



Weekly newsletter

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Executive Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a wonderful week at school, full of exciting learning opportunities, new discoveries and memorable experiences. From exploring the wonders of space in the Space Dome to developing practical skills and friendships at Forest School, the children have certainly made the most of everything on offer. Here's a little glimpse into our week!

Forest school as always is a great success. Mrs Blacker has provided us with an update from the woods! *I have been investigating Forest school provision in the area, and what we offer is truly unique. We are so fortunate to have a venue which many bespoke Forest Schools would be envious of. Most schools offer sessions on their school field - and many equate to outdoor learning. We offer far more... apart from teaching children life skills such as fire lighting and cooking, staff have time to listen to children and develop a different relationship. I saw Mrs Miali sat playing Forest school noughts and crosses with Poppy and having a conversation which would not have happened at school because we don't get that kind of time. Bonds are made between children, for example Esmail and Iris sharing an interest in pieces of bark and imagining they are phones and iPads. Leonard's mum told me that he had the "best day ever" last week. Hugo is definitely "greater depth" in this environment.*

Last week at Forest School Class 2 did English (creating their animal name with an adjective using alliteration with their own name), maths (measuring the girth of trees and calculating an estimated age using the age of tree formula), science (comparing the different types of trees between the top of the woods and the bottom), DT (cooking and also making soft rush boats- which included looking at design faults and trying to alter them), geography looking at the river and its properties so they could decide where would be best to sail their boats), PSHE (working as a team, developing resilience) and, PE (Forest school is very active!!)

I was especially proud of Esmail this week as although we weren't doing group firelighting, her and Hugo asked to light fires. She wanted to light her own fire, and collected the right type of wood whilst walking back from an activity. She then managed to light her fire and keep it going.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs V Fenemore

Diary dates

Upcoming week

Week beginning: 19.10.26

Weekly deadlines

- Lunch deadline – midnight the day before
- All sorts – 8.30am the **Sunday** before.
- Early birds – 3pm the **Sunday** before.
- Gate opens 08.45-08.55 each day.

Email admin@kingsnypton.devon.sch.uk to make changes.

Monday

- Gardening Club (3.30pm-5.00pm) – **Last session this term**
- Mrs Rowcliffe on site

Tuesday

- Mrs Fenemore & Mr Slocombe on site
- Class 1 & 2 PE kit
- **Parent's evenings – Class 1, Class 2, Drop ins with Mrs Rowcliffe**

Wednesday

- Mrs Rowcliffe on site
- Class 1 PE kit

Thursday

- Family breakfast & open morning
- Class 2 PE kit

Friday

- Mrs Stapley on site
- **Final day of half term** – School reopens on 2nd November



Second hand uniform shop



Pre-loved uniform shop

Has your child outgrown their uniform? Donate it to our uniform shop!

We welcome any clean, good-quality school branded jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and book bags.

Please drop any donations in to school.

Uniform shop prices:

Please contact the Admin Team to arrange collection and payment.

Teal school jumper	£3.00
Teal school cardigan	£3.00
Navy PE hoodie	£4.00
Book bag	£2.00

All monies raised will support our ongoing school fundraising.



Wonder Dome Visit



Class news

Pre-school – Mrs Stapley

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We listened carefully to the story, joined in with familiar phrases and talked about the characters, setting and sequence of events. The children had fun using different voices for Goldilocks and the bears, comparing sizes and using words such as big, medium-sized, small, hot, cold and just right!

Inspired by the story, we made our own porridge. The children helped to measure, pour and mix the ingredients, developing their early mathematical skills and learning how food changes as it cooks.

Once the porridge was ready, everyone had the opportunity to taste it and describe its texture, smell and flavour and considered whether our porridge was too hot, too cold or just right!

We have also been celebrating the beauty of autumn by creating autumnal crowns. The children explored seasonal colours and natural materials, including leaves, twigs and other autumn treasures. They selected and arranged their decorations, strengthening fine motor skills and expressing their creativity.

Through this week's activities, the children have been:

- Retelling a familiar story and learning new vocabulary
 - Comparing objects by size
- Measuring, pouring, stirring and observing change
- Exploring their senses through tasting and describing food
 - Developing creativity and fine motor control
 - Noticing seasonal changes in the natural world
- Maybe over the weekend ask your child to tell you the story of Goldilocks and the three bears!



Have a wonderful weekend,

The Preschool Team



Class news

Class 1 – Mrs Keast

Class One had a super afternoon on Tuesday when we went to outer space via King Nympton Parish Hall! The space dome experience was a real highlight and the children were able to consolidate and deepen the learning that they have carried out this half term in science. It was great to hear them recalling their facts and knowledge about space and ask some interesting questions.

In English, we have been focusing on the text 'Snow White in Space' which is an interesting twist on the traditional tale. We have been working on our letter formation and presentation this week, ensuring that we are spacing our work well and writing sentences clearly.

In Maths we have been learning about doubles and how our knowledge of doubles can help us with calculations. We have enjoyed accessing practical resources and playing some fun games to help work on addition.

We also learned about weddings in RE this week and had some lovely opportunities to share our own experiences of weddings and what happens at a traditional Christian wedding ceremony. Some children also looked at Hindu wedding ceremonies and discussed the key similarities and differences.



Class news

Class 2 – Mrs Miali

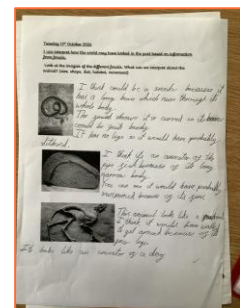
What an extra wonderful week we have had in Class 2, with a visit from the Wonder Dome. The children were immersed in a 360° planetarium experience, learning about the stars, planets and even aliens! As always, the class displayed exemplary behaviour towards our visitor and had some very interesting and thought provoking questions to ask.

From space and the future to fossils and the past. At the other end of the spectrum, the children analysed different fossils and discussed what they could tell us about what life may have looked like millions of years ago, in their science lesson.

Geography also allowed the children to analyse how life may look in a different country. Collating all their learnt knowledge about Italy, the class created a giant fact wall and then used this to present information about Italy.

The class have shown so much progress in their tag rugby lessons this term. They are strategically thinking about their game play and how to organise their team, depending on if they are attacking or defending, successfully.

Have a great weekend.



Gardening club

Gardening club will be finishing for the year at half term!



KINGS NYMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

GARDENING CLUB

Have some fun with your friends 😊
Every Monday - Term Time only
3:30-5:00pm
Open for all children from Preschool (age 2+) to Year 6
Pack some wellies and spare clothes!

Pay using this QR code



Fresh Air
Growing fruit & vegetables
Maintaining Chickens

New Skills
Making bird & bug houses
Creating wild flower gardens

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