



# Newsletter

East Whitby Weekly News

Date 12.01.24 (that took some remembering!!)

**Genies:** Welcome back Genies! It's been so lovely to see new and old faces this week, and what a good job you have done at settling into routines again. The book we have read this week is "peace at last" our introduction to this term's topic "what happens when we sleep?".

**Pixies** Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see the Pixies happily back in school and very excited to share new of their Christmas with us. We have talked about the New Year, how we celebrate and how we can set ourselves a challenge. We have tried standing on one leg for one minute! It was very tricky but we are going to challenge ourselves and try to increase our time. In Phonics our new sound was m and in Maths we have consolidated our learning of 1, 2 and 3 by ordering, counting out and subitising.

**Sprites:** Happy new year! Everyone's settled straight back in and we've had a really busy week. We've been talking about how the calendar works, looking at the numerals in 2024 and learning about how people celebrate the start of a new year. We've started our new project 'What happens when we go to sleep?' with the story 'Bedtime for monsters'. In PSHE, we talked about challenging ourselves and how it's important not to give up when things are tricky.

**Elves** Happy New Year to all our families. 😊 The children have made a great start back at school and have settled quickly. In phonics we will be learning new sounds and tricky words. The new tricky word bookmark has come home. Please if you get chance can you have a look at these together. We can not sound the words out so we have to learn these by sight. We have started our new geography based topic on Africa. We will be looking at its location in the world and specifically homing in on South Africa. Lastly, this week we have started our new spelling books as our morning job. All we are doing are practising writing different tricky words each week trying to look, say, cover, write and check. There will be no formal test of these.

**Phoenixes:** in year 2 this week we have been working on designing our own glove puppets! We will be looking at the practicalities of making these and editing our designs over the next few weeks. In maths we have been exploring shape and this will lead into our art as we look at drawing the perfect shape!

## Unicorns

The Year 3 Unicorns have made a fantastic start, especially with their swimming on the first day back! We have been exploring who the Vikings were and why they came here, in preparation for our story writing involving an unlikely hero. We have also moved onto our 6 and 8 times tables! Great to see the class back.

**Centaurs:** Happy New Year! The children have had a great start back, it's been a week full of maps! We looked at the continents, oceans and lines around the world, named all the countries in South America and their capital Cities and then investigated world Biomes too! As if that wasn't enough, we looked at human and physical features of South America and started our new book "The Great Kapok Tree" too! In maths we looked at factor pairs and used our amazing times tables knowledge to help with these! We'll all be needing a good rest this weekend I'm sure! 😊 Well done Year 4!

**Griffins** Year 5 have had a settled start back to the term. They have been writing up their Si-Fi stories that they wrote last term. We have started our project 'How to survive on Mount Everest'. In maths we looked at multiplying a 2 digit number by a 2 digit number. In PE we are doing dance. We will be learning a dance to Dua Lipa's song 'Physical' if they would like to practise at home.

**Gnomes** : We have had a wonderful first week back in Gnomes. We have started off the term looking at space, we have been learning the planets in our solar system. Our focus book this term is 'Whatever Next', which is about a bear that goes to space in his rocket. We have enjoyed our role play area, which also has the same rocket, space helmet and space boots as the bear in our story! We have been looking at matching numicon in maths and have also been matching items of the size and colour.

**Dragons** What a great start to 2024 year 6 have had! We completed our final pieces of artwork from last half term and started thinking about our new project question: How do our bodies function? Thank you to all family members who attended the SATs meeting on Thursday - it was great to see so many of you.

**Pegasus** Happy New Year to our families! It is so lovely to see everyone back at school this week. We have started our new book in our literacy group 'Where the wild things are' and have looked at how the boy is feeling and thinking and also about the 5 senses in his forest environment. On a Friday a cooking crew group is back, this week we have been decorating gingerbread men. Our DT group and performance group are still continuing.



A very Happy New Year from everyone here at East Whitby! What a great first week back, the children are in such fantastic routines here that they come in and get straight on with the tasks set for them 😊 2024 is set to be an amazing year here and we are really looking forward to sharing it with you all!

There have been some great new projects started this half term, Vikings, South America and the Amazon, Mountains, the human body, South Africa and The Great fire of London, Sewing in DT, Dance in PE and so much more! Be sure to ask your children all about it as they will love telling you!

We currently have spaces in our Nursery at the moment and in the Reception class from September, please pass on to your friends and family that we are here if they would like to come for a look around and that this is a pretty fab place to be 😊 Don't forget we also take 2 year olds too and that we can offer holiday cover for 2 year olds too.

We know that for some, the holidays have been pretty tough, please come and speak to us if there is anything we can help you with.



## Star of the week!



Pixies	The Whole Class
Sprites	Micky
Elves	Adley
Phoenixes	The whole class
Unicorns	The whole class
Centaur	The whole class
Griffins	Kio
Dragons	Del
Pegasus	Esmae
Gnomes	Harry

## Attendance this week

Sprites	88%
Elves	94%
Phoenixes	99%
Unicorns	93%
Centaur	94%
Griffins	97%
Dragons	94%
Pegasus	100%

## Early Years Family learning!

Families of the children in our Early Years classes are invited to join the family learning fun and see our phenomenal new outdoor space in action on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 8:45-10am 😊

Come along for some fun!

## Dates

- 16.1.24 EYFS outdoor family learning session 8:45-10 am
- Other key dates to be sent out soon 😊

# EARLY YEARS FUNDING CHANGES

A PLACE IN ONE OF OUR TRUST'S NURSERIES COULD SECURE YOUR CHILD A PLACE IN OUR RECEPTION CLASS

the **enquire** learning trust

15/30 HOURS FUNDING AVAILABLE

Speak to the school office for more information

Funding changes from April 2024

Increased eligibility for working parents for 2 year olds

SCAN BELOW FOR FURTHER DETAILS



SCAN ME



If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please pop in or give the office a ring and they will be able to get you started applying. If you need additional support we can help you access the forms here.

We've set the children a New Years Challenge! They have been challenged to read for 15 minutes every night! Please encourage them to do this as it is so important!

Thank you



The more that you **READ**  
The more thing you will **KNOW**  
The more that you **LEARN**  
The more places you'll **GO**

## SHOUT OUT!



Meet Matilda, she's pretty fabulous! Last year, Matilda donated toys to James Cook Hospital (bought with her own money) we were blown away with this, she did it really quietly and we only found out when her Mum emailed us. This year Matilda has been out spreading Christmas joy in Whitby! Matilda bought cards and chocolates, again with her own money, and handed them out to people going about their day in Whitby! Well done Matilda! You've a heart of gold and deserve to be really proud of yourself! Definitely a big tick towards that gold Pride Of East Whitby Award!

