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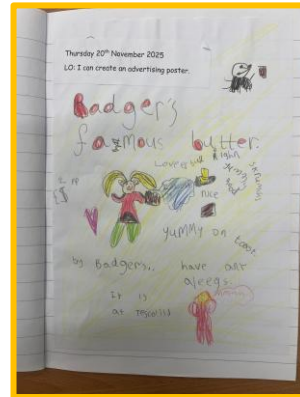
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This week.....

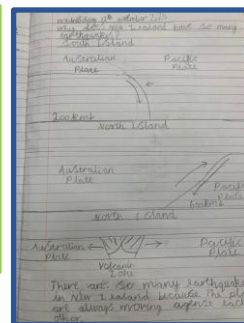
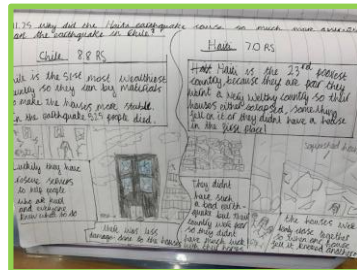
Hedgehogs This week Hedgehogs have been making rock cakes. Children followed verbal and pictorial instructions to mix, rub, beat and stir the ingredients together before moulding into rock shapes ready to bake. It was a cold a wet session at Wiggery Wood for forest school this week but it was still lots of fun! Hedgehogs especially enjoyed searching for mushrooms which had emerged since our last visit.



Badgers have been busy preparing for a special activity next week. They wrote an invitation to our guest, then Badgers spent time perfecting their butter recipe by writing the instructions. Badgers also created their own adverts trying to persuade people to buy their butter. I loved the details in their posters!



Squirrels have been learning about earthquakes. We watched a video about why there were some many earthquakes in New Zealand. We drew cross sections to show what was happening under the surface of the Earth. We had to explain what was happening.



Muntjacs

We had a fantastic morning, watching MacBeth. Lots of the class were called up to be supporting actors. We also started our stamp collections. Using an atlas and Google, we are able collect by continent. This stamp Lily found linked Year 6 to their WW2 topic last year. We are wondering what other historical evidence we will find.



Save the Date

- **Mon 24th Nov – FLU imms**
(consent required for the immunisation, link sent out)
- **Fri 28th Nov** Whole School Panto Trip **£12.50 payable on Compass**
- **Tues 9th Dec 2.15- KS1**
Nativity
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Nativity
- **11th Dec** – School Christmas Fair in the hall 3.15-5pm
- **Tues 16th Dec 2.15-** Christmas Crib Service at Church followed by Mulled wine/punch, mince pies/cookies and music in the school hall 3.15-4pm
- **Thurs 18th Dec-** DISCOS! New times:
KS1 **5.30-6.30pm CHANGED AGAIN – APOLOGIES FOR THIS.**
KS2 **6.30-7.30pm**
£4.00 Payment on compass.
- **Fri 19th Dec** Last Day of Term
- **Mon 5th Jan** Back to school



Donations Request for the Christmas Fair Raffle

We are collecting raffle prizes for our upcoming Christmas Fair on the 11th December. If you have any bottles of alcohol, gifts sets, good quality items, or if you know any local businesses who would be willing to donate a gift/voucher we would be very grateful. Donation to the school office please. Thank you for your support.



Star of the week – Headteachers Award!



Lyla in Hedgehogs for her effort and enthusiasm during our Nativity singing practice.

Rose in Badgers for her excellent efforts in maths this week when exploring numbers beyond 20.



Esme in Squirrels for working so hard on her handwriting and presentation.

Grace in Muntjacs for her positive approach towards work she finds challenging. Her art has been amazing too.

Whole School Panto Trip, Friday 28th November

We are delighted to have our whole school trip to see Rapunzel at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds on Friday 28th November. The cost of this trip has been heavily subsidised by our amazing PTA so the cost for this event is just £12.50 which is payable on Compass.



FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter! Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/essex>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

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Need more information?
Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.



Flu Immunisation, Mon 24th November (new date)

The vaccination is free and recommended for all school aged children, it is a quick and painless nasal spray. Please complete the form (link below) even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination. To read more about the nasal flu vaccine for school children: <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/essex>



PTA follow up meeting (date to be advertised soon...)

Thank you to the few that have filled in our PTA meeting form. We will keep the form open till the 26th November, then we will decide on the best date to hold the meeting based on the responses received. At the meeting, we will be discussing future fundraising opportunities and ideas, looking at where we are with agreed projects already in the pipeline as well as planning up and coming events like the Christmas fair.

All are welcome, whether you are able to give just a few hours of your time in a school year, or can help out at every event, or simply have an interest in how the PTA works for the school community. For those of you that do not want to join our PTA, please do consider joining us at our meeting once we have an agreed date, as you'll also be able to also share ideas for funding events etc.

<https://forms.gle/f69CF7p4inizBpV96>



CHRISTMAS FAIR!

THUR 11TH DEC 3.30-5PM

We are very excited to announce this years Christmas Fair! We have planned lots of fun activities for the children, and as always, we rely on the wonderful support of our school community to make it a fun and festive event for everyone. Here's how you can help:

Jolly Jars

We are asking each child to create a "Jolly Jar" to be sold at the fair. A Jolly Jar is a clean, empty jar (such as a jam jar) filled with new treats like sweets, small toys, or accessories, and decorated with a Christmas theme. Be as creative and festive as you like! There will be a prize for the best Jolly Jar in each class **(by 9th December)**, so get those glitter pens ready!

Home made Festive bakes and craft gifts

For those of you that are feeling up to the challenge, we would LOVE to hear from you! We are looking for some fabulous bakers to whip up some festive treats, such as gingerbread men, festive cookies or cupcakes etc. For the arty & crafty individuals who are out there, we are ideally looking for little festive gifts such as baubles, small candles, gift tags plus any other ideas you may come up with!. PTA will fund the cost of the ingredients and craft materials, so please come and speak to us in the office if you think you can help!

Raffle Donations

We would also be very grateful for any donations towards our Christmas Raffle. Suggested items include wine, chocolates, biscuits, candles, festive treats, or other suitable festive gifts. All donations can be sent into school with your child/dropped off at the school office **by 8th December** to give us time to prepare the raffle boxes

Bring a bottle

In return for wearing **non-uniform on Friday 5th December**, we ask each child to bring in a bottle for our popular Bottle Tombola Stall at the fair. Please ensure bottles are bought to the school office by an adult! We are looking for wine, beer, prosecco, fancy non alcohol bottle will be great too.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. We're looking forward to a fantastic Christmas Fair full of festive fun and cheer!

Coming Up...

- Monday 24th November- Flu Immunisations
- Friday 28th November- Whole school trip to the PANTO!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jinnie Nichols
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