



# 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:** We have been learning about Space. In literacy we have been focussing on The Way Back Home and taking part in activities. We have been pretending to be Astronauts in music and movement and have made moons and stars in Art. We have been focussing on number recognition to 20 and addition and subtraction.

**Hedgehogs:** This week in English we have been using adverbs and adjectives to add more detail to our sentences. In maths in Year 1 and Year 2 we have been looking at equal groups and repeated addition. In topic we have been comparing pictures of London from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century with present day pictures of London and have been identifying ways that London has changed.

**Badgers:** Badgers are working hard on their new topic pre- history and are enjoying learning about archaeologists at the moment. We have begun our new writing topic, adventure stories and are reading texts to find features we can use in our own writing. Topic homework projects will come out next week!

**Foxes:** Foxes class have been working hard with decimals in maths and have been improving their descriptive writing in English. They have been enjoying their science topic: 'Space'. They have also begun their new art topic with Mrs Roden, studying the work of the artist Gustav Klimt.

### FoodShare

Many supermarkets run a FoodShare scheme whereby they donate food coming to the end of its life to the local community. Bunwell Stores have kindly agreed to do this for us. This week we have received bread which we have buttered and left in the classrooms every morning for any child who has come to school without breakfast or who is still hungry. We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Browse and the staff at Bunwell Stores for supporting the school in this way.

### Term Time Holidays

There have recently been a lot of children who have missed a week of school due to a term time holiday, while we understand some of the reasons behind this, it is important to recognise just how much the children miss in school. For example, in Early Years and Key Stage 1, children often learn a new sound in phonics every day and this will all be missed if the child is on holiday.

### Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for 95% attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last two weeks, the whole school attendance is 93%. **Well done Badgers and Foxes – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
94%	91%	99%	98%

### 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. Bunwell Primary School is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

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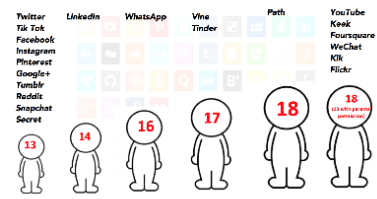
### Mindset Moments

#### 10 best phrases to teach resilience to your kids



### E-Safety tip

#### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



From left to right: Twitter, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Google+, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat, LinkedIn, WhatsApp, Vine, Tinder, Path, YouTube, Kindle, FourSquare, WeChat, Kik, Flickr. For more information see <https://www.internet-protective.com/>



### Achievements

Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work.

### Headteacher News

This Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, is Chinese New year and this year is the year of the Rat. It is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar and it will be marked by communities all over the world. People will eat lots of food, enjoy fireworks, wear special clothes and hang red lanterns to mark the occasion. It is also traditional for adults to give red envelopes to children with money inside. Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival. The festivities continue for two weeks, finishing with a special lantern festival, which signals the end of the New Year celebration period.

The Chinese Zodiac runs on a 12-year cycle with each year being represented by an animal; rat, Ox, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Tiger, Rabbit, Sheep, Rooster, Monkey, Dog and Pig. It is said that being born in the year of the Rat can be a sign of wealth but can equally mean that these people are more prone to illness. Zodiac signs play an integral part in Chinese culture and it is believed they can determine your future, fortune and much more.

According to one myth, the Emperor said the order of the animals would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, becoming first. So, the Rat is the first of all zodiac animals. In Chinese culture, rats are seen as a sign of wealth and surplus.

Next week in school, we will learn more about the origins of Chinese New Year and the stories which Chinese people believe in as well as the different characteristics of each animal. Children always find it interesting to know which animal represents the year they were born in.

Miss Johnson is planning on spending Monday celebrating Chinese New Year with her class; they will be making Chinese crafts, reading stories and maybe even cooking some Chinese food.

### PTA Update

The PTA are beginning to plan their spring and summer fundraising ideas, including VE Day celebrations at the beginning of May. We are really lucky here at Bunwell that the PTA raise so much money to support the school and primarily fund school trips. However, the fundraising and in particular dress down days, are entirely optional and if you would prefer not to donate, we understand.

### Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – OBHS Y5 English transition morning

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** - LSHS Y6 Languages day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – OBHS Y6 Languages morning

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – Planetarium visit (no PE for KS2)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Hedgehogs class assembly

**w.b Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Ladybirds stay and play – day and time to be confirmed

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – last day before half term & dress down day – (£1 voluntary PTA donation)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Mother's Day

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** –OBHS Y5 PE transition morning

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** - RockSteady concert – all welcome

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – last day before Easter holidays & dress down day (£1 voluntary PTA donation)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – term starts

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Ladybirds trip to Norwich (Build a Bear and a ballet performance of Little Red Riding Hood)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Class Photos

**w.b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATs week

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**