

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: We have been continuing our work on the story 'Owl Babies'. We have thought about the babies' feelings in different parts of the story and written letters from Mummy. We have also been working on adding together two numbers in Maths.

Hedgehogs: This week in maths we have continued our work on money. In English we have been using imperative verbs and writing instructions. In Science we have continued our work on habitats and have been looking at how the camel is able to survive in the desert.

Badgers: Badgers have been working hard in their subtraction and times tables. We are writing our non-chronological reports in English and this week will be learning about volcanoes in topic! The children have really enjoyed the learning about extreme weather!

Foxes: In English, Foxes Class have been studying extracts from Captain Scott's diary and writing their own entries as one of Scott's team. In maths the children have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and learning to use the order of operations. In science, we have started our new topic and have been learning about the life cycles of vertebrates.

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Badgers Class Assembly

Well done to Badgers for kicking off our class assemblies of 2019-20. It was great to hear about everything they've been learning recently and to see so many parents and families come to share it with us.

Mindset Moments



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!

Remembrance Service

Thank you to all the parents, carers and members of the community who attended our Remembrance Service on Monday. I received a lovely letter from a child's grandmother which summed up the event perfectly:
"I want to say congratulations to staff and children alike for the way the service was carried out. The children were so well behaved and not a murmur from them. Congratulations to Year 6, who did so well, and all done with dignity and pride. You have a school to be proud of."

Bequest to Bunwell

We recently found out that Bunwell has been bequeathed money in the will of a local man who said that his days at Bunwell Primary School were the happiest days of his life. We are incredibly fortunate to have this money and we are going to have to think very carefully about the best way to spend this for the enjoyment of our children and enhancing our curriculum. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

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 96%. **Well done Ladybirds and Foxes – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
99%	95%	93%	97%

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.

Headteacher News

On Monday we held our traditional remembrance service in the church. This year is the hundredth year since the first Armistice Day, a year after World War I ended.

My great-grandfather was born in 1876. He enlisted in the army as a young man, and served in India, being discharged as a sergeant after twelve years' service in 1906. On October 5 1914, he volunteered to re-enlist; he was already too old to have been conscripted when compulsory military service for the First World War was introduced. He served for four years on the Western Front.

Now, he is only known through two First World War medals which had been passed down and a handful of grainy black and white photographs, in which he always appeared wearing a heavy suit, tie and hat. It's in the past few years that I have come to realize that there are any number of questions about his experiences, and those of countless others, to which we will never know the answers.

The guns fell silent at the end of the Great War at eleven o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. At the time, it was described as "the war to end all wars" because it was so destructive that the world's politicians seemed determined to prevent such a war from ever happening again. That hope was, of course, dashed. Our service on November 11th provided an opportunity to reflect on all these things and on others: on our family histories which are scarred by war and its aftermath.

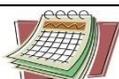
Chair of Governors Update

An OFSTED visit is always a significant event in any school's calendar, and as is normal the school received less than 24 hours' notice of the impending visit. We have been expecting the call for a couple of years, having had the last inspection in July 2012. Aware that the call can come at any time, the school, Governors and Trustees regularly question and challenge, you could call them MOCKSTEDs, to constantly evaluate all aspects of what an inspector may wish to focus on. This covers all and every aspect of the school and can include safeguarding, attendance, results, adherence to and coverage of the curriculum, quality of teaching, governance & leadership and after school clubs.

As I write we are still awaiting the official feedback. OFSTED inspections can be perceived as very daunting for those involved, as inspectors dig deep to see the school in the smallest of detail. I must take this opportunity to congratulate and praise all those involved, not least the head teacher and all the staff for dealing with the process professionally and diligently, but also the pupils for representing the school to the highest standards. Thank you also to the parents and carers who took the time to complete the school questionnaire which also gives an anonymous barometer of how the school is perceived.

David Clover

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 21st November - Parents Evening

Monday 25th November – Reception - height, weight, vision & hearing check, Y6 - height and weight check

Thursday 28th November – opening morning for prospective 2020 Reception parents – 9 – 10:30am

Friday 29th November – St Nicks – 5 – 6:30pm

Tuesday 3rd December – KS2 VR experience day

Thursday 5th December – Foxes class assembly – parents welcome

Thursday 5th December – Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics event – letter to follow nearer the time

Monday 9th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity 2:30pm and 5pm

Wednesday 11th December – Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas dinner – children welcome to wear Christmas jumpers

Wednesday 18th December – RockSteady concert – 9am – all welcome

Wednesday 18th December – Carol Service in church – 2pm – all welcome

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands