



# WINTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWSLETTER

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## NEWS FROM THE ACADEMY HEAD

First of all, I would like to say thank you to all the parents who contacted me after the new leadership arrangement letter was sent out on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Your kind comments and well wishes have lifted my spirits although I will miss all the children and families, especially the families I have been lucky enough to work in close partnership with, over the past two years. As mentioned before, I will be returning to Winterton as part of my Head of Service role and I will try to arrange afternoon visits so I can see some of you at the school gate and have a catch up.

### Staffing news

Gill Lack (Chair of the Locality Committee) and I interviewed last week for an Early Years Teaching Assistant to cover Mrs Nicholas' maternity leave and Mrs King's retirement from January. Some of the Starfish parents may have heard from their children about the 'virtual storytelling' part of the interviews! They heard, 'Owl Babies', 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' all through the Clevertouch Board.

I am pleased to say Mrs Gemma Banham was the successful candidate. Mrs Banham is really excited about starting at Winterton and is passionate about outdoor learning. She is currently working in a private day nursery whilst also studying for her foundation degree. She is keen to visit the school before she starts in January to meet the other Winterton staff and of course, to meet the wonderful children she will be supporting.

Mr Smout (the new HLTA) is settling in well and has been working with Mrs Waters and Mrs Massingham to ensure the Seal children continue to have consistency throughout the week. Mrs Waters has regularly met the children via Google Meet to discuss their achievements and there has been a suggestion that she may even dabble in some remote teaching! We are hoping the latest Government announcement means Mrs Waters will be able to return to Winterton after 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We know she is itching to get back in the classroom!

Caroline Richardson  
Academy Head



A new construction toy has arrived in the Starfish classroom - a grimes rainbow  - and it has reignited our love  for building.

The rainbow has inspired the children to find lots of different ways to put it together. Some of us created our own designs. Some of us followed instructions and copied designs.

The giant Jenga blocks have also been an inspiration. We have created ice cream making machines and Jurassic World to keep our dinosaurs safe.





In PE this week, we have used the shapes from Barbara Hepworth's sculptures to inspire us to create movement sequences in our dances. We focussed on creating different circles with our body parts, using the hoops and ribbons to perform some freestyle dancing. In our future lessons, we will be working with partners and small groups to explore the theme of making moving shapes and still sculptures.

### Reminders

Seal class should bring their library book to change each Thursday, please share your book at home so your child can talk about what happens in the story to the class and share their thoughts.

Please bring your reading book and reading record to school each day as we have a quiet reading time during the day. We would like children to read their book at least three times a week to practise their phonic decoding of words and develop their fluency.

PE is on Tuesdays, please come in your kit.





This half term in science, the Seal Class have been busy learning about living things and habitats. To start the new topic, we went on a scavenger hunt to look for things, which were living, dead or had never been alive. This posed some really interesting questions which the children enjoyed discussing and debating - Is a deciduous tree dead in the winter? Is a flame alive? Is a flower that has just been cut from a plant and placed in a vase of water dead or alive?

After this, we found out about the difference between a habitat and a microhabitat and using our newfound knowledge, we went and explored the microhabitats within the school grounds. We used a recording checklist to tick off the different creatures that we found and to show which microhabitat we found them in. When we got back inside, we discussed why the different creatures liked living in different places.

We then moved onto looking at larger habitats and discovered the different types of animals that live there. Following on from our discussion about living things, we discussed what all animals needed to survive and made a list so that we could check each habitat was suitable for the animal that lived there. We then enjoyed making some muddled habitats where a giraffe lived in the ocean, a squirrel lived on the beach, a shark lived in the woodland, a seagull in the desert, a scorpion in the Arctic and a polar bear in a savannah. We then had to write the reasons why this animal could not continue living in this habitat. Finally, we learnt that all living things depend on each other and next week we will prove this when we make our own food chains.





### Food for Thought

Sharks Class have been thinking about food in science! In our new topic, 'Food for Thought' we have been learning about the nutrition our bodies get from different foods. We have identified the five different food groups: fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy (and alternatives) and fats and oils. We have also learnt about the effects of different nutrients on our body and why it is important to eat a balanced diet. The Sharks made diagrams to show what the proportions of the different food groups should look like within our diets and then sorted foods into the correct categories.





## SHARK CLASS



## Diary dates

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	-	12:00PM	-	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	3:30PM	-	End of Term – Merry Christmas
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	-	8:30AM	-	Return to School

## Wellies and wet weather clothing

All children need access to wellies for playtime, please bring these in a named carrier bag. This would be beneficial to all the children now the weather has changed. Thank you

## Google Classroom

We are using Google Classroom to post homework and extra information that the children might need at home. Please login and have a look.

## Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations, our small village school raised £71.25 for Children in Need!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The uptake for our clubs increases each week with more children having opportunities to develop new skills or enjoy a movie. We are really pleased they have been popular with the children.

As a school we have high expectations for behaviour and these expectations continue at our clubs particularly where it is essential to ensure children are safe when participating in archery or cookery for instance.

Should a child find they are unable to behave we will firstly advise you verbally after the session. Should it occur a second time we will send a letter in writing. If poor behaviour continues for a third time, your child will be asked not to attend for the foreseeable future.

We appreciate this may have childcare implications for some families, however teachers who give their time freely to run clubs and organise exciting and new activities need to be able to deliver them in a positive environment.

Thank you for your understanding.

	After School Clubs	
<b>Monday</b> 3:30PM – 5PM	<b>Movie Club</b> With Mrs Johnson Cost:£3.50	
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:30pm – 4:30PM	<b>German Club</b> With Miss Bane and Mrs Johnson Cost:£3.00	 
<b>Wednesday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Multi Sports</b> With Mrs Johnson Cost: £3.00	
<b>Thursday</b> 3:30PM – 4:30PM	<b>Book Club</b> With Mrs Bramwell and Mrs Johnson £3.00	 
Friday	There is no after school club on a Friday.	

## Movie Club Films

Please find the list of the movies we will be showing in the next couple of weeks:

Monday 30th November: **Sponge Bob Movie: Sponge on the Run**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December: **Dr Seuss the Grinch (2018)**