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### **NEWSLETTER 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Nightingale Federation,

Following on from our bulletin last week, the children have enjoyed the warmer weather that this week has brought. They have been making full use of our wonderful outdoor spaces and Forest School.

We are looking forward to planning more events for the spring term – please see below for further information on our “Reading Breakfast” taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Also please keep an eye on the diary dates at the end of each newsletter as new events are added.

We are grateful and thankful to all the families who completed their Reception admissions forms for September 2025. If you have not yet had a chance to complete this, please find the link herewith: <https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/neo/schooladmissions.aspx>

#### **Nursery Consultation**

Thank you for your engagement and support in our school-based Nursery Consultation. If you are interested, please find a review and response to correspondence herewith:

<http://www.lyng.norfolk.sch.uk/nursery-consultation/>

#### **Safeguarding Reminder**

If you hear or see anything that worries you, please do use this link <https://www.iustonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/safeguarding/>

If you think a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999.

If a child is not in immediate danger but at risk of harm contact the Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on [0344 800 8020](tel:03448008020). Children's Services will listen to your call. They may act immediately to keep a child safe and they also work with families to offer support at difficult times.

You can contact the Healthy Child Service team by calling **Just One Number** on [0300 300 0123](tel:03003000123) or **texting Parentline** on 07520 631590. Our opening hours are 8am-6pm Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays) and 9am-1pm on Saturdays.



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### **Reminder: Home Learning at the Nightingale Federation**

Home learning is an integral part of education in that it:

- Promotes students' self-discipline and personal responsibility for learning and organisation.
- Aligns with our school's values in having a 'light for learning' and aspirations for the children as they show curiosity and perseverance.
- Reinforces work started in class, retrieval practice, extending knowledge and understanding.
- Gives opportunities to retrieve knowledge, practise and develop skills.
- Allows parents to become more involved in your child's learning.
- Is valuable in ensuring students' progress and raises achievement.

### **Reading Books**

All children vary in their enjoyment of reading. In the Nightingale Federation we promote a love of reading books and all varieties of literature. We will ensure the children are provided with or given access to appropriate books and those they show an interest in.

We recommend that children read every day, but with or alongside an adult no less than:

EYFS: 1-3 times a week for 5-10 minutes

Key Stage 1: 3 times a week for 10-15 minutes

Key Stage 2: 3 times a week for 15-20 minutes

### **CGP Reading Comprehension Books**

Children who have completed the Read Write Inc. programme will receive reading comprehension question booklets with directed weekly activities to complete.

### **Spelling**

Weekly spellings will be sent home for both Key Stage 1 & 2

### **Doodle Learning**

All children are encouraged to use Doodle Maths and English often as they can in short bursts. The system will generate daily challenges appropriate for individual children and it is suggested these take about 10 minutes. Children in EYFS will do some Doodle Learning in school and are welcome to do more at home if they enjoy it. In addition, KS2 Classes will set weekly activities within the system linked to learning undertaken in class for the children to complete.



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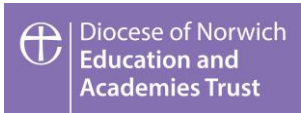
### Notices and Reminders

#### Stay and Play Sessions

A reminder that our Cherry Class "Stay and Play" sessions have started again for any pre-school age children and their carers who wish to come and join us. These take place on Friday afternoons between 1.45 – 3.15pm.

#### Reading Breakfast

We would like to invite all parents and / or grandparents to come into school on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** for a Reading Breakfast; a time to read with your child in our school hall before school. This will run from 8.30 – 8.50am. We will be serving juice, croissants (and books!) It would be lovely to see as many families as possible so please do come along and join us.



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### Shining Lights

#### Cherry Class – Year R

Ruby for always being ready with answers and using some deep thinking skills this week around our topic.

#### Willow Class – Year 1

Bella is our Shining Light of the Week for being a kind friend and encouraging others when they are needing support.

#### Willow Class – Year 2

Harris is our Shining Light of the Week for putting in 100% effort all of the time and supporting others within the classroom.

#### Rowan Class – Year 3

Carlo for his fantastic effort in Reading Stars.

#### Rowan Class – Year 4

Mustafa for his fantastic effort in learning and embedding his times tables, working hard at home.

#### Oak Class – Year 5

Jessica is our Shining Light of the Week for the developing curiosity and effort she has shown in our recent Ancient Egyptian writing unit, including facts in a unique writing style in an effort to entertain the reader.

#### Oak Class – Year 6

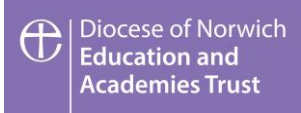
Lara is our Shining Light of the Week for the fantastic interest and effort she has shown in our recent Ancient Egyptian writing unit, including some great facts in an effort to entertain the reader.

### WOW MOMENTS!

Sebastian and Bronwyn wanted to celebrate their birthday by helping the environment and making sure it stays clean for all the animals. So they joined a Norfolk Beach Clean event and went litter picking on the beach at West Runton. They had a brilliant morning, and with the other volunteers collected 15kg of rubbish. They celebrated with some well earned fish and chips!

Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school:

<https://forms.gle/q6MZXdzmvtNHvJp19>



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### OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Willow Class:** What modes of transport can you find in Lyng?

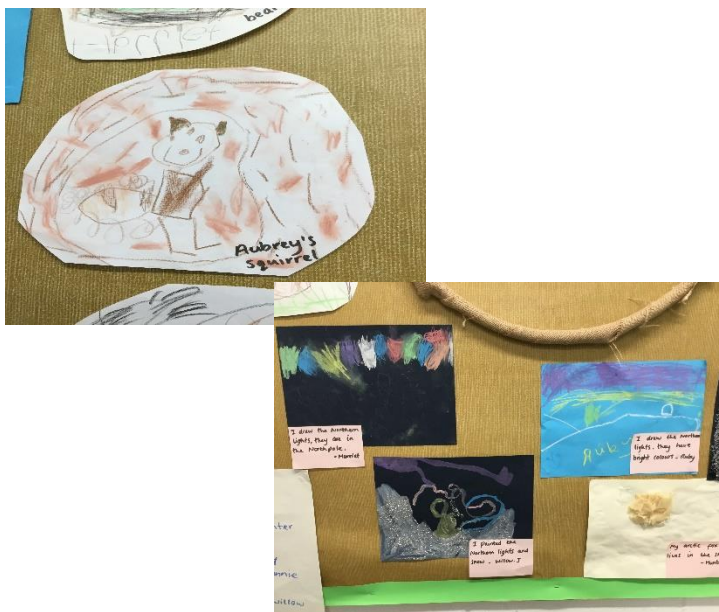
**Rowan Class:** Can you list some natural and artificial sources of light?

**Oak Class:** What was ancient Egyptian society like?

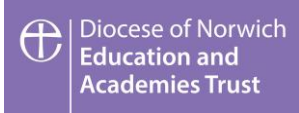
### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

## Cherry Class

This week in Cherry class, we have been learning all about the polar regions. We have looked at the Arctic and Antarctica. The children have created some wonderful artworks. We have also looked at hibernating animals and looked for signs of winter. What a busy week!







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### Willow Class

Willow class had a busy 2 weeks back after Christmas. In History we have started our new topic 'Terrific Transport' In English we have written amazing fact files for animals in Banham Zoo. The children enjoyed a lovely Forest School session bird watching with Miss Dutson, in which they had fun listening to their surroundings and spotting birds nests!



### Rowan Class

Rowan class had a fun and busy return to school after the Christmas break. We are enjoying learning to write fables with morals in English. In Maths we are continuing to work on our multiplication skills in a number of ways. We have learnt to solve scaling and correspondence problems. In Forest school last week, we all enjoyed exploring our wonderful grounds.





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### Oak Class

This week in Oak, we have been drafting our historical recounts about the discovery of a pharaoh's tomb. Watch this space for their wonderfully creative published pieces which will be finished off early next week.

In PE, we have been learning the different passes in netball and developing discipline with the footwork rules which some are finding tricky to stick to!

Science has seen us begin to look at light and perspective and Topic has involved delving into the Ancient Egyptians.







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### Diary Dates 2024/25

#### January

#### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Bikeability cycle training
- 11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dental screening
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cherry Class to Gressenhall

#### Half term 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Bikeability
- 6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day

#### April

#### Easter holiday 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Children return to school

#### May

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed
- 12<sup>th</sup> SATS week for year 6

#### Half term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Inset Day – school closed to pupils
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 to Eaton Vale

#### July

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of term