

# Norton Hill News



Newsletter 4 - Monday 27th November 23

## Curiosity Corner

Nursery Rhyme week! One of our favourite weeks of the year. Curiosity Corner have been exploring lots of nursery rhymes over the past few days. We have based all of our enhanced provision on Nursery Rhymes from around the world. We became curiosity corners own detectives and had to explore what happened to Humpty Dumpty in our outside area-it seems he really is accident prone!

We have been building our fine motor skills by 'winding the bobbin up' and creating our own boats for the nursery rhyme 'row, row, row your boat'. We have also been exploring lights and shadows and what we need to create a shadow as part of our understanding of the world. Our grown ups also came in to do some learning with us where we showed them our morning song, nursery rhyme singing and our enhanced provision, the children enjoyed having you all there.



## Maths Fundamentals

As a school we have been focussing on the importance of Maths Fundamentals. Part of this is learning and using and applying, the 2-12 timetables. Each day the children are exposed to the tables through songs, rhymes and various maths challenges.. Once familiar with them and through questioning techniques (to ensure the children know and apply them) we present the children with individual tables badges to celebrate their achievement. These will be added to our celebration assembly each week as we ask the children to wear them as part of their uniform-with pride! As one of our children has displayed this week- age is just a number and all children are capable of learning the tables through repetition. Well done to Isaac in Reception as he was awarded two badges this week to celebrate his achievements.



## Outside School Achievements

If your child has received a certificate/trophy please send this in with your child on a Friday morning, so they can share this with us in our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. Please do not send in certificates/trophies on any other day.

Name	Class	Achievement
Elsie T	Cricket	Has been awarded the Blue Peter Green Badge - for caring for the environment by picking up litter on her dog walks.



## HEADTEACHERS AWARD

### Special Recognition Award

17th November - Livvy  
24th November - Isaac

Friday 10th November  
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Lennie  
Cricket Class: Seth  
Dragonfly Class: Bella  
Dolphin Class: Tilly  
Turtle Class: Finn  
Gecko Class: Harry

Friday 18th November  
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee Class: Eretria  
Cricket Class: Aoife  
Dragonfly Class: Rupert  
Dolphin Class: Livvy  
Turtle Class: Carrie  
Gecko Class: Sophia

Friday 25th November  
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Lenny  
Cricket Class: Reuben  
Dragonfly Class: Noah  
Dolphin Class: Georgia  
Turtle Class: Roman  
Gecko Class: Max



## Reception

Who is afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?  
Definitely not Bumblebee Class!

We have delved into the wonderful world of Fairytales and the children have immersed themselves into this by describing the characters, identifying the villains and retelling these stories with alternative endings or characters. This has sparked some fantastic writing of CVC words within Literacy.

Our focus in Maths has been the composition of numbers and using one more and one less. We've used part-part-whole models to find different ways to make amounts to 5.

Our artistic skills have been displayed during our visits to the Picasso Room. Whilst listening to different types of Music we thought about how our paintbrush should respond to the different types of Music. We have also created pictures inspired by 'Flanders field' to conclude our learning on why we use poppies to remember.



## Year 1

We were visited by Lin and Will from the China Ren Society at Bath University. We discussed the human and physical features of Shanghai, and compared these similarities and differences with Midsomer Norton. Year 1 looked at the outskirts of the city, and how houses are often on the river. Lin showed us a traditional dress from Shanghai. We compared Bath and Shanghai. We also looked at a map of Shanghai and how densely populated it is. The children learned about PuDong, and that 'Pu' means 'river'. We explored how buildings have changed through time.

In Art, we have been learning about how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours, and what vocabulary such as 'shade' and 'hue' means.

## Office News

### Absence

If your child is off school, it is very important you phone by 9am on the morning of absence to tell us why. If you leave a message or email please give a brief description of why your child is off. Our statutory duty is to call you if you have only advised us that your child is ill.

### School Meals

Please remember to book your school meals by Midnight on Thursdays for the following week. Unfortunately, if you miss this deadline we will be unable to provide a meal and you will need to send your child with a packed lunch.

### Wraparound Care

All wraparound care bookings should now be made via ParentPay. Tax Free Childcare payments will be allocated in ParentPay on Thursday.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 30th November	Bath Uni Asia workshop	Year 1
Friday 1st November	Visit to Wells Cathedral	Year 2 & Year 3 - Please see SchoolPing for details.
Wednesday 6th December	Xmas Production 2-3pm	Curiosity Corner
Friday 8th December	Sold Raffle Tickets Return Deadline (PKA)	All raffle tickets and money need to be returned by today.
Friday 8th December	Term 2 clubs finish	All clubs finish
Tuesday 12th December	Xmas Production 5.30-6.30pm	Year 1- details to follow
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner	Please book your child's Christmas dinner via ParentPay
Wednesday 13th December	Xmas Production 5.30-6.30pm	Year 2- details to follow
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Raffle Draw (PKA)	
Thursday 14th December	Xmas Production 5.30-6.30pm	Reception-details to follow
Friday 15th december	Natural History Museum Virtual Workshop	Year 3
Monday 18th December	Santa Shop (PKA)	More information to follow
Monday 18th December	No Swimming Today	Year 3
Monday 18th December	Xmas Production 5.30-6.30pm	Year 3- details to follow
Tuesday 19th December	Father Christmas Visit (PKA)	More information to follow
Tuesday 19th December	No After School Club	No After School Club
Tuesday 19th December	Term Ends	All
<b>Term 3</b>		
Tuesday 2nd January	Inset Day	Whole School
Wednesday 3rd January	Inset Day	Whole School
Thursday 4th January	Term 3 Starts	Whole School