focussed and have been doing lots of work with numbers this week, and have also been practising their letter formations.



Fox Class

The week was kick started with a trip to the Nest for a morning of Crucial Crew sessions for Year 6 as they learned about how to keep themselves and others safe. They worked through a series of scenarios and activities which included CPR and dealing with an emergency situation.

Back in the classroom, we have continued with our 'Little Ships' narrative where the children have developed their use of sentences for effect, their use of commas in lists and for clarity. We have some great stories developing and they have used lots of technical vocabulary gleaned from their topic lessons.

Maths has seen a real buzz of enthusiasm this week as we have used our stem sentences and manipulatives to represent our understanding. Our upper key stage children have been looking at hundredth while others have been bridging tens.

In our Battle of Britain topic, we have continued to investigate the Dunkirk evacuation. Foxes are keen to find out more and more about this topic and we have looked at what went well and what didn't at the time. Children then formed a debate in class to analyse their findings.









Forest School

We were excited to all be back together for our first Forest School session this term. Our autumnal focus was to find out about the fascinating ways plants around us are spreading their seeds at this time of year. A fun warm up game saw us spinning, floating and popping like seeds.



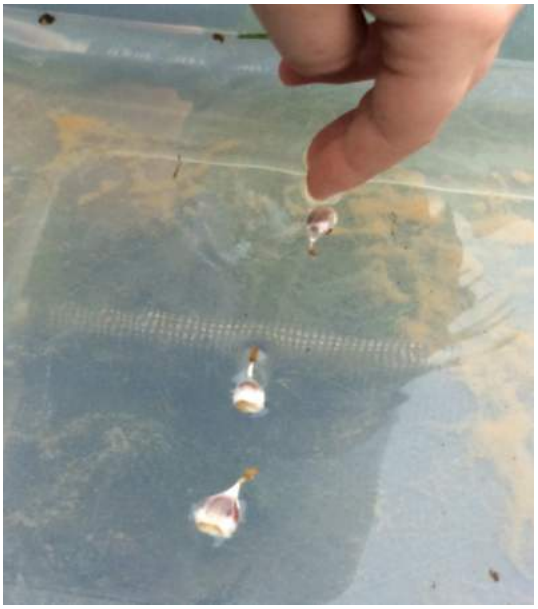
The children explored our Forest School site to see how many different seeds they could find. We investigated the seeds to find out how they move away from their parent plant and had a go at sorting them into groups.











We made paper spinning seed models and tested them out to see how far they could travel.



We found out it's a great time of year to plant wildflower seeds as the soil is still warm and there's plenty of rain. We set to work digging, sieving and raking patches of ground so we can scatter seeds in our next session. The children spotted lots of earthworms, black beetles and the odd ant living in the soil.

Next time you are in your garden or out and about in the countryside, why not take an empty envelope with you and see what wildflower seeds you can collect to add to our wildflower meadow.

Jonk Awards

Here are some of our certificate winners for this week. Keep practising your JONK skills and it could be you in the coming weeks.





You're invited to join us on
Friday 29th September
9:10-10:30
For Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Morning Story Cafe
If you're free why not join us for our Macmillan coffee morning story cafe on Friday 29th September 9:10-10:30? There will be a shared story, a chance for you to work alongside your child in and out of the classroom before parents and carers take the opportunity to sit back, chill and chat over coffee and cake. Children will be able to purchase cake and juice during break time with all funds raised going to Macmillan Cancer. To support the event please send any **cake donations** to the school office on Thursday 28th or Friday 29th September. Thank you for your anticipated support.



Can we please remind you that children should only be bringing water in their classroom water bottles. If they would like another drink at lunchtime then they are more than welcome to bring this in their pack lunch or with them for lunch if they have a school lunch.

Drinking water boosts learning.
When we are thirsty, mental performance including memory, attention and concentration can decrease by about 10 per cent. Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability.

Parking

Can we please remind you to take extra care at drop off and collection times as we know the roads can get very congested with children having to walk between and around cars. Please avoid parking directly near the playground gate to drop off as this then forces pedestrians to walk into the road to gain access to school. Thank you for your support keeping all our children safe.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.5%

Current updated Horning Primary School attendance this year to date is 97.84%
Otter class attendance: 95.42% Fox class attendance:99.26 %
The class with the highest attendance this week was Foxes achieving
Amazing - Fox Class well Done!!

Return to school - September 2023

You may remember that back in the autumn term we consulted on changes to the start and end time of the school day inline with the government white paper. From September 2023 our start and end of day time will be changing - see below

Start	8.35-8.45 drop-off (8.45 the doors close)
Finish	3.15 pickup

News and Reminders	
PE Days On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring a kit to change into.	
Otter Class - Years R, 1 and 2	**Friday**
Fox Class - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	**Friday**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
22/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Multisports
22/09/23		Last day to order Uniform
29/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Multisports
29/09/2023	9:10-10:30	Macmillan Story Cafe - Parents invited into school to join us for a story, craft activities and refreshments
2/10/2023	9:00-2.30	YR 5 and 6 Bikeability
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06/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Multisports
13/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Multisports
19/10/2023	9:15-10:15	Harvest Service @ Horning Church
19/10/2023	3:15	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
30/10/2023	8:35	Return to school from October Half Term Holiday
07/11/2023	1:00-2:00	Yr6 NCMP Screening
10/11/2023	10:45-11:45	Remembrance Service @ Horning Church
14/11/2023	1:00-2:00	Reception to Yr6 Flu Vaccination

See below for term dates:

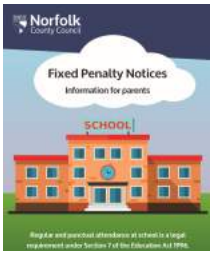
Term Dates



All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
Fixed Penalty Notices



Horning Hub – connecting our community.

Cosy Café



in the

Mill Suite

(Behind the village hall)

Every Tuesday

10-12.00

(Until further notice)

Free coffee, tea, toast, and laughter for Horning villagers.

Books to browse, Wifi available

Mobility friendly

Look forward to seeing you.

The Horning Hub Team

Sponsored by the Horning Boat Show community fund

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