News Sheet

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Horning Hedgehogs

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Inspiring Creative Learners

Stay and play continues!

Sessions in preschool have now started and are running on a weekly basis! - Friday Mornings 9AM-11AM with the next **Friday 3rd March.** The stay and play sessions 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 Preschool

It certainly has been a very busy week back for Hedgehogs. We welcomed Miss Geschke to our team and she has settled in beautifully with the help of our kind, caring and helpful children.

With the blessing of some springlike weather at the start of the week we began our outdoor activities, the children spent time moulding clay into their intended shapes only to then go and hunt for some sticks and acorns. We gently pushed the sticks into the clay and used our fingers to create indentations for our two acorns to sit in and there we have it, our very own hedgehogs!

Although the weather may have become more unsettled as the week has progressed we decided to brighten things up by planting sunflowers. As a group, we discussed the importance of looking after plants and the things we need to do to ensure that they grow. The children are now all aware that sunlight and water will help the process along and have made certain to look after their sunflower at home.

Using natural resources the children have all enjoyed some mark-making outside and displaying their fantastic imaginations. There have also been many pies, potion making and cakes being made in our mud kitchen. Yummy!













Otter Class

We have had a great week in Otter class this week and the children are keen to learn after their half term break. The children have been engrossed in learning about the Great Fire of London. They have been excited to find out how it started and why it spread so quickly. They have been drawing on their topic knowledge from last term, when they found out all about timber houses from Tudor and Stuart times, to help them understand this. In English we are continuing this topic, and studying the book 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'.

In maths the children have been very busy learning about money, using coins and notes to find different ways to make the correct money to buy things from Otter's class shop.







In PE the children have been learning ball skills, how to control a ball and stop it with their sole.



In other news, Mr and Mrs Cage welcomed baby Bobby into the world on Friday 18th February weighing in at a healthy 8 lb 11oz. Both mum and baby are doing well.

Foxes Year 3,4,5,and 6

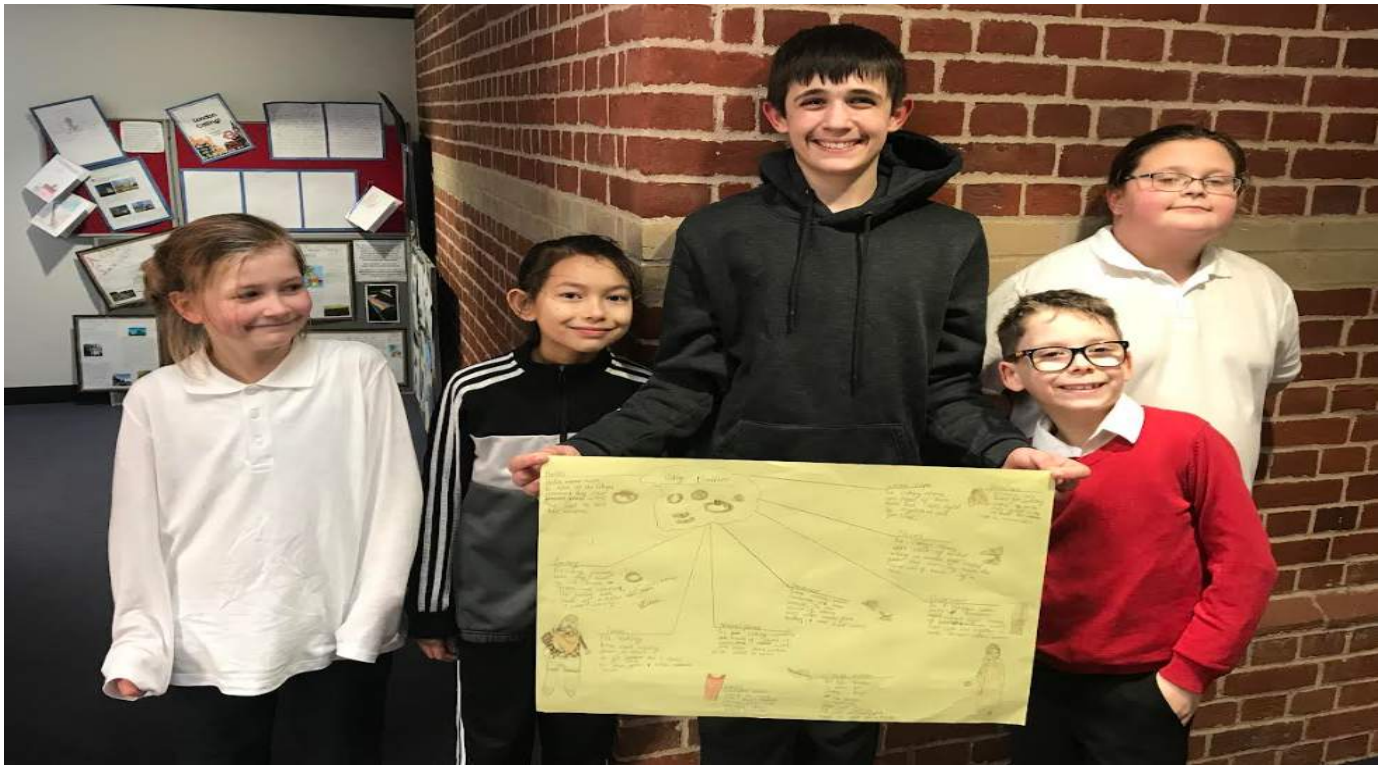
After a restful break, Foxes came back refreshed and eager to learn. We plunged into the life of the Vikings, finding out how they came to Britain and where they first started to settle. Collaboratively, Foxes produced some detailed work, either on paper or digitally on google slides, to share with others about how they lived, what they wore and what they ate.

Our English topic over the next few weeks is linked to 'How to Train your Dragon' and we have been looking at how to develop an introduction and character description to a narrative. Children have enjoyed using descriptive devices to create pictures in the reader's minds. I certainly wouldn't want to be on the Isle of Berk in the weather Foxes have described this week or meet Gobber in the 'ghostly shadows on the desolate beach in the most desolate spot on the whole desolate island'. Maybe you are less scared of these situations?

Moving swiftly on to our Maths this week, where we have continued to grapple with problems relating to fractions and mixed numbers. Foxes have learnt different strategies to represent their calculations such as pictorial bar models and number lines to show where fractions lie in our number system. This has helped them to see and understand that fractions are an equal part of a whole.

During PE this term Foxes will be working on their netball skills and we made a huge stride towards this on Friday. There are some budding team players amongst us. Watch out for the ball skills as the weeks progress!

As always there have been busy children over the holidays and here are some of the creations which have been brought in to add to our Viking homework topic.











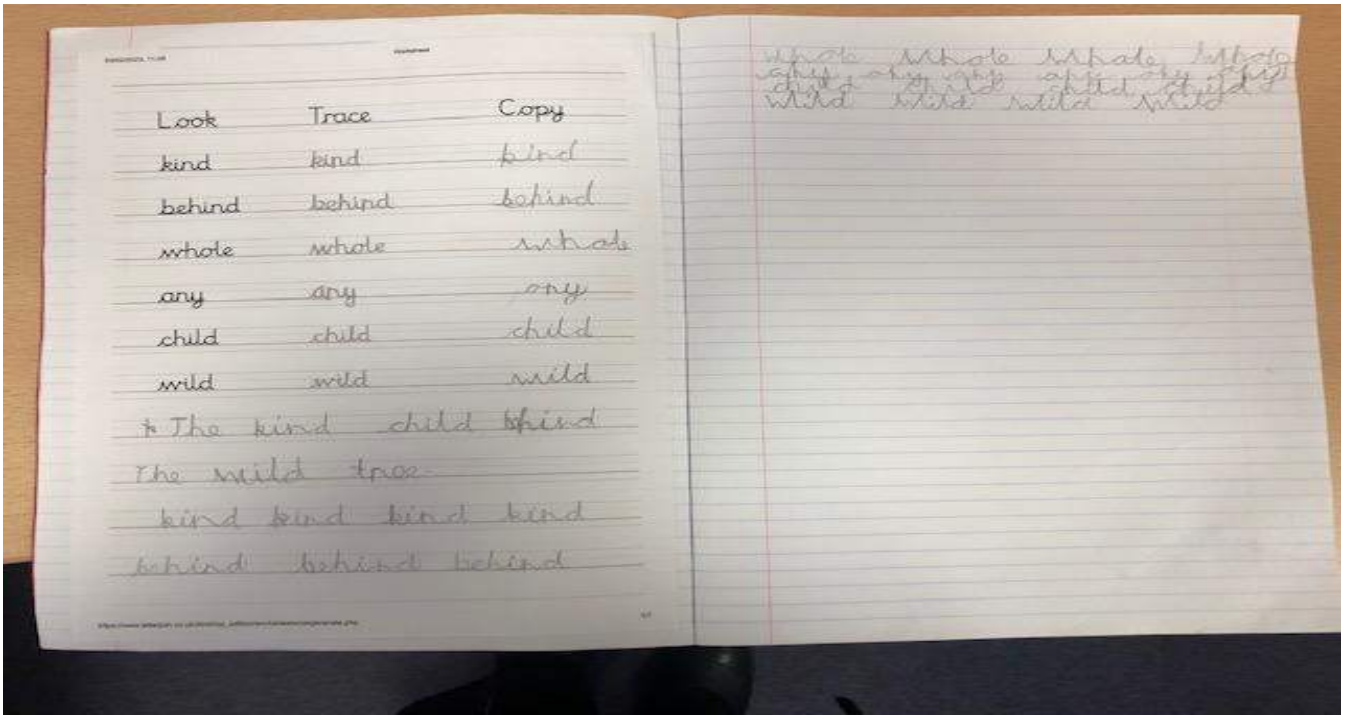


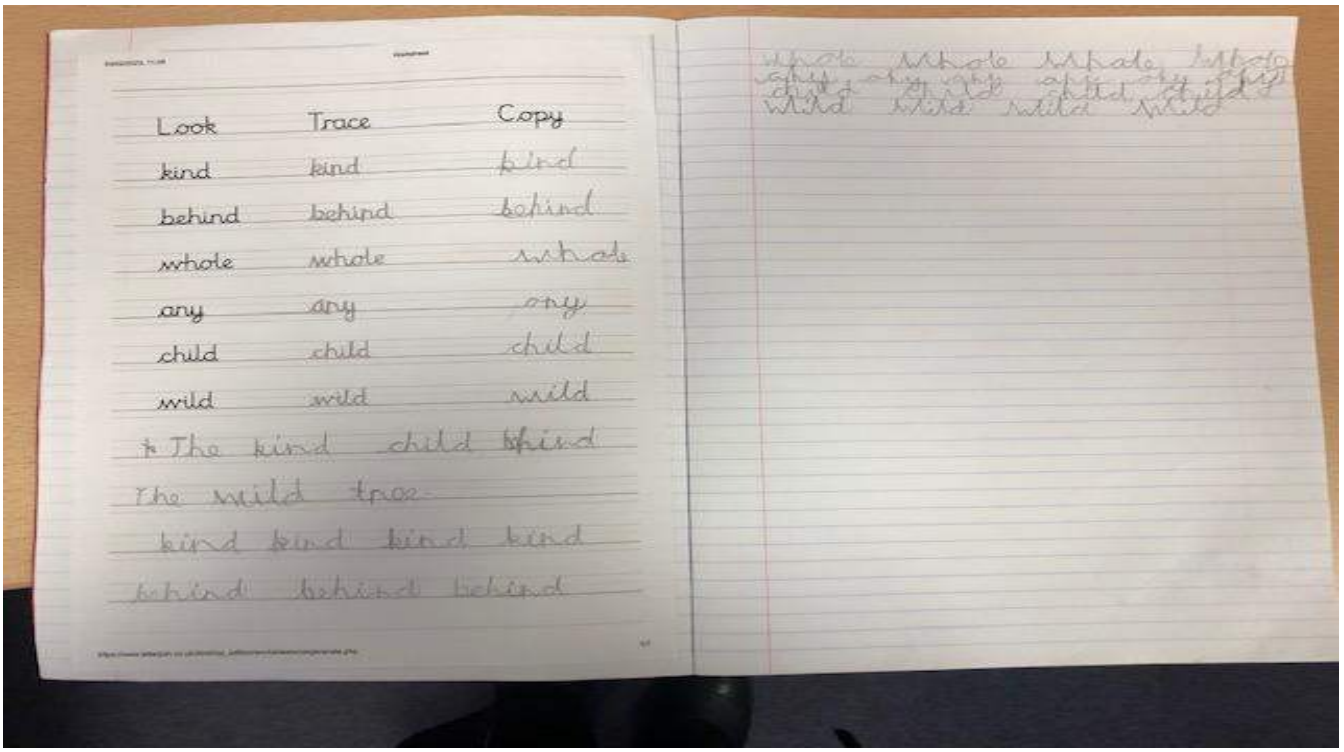




Horning Current - Handwriting Update

The children have continued to work extremely hard with their handwriting and this is certainly making a difference in their school books now. A huge thank you to parents because your support is vital to your children's success. We hope you can join us for our handwriting celebration event on Friday 10th March @ 2:30





Winter PE Kit

The days are getting colder but if it is dry we always use our outside space for PE. Therefore, it is advisable that your child/ren wears suitable clothing for the colder days. For example; a long sleeved polo shirt or similar, a fleece jumper, shorts with track/fleece bottoms, suitable footwear and socks. Layers are great because they can always be removed.

If children have long hair this must be tied back and any earrings removed for safety. Let us hope the weather is kind to us over the winter period. Thank you for your kind support.

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.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.5%

Current updated Horning Primary School attendance this year to date 93.64%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Foxes achieving 97.04%

Amazing - Well Done Foxes!

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 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
24/02/2023	**3:15-4:15**	After school club - Hockey
03/03/2023	**3:15-4:15**	After school club - Hockey
10/03/2022	**All Day**	MUFTI Day - Chocolate donations requested (These will be used for the Easter Prize draw at the end of Spring term
10/03/2023	**2:30**	Handwriting celebration event - parents and carers welcome + refreshments
10/03/2023	**3:15-4:15**	After school club - Hockey
17/03/2023	**3:15-4:15**	After school club - Hockey
24/03/2023	**3:15-4:15**	After school club - Hockey
31/03/2023	**1.30-3.00**	Horning Cafe - Horning Village Hall
31/03/2023	**3:15-4:15**	After school club - Hockey
17/04/2023	**tbc**	Bikeability for Years 5 and 6 this week
19/04/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club

26/04/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
03/05/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
08/05/2023	**All Day**	School Closed - Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
09/05/2023 - 12/052023	**8:00-9:45**	Year 6 Breakfast club open all week - free to attend. Opportunity for some last minute revision
09/05/2023	**9:00-12:00**	Year 6 SATs tests - English Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar paper
10/05/2023	**9:00-12:00**	Year 6 SATs tests - English Reading paper
10/05/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
11/05/2023	**9:00-12:00**	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths arithmetic paper and Reasoning paper 1
12/05/2023	**9:00-12:00**	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths arithmetic paper Reasoning paper 2
17/05/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
24/05/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
26/05/2023	**1.30-3.00**	Horning Cafe - Horning Village Hall
07/07/2023	**1.30-3.00**	Horning Cafe - Horning Village Hall

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



What's on in Horning?

POP- UP Cosy Café



Horning Hub – connecting the community

You are invited to the Cosy Café in the Mill Suite behind Horning Village Hall for FREE coffee, tea, toast, and fruit



When

On Tuesdays

24th January -31st January

7th -14th - 21st-28th February

7st -14th March

When

10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Where

Mill Suite, Horning Village Hall



There will be books to browse, a Bring and Buy sale Wi-Fi is available in the Mill Suite.

There will be an opportunity to discuss activities you might like to take part in such as tabletop games, desert island discs etc and of course, the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours. The Mill suite is Mobility friendly



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Horning Hub Thea, Peter, Adam and Susie

Big Norfolk Easter Holiday Activity scheme – Booking now open!

We're pleased to announce that booking is now open for Big Norfolk Holiday Fun. Activities will run across the Easter Holidays from 3 – 17 April. Families can now visit our **EveryMove activity finder** to search activities and make bookings.

Please support us by sharing Big Norfolk Holiday Fun information with eligible families.

Also please remember the scheme is also open to all vulnerable children regardless of their free school meal status. This includes for example young carers and refugees. Please refer any additional children that you'd like to recommend using the link here **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: Information for Schools (activenorfolk.org).**

Helping you promote the scheme

Don't forget we have a range of free promotional marketing tools to help you get the message out to your free school meal eligible families.

Materials include

- Promotional playground banners and posters
- Printed or digital flyers to go home in book bags
- Newsletter copy and social media graphics

Download the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun toolkit or order printed copies here

Now that booking is open, please encourage families to book activities by doing the following:

- sending the Big Holiday Fun pdf to all eligible families (find this in the school promotional toolkit)
- working with families you know who may struggle to make the booking themselves
- promote the scheme in your weekly school newsletter using the copy provided
- promote the scheme on your Facebook page using the social media images provided (or share Norfolk County Council's Facebook posts)

This year we've extended our offer with even more providers and activities available which is great news. On top of that we've secured more specialist SEN providers for 2023 giving us an even wider range of inclusive activities.

If you have any questions, please email the team on **bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk**

Thanks in advance for all your continued support.

Best wishes

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