



# 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.

## Friday 12th February

**Ladybirds:** This week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have been reading the story 'Dragons in the City', learning the story of Chinese New Year, using our number knowledge to crack codes and making lots of crafts.

**Hedgehogs:** This week in Hedgehog Class we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have been using their detective skills to solve number problems to find out who stole the Chinese dragon heads. In English we have been using our adjectives to write postcards and describe the animals that we painted with our magic paint brushes. This afternoon we performed a Chinese dragon dance and have used our musical instruments to provide the music.

**Badgers:** Badgers have been working hard on their story writing preparation. We have been improving our description and character building. In science we have been exploring sound travelling by making cup telephones. Thank you for all the hard work you have been putting in at home.

**Foxes:** The children have continued to work hard and I am impressed by the quality of the work that they are turning in. We have continued to learn about evolution and the children have mapped out the voyage Darwin took on The Beagle and have written diary entries in Darwin's style. In maths, they have been learning about area and perimeter. Hopefully they have all taken the opportunity to play in the snow too!

### Headteacher Update

Today we come to the end of six weeks of home learning. During those six weeks we have all had good days and bad days; days when things just don't seem to come together and days when we feel invincible. It is often at challenging times like these that we realise when we think we've reached our capacity to meet a challenge, we are reminded that that capacity may well be limitless. If someone had told us a year ago, that our lives would be restricted for as long as they have been we would have been horrified. We have lived without seeing family and friends, many people are living with the uncertainty and worry about their jobs, we are juggling work with home schooling and we are still standing!

It is beginning to feel like we can see the light at the end of a very long tunnel with the vaccination programme unrolling at a staggering pace, cases are dropping quickly and spring is coming. We anticipate that at least some children will return to school from March 8th and plans for this will follow after half term.

In the meantime, next week gives us an opportunity to switch off from remote learning, make the most of living in the beautiful countryside with bike rides and walks and prepare ourselves for whatever is thrown our way before Easter.

### Trust Update

We have reached the end of a half term of home learning and I'd like to say a massive well done to all the children, parents and staff who have adapted so well to the ever-changing situation. It has been a huge challenge for all concerned, in terms of balancing home life and school work, adapting to new technology and different learning techniques and focusing on wellbeing, but you have all done an amazing job in very difficult circumstances. It's also been nice to see this week that the traditional snow day isn't completely gone even with the addition of remote learning!

Bunwell's local governing committee has continued to meet virtually and our meeting last month focused on the remote learning and key worker provision at the school. We invited all four of the class teachers to join us and they talked to governors about the challenges and successes of remote learning, workload and wellbeing. We will also look at the results from the parent's questionnaire to get a fully rounded picture from the school community.

We have recently welcomed Hannah Grainger as a new Parent Governor. Hannah has three children at the school and brings skills and experience from within the education sector which will be a great benefit to the committee. I hope Hannah enjoys her time as a Governor and I look forward to us working together. *Julie Fletcher, Chair of Trustees*



Fun in the Snow

Millions of people around the world will be beginning their Chinese New Year celebrations today. We are leaving behind the year of the rat and moving into the year of the Ox. The ox symbolises strength and determination, never more appropriate than now. Do you know which animal's year it was when you were born?



Foxes' Snow Fossils



Foxes' Perspective Art



Celebrating Chinese New Year



Important Dates  
**w/b Monday 15th February** – half term – no remote learning  
**Monday 22nd February** – term starts – reopen for key worker and vulnerable children, remote learning starts again  
**Monday 8th March** – schools possibly open for more children – further details to follow after half term