

Moles Mammals Hunt

Mole Class have been learning about the features Mammals, reptiles and amphibians. Of course, we needed to go and find some mammals for a real life check of their features.


We found some young cows, the boys are called steers and the girls are called heifers, up until they have a baby and then they are a cow.

Dotty and Amelia were very brave and stroked a cow, when they were eating (*Mrs Arnold always carries out a risk assessment for all of our visits!*). They confirmed they had fur, one of the features of a mammal! We heard all about how cows look after their young - they are definitely born live and are fed by milk produced by their Mum - two more features of a mammal!

We double checked our mammal facts by visiting sheep and pigs too!



Safeguarding Focus - February




Contextual Safeguarding

How can you stay safe online?


Let's work together for a better internet. We all need to play our part in this. Read through the SMART rules and remind yourself.

Challenge your friends if you see them breaking the SMART rules. Let's look after each other.

Talk to a trusted adult if you have any worries.



Safer Internet Day



Monthly Focus - February 2024

PCSO Visit to Fox Class

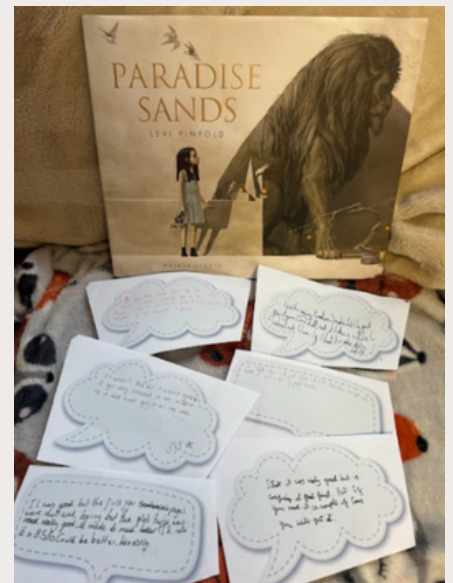
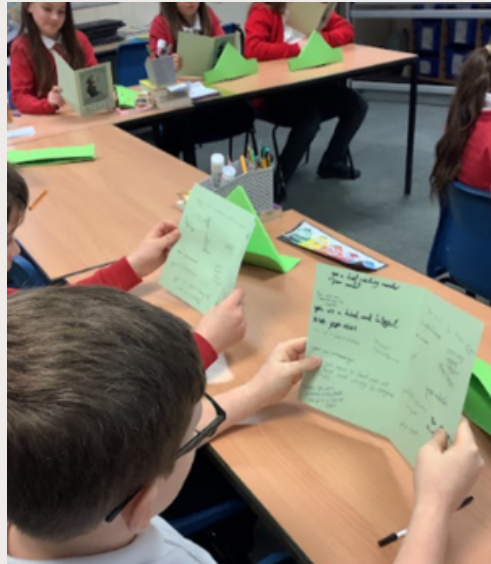
Thank you to PCSO Rachel Darvill for coming in and talking to Fox Class this week as part of their PSHE learning. She spoke about lots of ways to keep ourselves and others safe with a focus on protected characteristics. It was great to meet you and we all learned so much from your visit.

Well done Fox Class for answering and asking lots of brilliant questions.



National Storytelling Week

We celebrated National Storytelling week with mystery readers popping up in each class to read them a story! The children didn't know who would be coming to read them a story, so were very excited when their mystery reader arrived in their classroom as a surprise! Some great stories were read, accompanied by activities related to the books to celebrate storytelling and the power it holds to capture an audience.



National Storytelling Week 

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

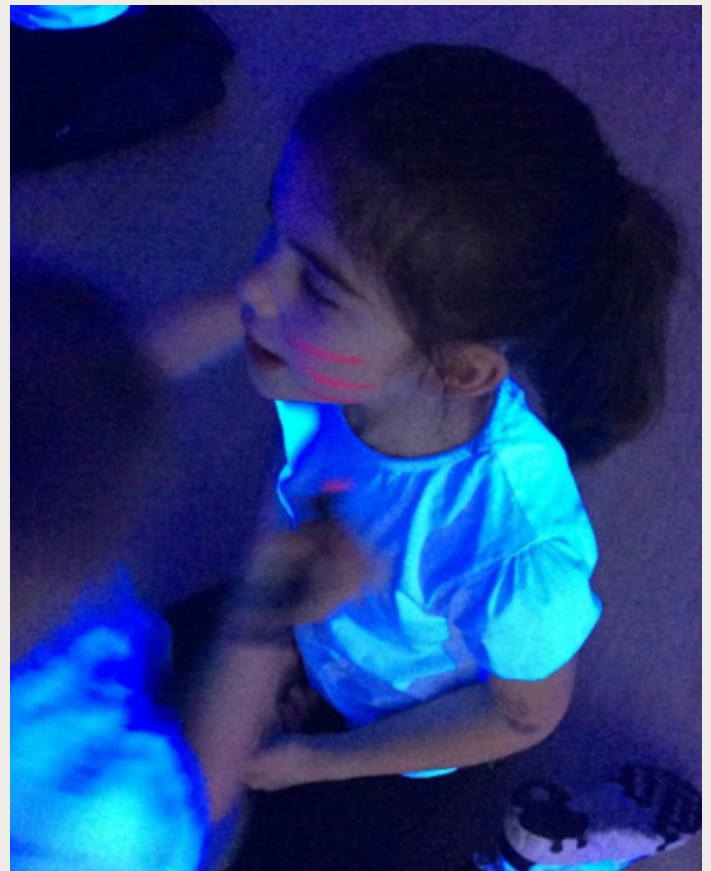
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Dream up a world

UV PE!

Badgers and Squirrels had a brilliant morning on Tuesday playing dodgeball under Ultraviolet lights! Their white PE t-shirts shined bright under the lights and their fluorescent yellow and green bibs made them glow in the dark. They played with a multi-coloured fluorescent ball and even got to paint each other's faces with UV patterns! They had a fantastic morning. Sophia from Year 5 said, "this was one of the best things I have ever done! I absolutely loved it."



News from Squirrels

Squirrels have been super busy this half term with lots of exciting and engaging learning!

In DT they made mezze bowls filled with vegetables, cucumber yoghurt, toasted chickpeas and an array of colour! They had to think about how to lay their bowls out to make them aesthetically pleasing. Some children have since enjoyed making mezze bowls at home too!



In Science, their new topic is all about forces! To understand friction and the impact of smooth and rough surfaces, they went onto the playground to trial their theories out on the scooters.

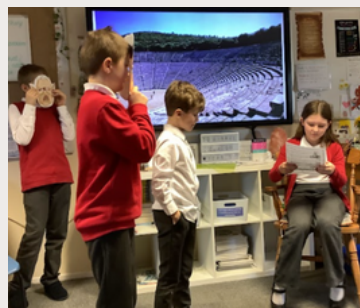
They learnt about the forces at play against the wheels and the soles of their feet when they stop themselves. They have also learnt about air resistance, testing this out by creating paper aeroplanes using a 'streamlined' shape to help them fly smoother and faster.



In History they are learning about the Ancient Greeks.

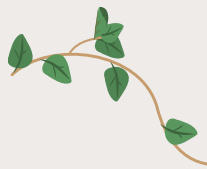
The Greeks created amphitheatres and enjoyed two types of plays - tragedies and comedies. Year 5 had the chance to learn some Greek myths including Medusa and Cyclops, and bring them to life by acting them out in our very own amphitheatre. They worked in small groups and used masks and often had to play more than one part, just like the Ancient Greeks did.

In English they have finished the brilliant book 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll this week! They have loved hearing all about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and recapping their learning about the Egyptians from Year 4.





Pancakes!



On Tuesday, Reception and Year 1 learnt about why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Of course we had to follow up this learning with making our very own pancakes. The best part was eating them!



Shrove Tuesday



On Shrove Tuesday, we had a special Collective Worship in our family groups and then the whole school gathered together on the front playground for Pancake Races. Congratulations to Miss Anderson's Coloured Family- Yellow who won the race! Some of the children then closed our time together with prayers using the loud speaker which was great fun!

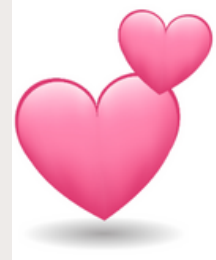
Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, our KS2 children attended a special Ash Wednesday service at the church. Thank you to Vicar Cat and Vicar Karen for a very inviting us and starting off our Lent Season in a very poignant way. Lots of the children talked about how calm and peaceful they felt. They also all enjoyed the ashing and the reminder that God loves them.





Valentines Cake Raffle



Congratulations to Jack for winning the Valentine's Day cake raffle!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Charlotte, from our kitchen, in making this beautiful Valentine's Day cake. And thank you to everyone who supported our school in buying raffle tickets.



Attendance Updates



Our overall attendance rate for the first half of the Spring Term was 95.2%

This falls short of our 96% target.

Please can we remind you that gates open at 8.45am and children need to be **IN** school at 8.55am (not in the car park at 8.55am) Arriving in class 5 mins late every day soon adds up as you can see below. We can do this! Set alarms 5 mins earlier and try getting everything ready the night before!

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance

Calling all Lent Change Agents

Please do share any Lent Challenges evidence or photographs with us via the school e mail address - admin@barnham.suffolk.sch.uk

Week 1 Challenges

Wednesday 14th February 2024 - Tuesday 20th February 2024



Inspire

Be inspired- try and eat something new this week, you never know you may find a new favourite food.

Cherish

Try to play a game with somebody that you don't usually play with. Make a new friend.

Believe

You can make a difference, spend some time writing a letter to someone about a change you would like to see. We'll share some ideas in school. Be a courageous advocate!

Week 2 Challenges

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - Tuesday 27th February 2024

Inspire

Be inspired by the world around you, take a walk in nature and appreciate the creativity in creation. Take time to note signs of Spring, you might even like to take some photos.

Cherish

Turn off electronics and cherish your family in a game's night to spend some quality time together

Believe

Believe in yourself- take some time this week to do practice something that you find tricky it could be learning spellings or even just getting to bed earlier!

MAF Mondays in March



As part of our Lent Projects we are aiming to raise money for MAF during Mondays in March. Please pop these dates/ events in your diary:

Monday 4th March - Cake Sale after school in the playground - please bring/ bake cakes

Monday 11th March - Non-Uniform for £1 Donations for MAF

Monday 18th March - Bring in loose change so that we can fill some outlines of aeroplanes to support MAF.

Monday 25th March - 'March Miles For MAF' - A sponsored event, more information to follow.

Barnham School Choir

It was so wonderful to hear our school choir perform to the rest of the school on Thursday during Collective Worship. They sang 'True Colours' beautifully and this song fits perfectly with our value of truth. We have been encouraging the children to be true to themselves and let their little lights shine!



Our Value is Truth

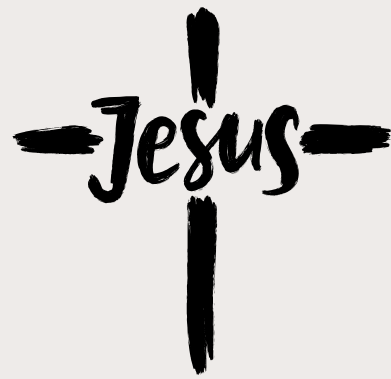
We continued our work on the value of Truth this week.

We have enjoyed exploring this BIG QUESTION, perhaps you'd like to continue talking about this at home:

When some Christians find it difficult to make a decision, they ask themselves the question "What would Jesus do?" Why do you think this is helpful for them?

After half term, we will be looking at a new value. Our next value will be WISDOM.

We wish you all a wonderful, safe and happy half term holiday!



Our Truth Bible Verse - John 8 v 31-32:

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching; you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."



Lunch Menu for After Half Term

Monday 26th February	Tuesday 27th February	Wednesday 28th February	Thursday 29th February	Friday 1st March
Meatballs & Pasta Or Tomato Pasta	Chicken Curry & Rice Or Jacket Potato	Mac & Cheese Or Tuna Pasta	Sausage Roast & Fresh vegetables Or Quorn Sausages	Fish fingers & Chips with Beans/Veg Or Veggi Fingers
Rice Crispy Cakes	Shortbread	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Mousse	Jam Sponge & Custard

Diary Dates

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2024 - HALF TERM

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Last Day of term

Friday 29th March - Thursday 11th April 2024 Easter Holidays

Friday 12th April - PD Day

Monday 15th April - Children return to school



OUR SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES:

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jesus said 'I am the vine; you
are the branches.

Those who abide in my and I in
them, will bear much fruit.'

John 15:5

