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NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents, carers and friends of The Nightingale Federation

After a cold week last week, it's lovely to have our pupils learning outside in the sunshine!

Last Friday, Year 4 pupil Mason was awarded first prize in our local MP's Annual Christmas Card Art Competition and received a book token! He was presented with his award by George Freeman MP, who then led an engaging assembly on democracy and parliament. George's visit sparked many thought-provoking discussions among our pupils. We are extremely proud of Mason's achievement and grateful for the opportunity to learn from our guest speaker.

This week, we were also pleased to welcome Mr Nourish for a Healthy Eating Assembly with all of our pupils. The session was interactive, and our students answered questions with great enthusiasm. So much was covered. including interesting facts about food, the benefits of healthy eating and exercising, 5 a day – so many different fruits and vegetables to choose from and suggestions from the children for the salad bar at lunchtime. They were praised for their excellent engagement and listening, showing a real commitment to making healthy food choices!

Additionally, our excellent English Leader across the Federation led a fantastic World Book Day celebration, focused on the power of books. Our Reading Ambassadors also led an exciting assembly, sparking lots of excitement and interest in reading. It was a wonderful day, and we are grateful for the continued support from families in making the day such a success!

Please be reminded if you have not already booked a parent/teacher appointment there are still slots available on both 18th and 19th March, booking is online via Arbor. If you experience any problems booking on please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend.

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class (Nursery)	**Woody** is our shining light of the week for his brilliant start in Ark Class. Woody brings impressive ideas and knowledge to carpet time, has quickly made friends and has shown great resilience at home, and at school!
Antarctic Class (yr R)	**Poppy** for persevering with her creations this week - she has worked tirelessly with increased independence to create designs and models of her choice.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	**Aurora** for persevering with her writing in English. She has written a fantastic 'What am I?' riddle about an animal.
Africa Class (yr 2)	**Flynn** for his enthusiasm in all areas of our learning. He has made thoughtful and confident contributions to class discussions.
Europe Class (yr 3)	**Caiden** for his confidence and passion towards world book day. He took the lead in our performance poetry as well as helping to organise some excellent world book day activities. Caiden has a great work ethic and always tries his best.
S America Class (yr 4)	**Martha** for her dedication and hard work across all subjects. Martha approaches her work with positivity and determination and always tries her hardest in everything she does.
Asia Class (yr 5)	**Florence** for the positive way in which she approaches her work. She is a hard worker and a supportive learning partner.
N America Class (yr 6)	**Betsy** has been really thinking about her learning, particularly in her writing: taking time to draft out her ideas first and edit them.

This week's overall attendance 98%. North America Class (yr 6) 100%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Questions
1	How has air travel changed over time?
2	What is the continent of Asia like?
3	Where is Italy and what it the land like there?
4	What are the features of a river and where are major rivers found?
5	What is an earthquake?
6	What was the impact of the Second World War on Britain?

South America Class (yr 4)

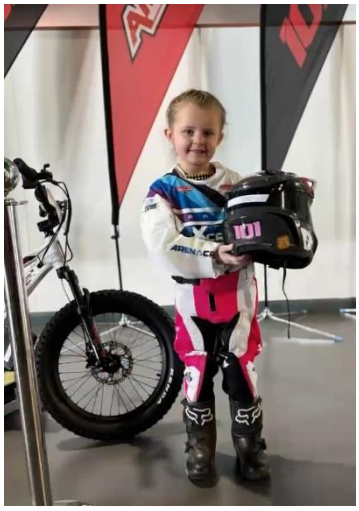
Twenty-four children took part in a Level 1 Bikeability course on the playground this week. They learnt:

- how to maintain their bikes
- how to glide: smooth calm and collected
- how to control their bike: setting off, cruising, slowing down, breaking and learning how to pedal one handed
- how to pedal without feeling wobbly or out of control
- how to be aware of their surroundings: looking behind and turning around obstacles

Next week children from year 5 with take part in the Level 2 course over two days and will venture out onto the road.

WOW MOMENTS!

Caiden (yr 3) walked his Mum down the aisle at her wedding recently and was ring bearer, he also gave a speech and played the drums with the band in front of 60 + guests!
Albert (yr 2) Over half-term, Albert attended a swimming crash course, swimming for an hour every morning. He thoroughly enjoyed it, and, as a result of his hard work, he achieved his Stage 3 award AND swam a full length of the big pool to earn his 25-metre certificate!
Freddie (yr R) was awarded 'ball of the week' at Wymondham Rugby Club training recently for great listening, footwork and running.
Daisy (yr R) is an enthusiastic motocross rider and was successful in entering a competition to race at the AO arena in Manchester where the World Tour was being held with all the pro riders taking part. She got to ride her bike in front of thousands of people!
Charlotte (yr 2) Lily and Ruby (yr 6) The girls performed in their first pantomime during half-term, doing some fabulous acting and singing!
Martha (yr R) swam 5 meters with no arm bands!
Isabella (yr 1) has moved up into stage 3 of swimming.



Please remember to continue to send in your ***WOW*** moments for achievements out of school
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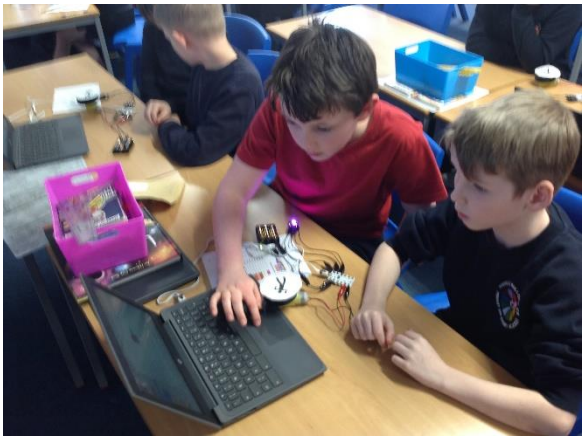
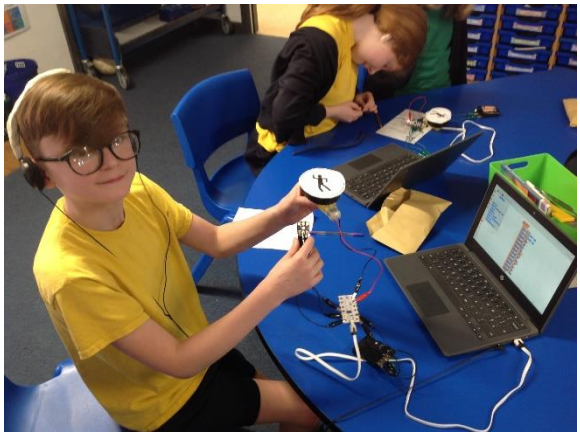
Antarctica Class (yr R)

The class enjoyed a special treat this week on Pancake Day and absolutely loved the pancakes with strawberries, bananas and blueberries. They have also been learning about why we have Pancake Day and had some pancake themed activities in the classroom and watched Mr Wolf's Pancakes.

Asia Class (yr 5)

In Computing in Year 5, children have been building crumbles and programming them using the crumble software on their computers. So far, they have learnt how to follow algorithms and create their own algorithms to make sparkles (LED lights) light up in different sequences and make motors move.

Europe Class (yr 3)

In science this week, Europe class have been creating periscopes with recyclable materials.
We learnt that a periscope works by using two mirrors with light reflecting off each other. With lots of perseverance, we all created brilliant periscopes to test around the school!

Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala

On 27th February 8 children took part in the Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala at the UEA. There were 12 schools taking part with 30 races. A special mention to Edward and Theo in Yr 5 who swam for Yr 6 and Reuben and George in Yr 4 who swam for Yr 5. Well done to Theo who was awarded the competition value certificate for determination. Team TB came in 11th place overall. Thank you to the parents who came to support us and watch.

KS1 Girls Disney Themed Football Festival

On 3rd March 10 girls from Y1 and 2 took part in a KS1 Girls Disney Themed Football Festival at The Nest. The girls could dress up in their Disney costumes. It was a fun morning with a chance to try out lots of football activities all with a Disney theme and achieve their personal best.

Wraparound Care Club

The Wraparound Care team hopes all the children had a lovely, restful half-term break! Since returning, breakfast club has been in full swing with the team preparing plenty of food and drink to help set the children for the busy days ahead. This energy has continued into afterschool club where we have been making and enjoying pizza together, combining food tech skills with fun! This week we celebrated pancake day, all the children enjoyed some tasty pancakes with a variety of topping to choose.

As the weather warms up, we are excited to spend even more time outdoors, picnicking, playing games and soaking up as much fresh air and sunshine as possible. Some of the children have been learning to juggle while others have enjoyed sports inside in the hall and outside.

There is always the opportunity for quiet time, reading or watching a film together. If any children have any suggestions for books or films we would love to hear them! As usual they can either share their idea with a team member or pop it on the new film or book chart in the club area. We are also looking to buy more resources and have asked the children to contribute with some ideas.

World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday this week. The children looked amazing dressed up as their favourite book characters and there were many fun-filled activities arranged by Mrs Henman and the Reading Ambassadors throughout the day. During the afternoon, following a World Book Day Assembly, the children 'buddied up' with another class where the children shared books and stories together.

There were so many clever and imaginative entries for the 'Book in a Box' competition. All children received a certificate for entering and the Reading Ambassadors made the final judgement, proving to be a very difficult task:

Nursery: Betty (Sometimes a shout...)
Reception: Esme (Jack and the Beanstalk)
Year 1: Apphia (Pixie Hollow)
Year 2: Henry (Snail and The Whale)
Year 3: Bobbie (Lord of the Rings)
Year 4: Lily (Alice in Wonderland)
Year 5: Lana (The Paper Dolls)
Year 6: Darcey (Slinki Malinki)

The day ended with a whole school 'Book Swap'. The children brought into school books they no longer wanted in exchange for a token which they 'spent' choosing a new book. This was hugely popular with the children who took part and some wonderful new stories are off to new homes to be shared again.

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JOIN US FOR

COMIC RELIEF

RED NOSE DAY 2025
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

CAKE SALE
AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT WITH FURTHER DETAILS SOON!

DRESS UP
MAKE A DONATION USING OUR SCHOOL'S JUSTGIVING PAGE AND DRESS UP IN RED, COMIC RELIEF THEMED CLOTHING OR AS A SUPERHERO!

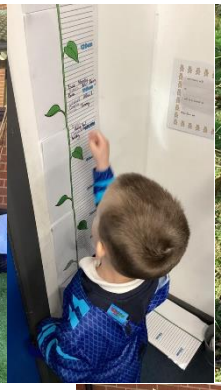
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO MAKE A DONATION

SCAN ME

The Ark Nursery

Last week and this week

In phonics, we have been learning sounds: k, u, b and f. During our literacy sessions, we have been reading the story of 'Hooray for Fish', talking through the pictures, exploring vocabulary from the story and making our own marks for sea creatures. In Maths, we have been learning about the number 6 and height and length. We had great fun measuring ourselves, as well as various objects from around the classroom. Thursday was World Book Day and we were met with lots of fantastically dressed children. We completed lots of fun activities and stopped many times in the day for story and rhyme times. We also enjoyed having Year 3 come to read with us! Today, we went on a walk around the school site to spot the signs of spring. We found crocus', daffodils, ladybirds, bees, blossom, birds, nests, catkins and the sun was even shining for us. We have also enjoyed Pancake Day celebrations and of course, eating! We've been busy preparing our growing areas and planting beans, as well as exploring the oceans of the world and sea creatures that live within them and making our own sea creature fossils using salt dough.



Next week

In phonics, we will learn and explore sounds 'e' and 'l'. We will have a week of literacy sessions focussed on stories about pirates. In maths, we will be introduced to mass. During our afternoons, we will continue exploring spring, countries around the world and will make our pirate treasure maps, looking at different maps alongside this too.

Learning links at home

- Create a mystery bag. Hide an object in a bag. Is the bag heavy or light? Discuss what could be inside the bag.
- Go on a nature walk and create some art. This could be using natural materials or coming home and drawing what you saw! What colours did you see on your nature walk?
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Ahead of our transport learning, please upload any holiday and transport photos you might have to Tapestry. E.g. photos on a plane, boat, train, bus, in a caravan, car etc. Thank you!

DIARY DATES

March

11th Map Skills & Orienteering yrs 2 and 5
13th Reception Class trip to Pensthorpe
12th&13th Yr 5 Level 2 Cycling Training
17th School Photographer – whole class photos
18th Parent/Teacher Meetings
19th Parent/Teacher Meetings
21st Red Nose Day
26th FOSS Mother's Day Lunchtime Shop
27th Yr 6 to Duxford *
28th FOSS Mother's Day Lunchtime Shop

April

Easter holiday 7th-22nd April

May

5th Bank holiday
6th Yr R School Nursing Team Vision & Hearing, Height & Weight
12th – 16th May KS2 (yr 6) SATs week
21st Year 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall

Half term 26th – 30th May

June

2nd Inset Day – school closed
10th Reception Class to Gressenhall
25th Norfolk Show – yrs 3,4 and 5
30th – 2nd July Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

July

1st Yr 5 trip to Northgate to see Wizard of Oz
5th FOSS Summer Fete
22nd Last day of term

Summer holiday commences 23rd July

* New addition