



Bunwell in Brief

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Together, we will strive to ensure that we C.A.R.E and our children are:
confident, able learners, responsible members of the community and effective learners.

What we have been learning



Ladybirds: Ladybirds have been focussing on phonics. We have now learnt eight sounds and have begun to use them in words. We have been working on being kind friends and playing well together in the classroom and the outdoor area. In Maths our focus numbers have been 4 and 5.

Hedgehogs: In English we have been using a story mountain to rewrite the story 'What the Ladybird Heard.' In maths we have continued our work on place value. In science we have been learning about different types of habitats and the animals and plants that we might find there.

Badgers: Badgers have been enjoying the new topic and are exploring the different areas of the world. We have learned about continents and where each one is in the world. We have also begun to look at rocks and the differences in how they are formed. We are expecting some new additions to our fish tank soon after a change that was needed. Pictures on dojo will follow.

Foxes: Foxes class have been studying word classes in English and have been looking at rounding and negative numbers in maths. They have started their art topic – learning sketching and shading techniques and have been looking at the organs of the human body, particularly the heart, in science.

Bake Off

Bunwell's inaugural Bake Off has been a great success. We were blown away by the entries and the standard of them. The school council enjoyed judging the results. Well done to our Star Bakers!



Secondary School

Year 6 parents should have received their secondary transfer information by now, please let us know if you need any support with this process. Applications close on 31st October.

Many secondary schools have open evenings in the Autumn term for Year 5 and Year 6 parents.

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for 96% attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last two weeks, the whole school attendance is 97%. **Well done – particularly to Ladybirds! Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
100%	96%	97%	99%

Safeguarding at Bunwell

At Bunwell all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Tuckett, Miss Husbands or Mrs Brookes. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

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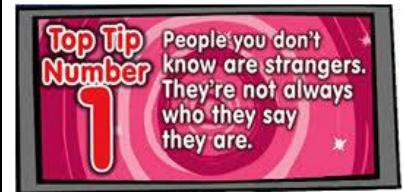
Open Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our open morning last Friday. It was great to see so many parents here and share the efforts from our inaugural Bake Off. A huge well done to Year 5 and Year 6 who acted as tour guides, waiters, money counters and servers. They did a brilliant job and should be proud of themselves.

Mindset Moments

Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try.

E-Safety tip



Achievements

Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work. It has been lovely to share so many out of school achievements in assembly recently – well done!

Headteacher News

You may have heard of the “**word gap**” it refers to the gap of 30 million words between different groups of children before the age of 3. This gap was identified in 1995 when a study by Hart and Risley which found that children from low income households are exposed to 30 million fewer words than their higher-income peers before age 3. Meaning that these word-impooverished children were starting school with a disadvantage that they may not be able to overcome.

This study, and others, have linked poor early literacy skills to lifelong disparities. More work in this area has reached the same conclusion, that low levels of vocabulary are a barrier to children becoming fluent readers as it hampers their comprehension, enjoyment and fluency. The impact of poor vocabulary does not stop there though, it can effect overall academic success and social mobility.

While we are going to be teaching vocabulary and focussing on the importance of children learning new vocabulary at school, there are also things which you can do at home.

1. Not just reading but being read to – reading is an important way for children to learn vocabulary both through reading their own reading book but also hearing stories read by parents, grandparents and older siblings.
2. Talk! Talk! Talk! – research shows that if we use richer language, children’s vocabulary dramatically improves, so in class for example, instead of saying ‘can you give out the books?’ we might say ‘please can you distribute the books?’
3. Have fun with words – encourage children to ask when they don’t know what a word means and then talk about it together.
4. Pick up the dictionary – a dictionary or thesaurus (at home and at school) can be a vital tool to developing children’s vocabulary, and improve their spelling at the same time!
5. Explore words together – when your child comes across a new word, instead of telling them what it means straightaway, talk about what they think it might mean from the context they’ve read it in.
6. Check for understanding – it’s very easy to assume that children (and adults!) understand what a word means just because they’ve heard it a lot, but this isn’t always the case.

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 2nd October – KS2 Cluster Cross Country
Wednesday 9th October – Special PTA AGM – 6pm at school
Monday 14th October – Nursery open morning for prospective families – 9 – 10am
Friday 18th October – PTA dress down day - £1 donation
w/b Monday 21st October – half term – school closed
Monday 28th October – children return to school
Thursday 31st October – deadline for secondary school applications
Friday 1st November - Nursery open afternoon for prospective families – 2 – 3pm
Thursday 28th November – opening morning for prospective 2020 Reception parents – 9 – 10:30am
Wednesday 18th December – RockSteady concert – 9am – all welcome

Have a great week!

Miss E. Husbands