

Little Melton Primary School



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Newsletter 15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break with your families. It has been a really positive start to the new term here, and I am very pleased with how well the children have settled into their new classes and in some cases a new school!

Coming up in the next couple of weeks we have the Year 6 children buddying up with a new Reception pupil, to help to look after them at playtimes and in assembly. We will also be running elections for the positions of house captains and vice-captains. School Council will also resume later in the term– there are 3 vacancies for children on the council to take the place of the children who have moved up to high school in the summer.

This term, key stage 2 children will again have a visiting sports coach, Martin, for their Thursday PE lessons. Children in Barn Owls (Year 4 and then Year 3) will also be going swimming at Hethersett Primary school, once the pool has been repaired. Snowy Owl children will also be visiting the Playhouse theatre later this term to see the Gruffalo's Child. After school and lunchtime clubs will also be starting up again in a few weeks time– details in the next newsletter. There are also a few spaces for lunchtime ukulele club– please contact the school office if you would like to join. Last week the children in Years 1-3 enjoyed a tennis club taster visit from National Tennis Association tennis club– again there are a few places still available (see flyer at end of newsletter). Children's University also continues– and I will be looking to add our new Reception children to the scheme later in the term.

Finally, a reminder that the Friends AGM is next Wednesday at 7.30pm in school. All welcome and a great chance for parents new to the school to get involved.



Eagle Owls– light experiments



Owlets– using pattern



Eagle Owls—
UK cooking through the
decades

1950's Coronation
Chicken

Little Melton Village Show– September 2023

Congratulations to Lottie and Clara for their fantastic efforts at the recent Little Melton Village Show. The girls won awards in a range of categories, including baking, painting, poetry and silvercraft. The baking was extremely imaginative with Clara's funny face cakes and a stunning cake based on a May pole theme (see picture below) from Lottie. Well done to them both– and also Ted, Zac, Oli and Adam who also won prizes at the show!



Snowy Owls Tennis Taster, 8.9.23

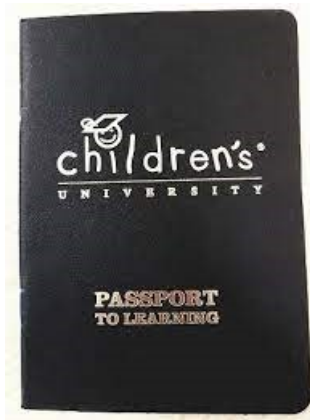


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Pensthorpe	red	1648
Gressenhall	green	9146
Castle Museum	yellow	1113
Strumpshaw Fen	red	7914
Blickling	yellow	2594
Trowse Netball Club	red	1289
Swimming	red	2383
Hethersett Rainbows	blue	3822
Hethersett Brownies	purple	zero298
Hethersett Athletic FC	blue	8020
Perfect Performers Dance	yellow	2961
Norwich Swans	green	4508
Norwich Brownies	purple	4276
Anna Stone Piano lessons	blue	8673
Central School of Dance	green	9584
LM Karate lessons	purple	8169
Wyndham rugby club	red	7304
Heigham Park FC	red	5207
Triple Threat Drama	purple	7564
Easton Tennis Club	green	7,946
Wham Drama Club	red	9237
Woodside Cubs Group	orange	5659
Hethersett 3rd Guides	purple	5181
Crusaders Rugby	red	7263
Easton Gymnastics	purple	7862
Wyndham Beavers	orange	1073
All Stars/Dynamos Cricket	yellow	6957
LMPS Tennis Club	red	3640
Hethersett Cubs	yellow	6218
Limelight Drama	yellow	2584
Star Dance	green	7236
LMPS Uke	blue	3072



Norfolk Ski Centre	red	4435
Norfolk Hoopstars	yellow	2799
Norfolk swim school	blue	1554
East Anglia Tennis & squash club	blue	1085
Gain Fitness Club	yellow	8531
Eska Karate	purple	2944
Norwich Penguins	orange	6120
LMPS Singing	purple	5431
LMPS Chess	yellow	9886
LMPS Boardgames	green	7340
LMPS Mindfulness	green	7814
LMPS TTRS	red	1732
FITC football	purple	6720
Hethersett Beavers	red	6963




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Curriculum planning—Autumn term

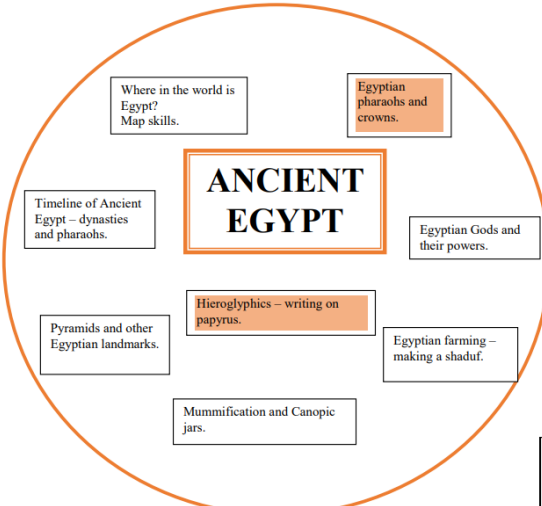
Barn and Eagle Owls

Class: **Barn Owls** Year Group: **3/4** Term: **Autumn 1 and 2** Cycle: **B**



Mathematics:
Areas to be covered:

- Place value – order, compare and place numbers
- Addition and subtraction facts
- Mental methods for addition and subtraction (counting on/back, partitioning and place value)
- Written methods for addition and subtraction (expanded column)
- Daily Mini-Maths arithmetic
- Big Maths weekly challenge on Friday.
- Times Tables - by the end of Year 4, the national expectation is that children should know all of their times-tables facts up to 12 x 12.



English:

1. Adventure stories
 Texts: The Time Travelling Cat by Julia Jarman, and Scareb Story by Pie Corbett.
 Grammar: Adjectives and conjunctions
 Punctuation: Capital letters and full stops within sentences and paragraphs.

2. Information texts - explanations
 Texts: The Shirt Machine, Wallace and Gromit Cracking inventions
 Grammar: Time connectives and adverbials of time.
 Punctuation: commas in lists.

3. Poetry – shape poems
 Texts: Variety of shape poems
 Grammar: Adding clauses.
 Punctuation: Possessive apostrophes.

Spelling: Weekly spellings focusing on patterns and rules.
 Reading: Accelerated reading and quizzes
 Handwriting – weekly sessions

Science

- Teeth** and the digestive system (digestion, health and diet, types of teeth, **tooth decay**, comparing to animals).
- Electricity (mains vs batteries, circuits, conductors, cables and plugs, switches and bulbs).

French

J'apprends le français (I'm learning French)
 Les Commandes de la Classe (Classroom Commands)
 Joyeux Noël (Christmas)

P.E.

Invasion games – tag rugby, hockey, football, netball

Computing

Coding – Scratch Jnr., Writing blogs using Purple Mash and Google Docs

RHSE

The Zones of Regulation
 Growth mindset – 'The Magic of Yet'
 Being VIPs

RE

Judaism – Does prayer work/why do people pray? Does God really speak to people?


Music

Charanga unit – Mamma Mia

Beautiful Work for display

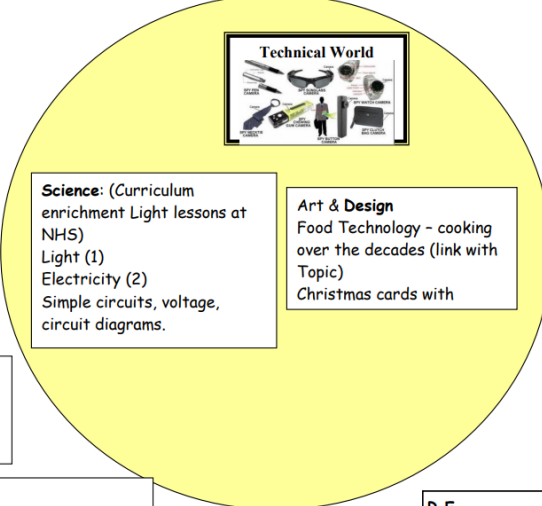
Writing for an external audience

Eagle Owls Year Group: **5/6** Autumn term 2023 Year **B**



Mathematics:

Four operations
 10 100 1000
 Place Value
 Roman Numerals
 Word Problems



English/Big Write:

TEXT: Spy School
 TEXT: London Eye
 TEXT: Daisy 006 and a bit/My hamster is a spy
 Christmas TEXT: A Christmas Carol (Marcia Williams and 2001 movie)
 Grammar & Punctuation: Descriptive writing
 Instructional writing
 Spelling: Purple Mash
 Handwriting: Nelson Scheme

Music

Famous Composers (1)
 Orchestras and choirs (2)
 Use examples of correct musical language

Humanities TOPIC (History)

Changes in Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century

P.E.

Invasion Games (Coach when available)

Computing/PHSE

1)Online-safety- keeping safe and managing risk
 Research
 Google Suite Resources- Docs (Google Drive)

R.E.

Islam (1)
 Hinduism (2)

* content of Topic will vary, different subjects may be taught discretely.

Curriculum planning—Autumn term

Snowy Owls & Owlets

Class: Owlets
Year Group: Reception
Term: Autumn 1 2023

Maths

Developing stable order principle – understanding the counting sequence i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4...

- One to One Correspondence – counting objects accurately
- Abstraction Principle – understanding objects of all sizes can be counted, and that quantities can be the same, regardless of the size of objects being counted
- Graphing things using pictograms
- 2D shapes and construction play

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Free-flow choosing time within a planned Early Years Environment provides children with opportunities to develop self-confidence, their sense of self and begin to make established friendships within their class group. Children will make independent choices about their learning by carefully selecting resources both on their own and with others, which will enable them to use and apply their knowledge of the world around them, subsequently leading to a greater level of understanding. Children will converse with one another, negotiate, take turns, learn about each other's feelings and begin to understand how their actions can affect these.

Literacy

Fiction texts
Non-fiction texts
Both used during whole class book sharing

Big Writing
Name writing
Drawing a picture of me
Drawing my family
Something I like
Something that is special to me

Phonics
Letters & Sounds:
Phases 1 and 2
Single sounds
Initial sounds in words
Letters in my name
Pre-reader books
Sound packs

Specific Areas
of Learning

Understanding the World

- What is my new class called? Where is my school?
- Who is in my family?
- Getting to know my new friends and their interests/families – How are they different/similar to mine?
- Exploring special times, festivals and celebrations, such as birthdays & starting school
- Observing the changing of the seasons
- Technology provision: iPads, keyboards, interactive board

Communication & Language

- Talk Partners provide regular opportunities for children to converse, discuss and peer assess their learning
- Free-flow choosing time promotes an expanse of communication – listening, talking, responding, understanding
- Daily story time
- **Talk Homework** in preparation for Big Write
- Daily phonics teaching, including the introduction and discussion of new vocabulary
- Various planned Speech & Language focussed activities, including WellComm materials

Role Play Area ideas: Home corner (initially) leading into developing an area in response to the children's interests/aspirations/discussions

Expressive Arts & Design

- Sponge printing owls for classroom door
- Playdough faces with loose parts
- Lollipop stick houses with drawings of our families
- 'We're going on a colour hunt'...
- Face photo jigsaws
- Painting pasta necklaces
- Self-portraits
- Family portraits
- Exploring different textures and painting tools e.g. brushes, cotton wool, sponges, rollers
- Role play home corner

Topic Title:

Starting at School

Prime Areas of Learning

Physical Development

Weekly Physical Education lessons

Outdoor Environment - Trim trail, bikes and scooters, mud kitchen, stage, den building, large-scale construction resources

Sensory/Fine Motor Tray - Developing muscle tone, develop hand-eye coordination and experience and explore different textures. Changed at least weekly

Class: Snowy Owls
Year Group: 1/2
Term: Autumn 1 2021

Mathematics:

1. Number and place value – 2 digit numbers
2. Comparing, ordering
3. Counting in different multiples
4. Addition- number bonds and related facts
5. Addition- fact families
6. Addition and Subtraction

Real-life Maths:

1. Family number facts.
2. counting fingers, toes, eyes etc.
3. Tally chart – favourite things

English:

Postcards and Letters
Postcard home

Fantasy story
'Supertato' by Sue Hendra
CFFS
Evil Pea Wanted Poster

Poetry
Superhero poems on a theme (Grammar – adjectives, nouns)

Extended Writing
A New Superhero!

Spelling: National Curriculum Year 1 and 2 words

Writing for external audience
'Beautiful Work'

Computing:

Online safety
Coding – Simple programmes

Science:

The human body and naming body parts

Our five senses and how they help us

Art/D&T:

Self-portraits – drawing and painting

Superhero masks
(Design > Plan > Create > Evaluate)

Topic Title:

All about me/ Superheroes

Keeping Safe and Healthy in a Modern World:

Online Safety

History:

Drawing a simple family tree

Compare old and modern toys, with a focus on teddies

R.E. Christianity

What can Christians learn about God from Bible stories?

Music:

'Charanga' scheme - 'Hands, Feet, Heart!' unit
Listening, appraising, creating music in the style of hip-hop

P.E.

Real PE throwing and catching/invasion games

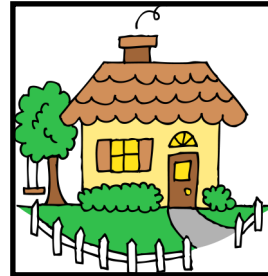
Assembly Themes & Special Days:
(see assembly timetable)

Knowledge Organiser Quizzes– Autumn Term 1st Half

Snowy Owls

All About Me

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Barn Owls

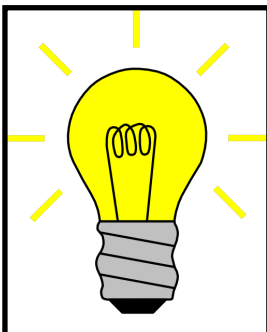
Ancient Egypt







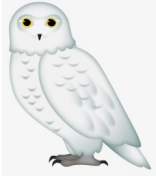

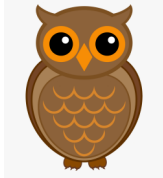
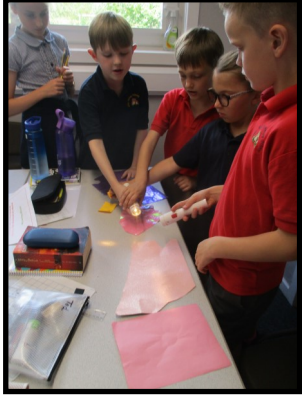
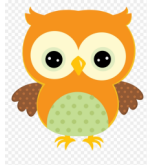

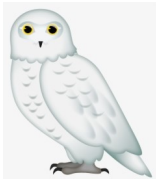

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Eagle Owls

Light



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Recently:			
<p>Owlets</p> 	 <p>Driving in the outdoor area</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	 <p>Hope scrolls for the year ahead</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	 <p>Sorting and Grouping</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	 <p>Light experiments</p>
Coming up!			
<p>Owlets</p> 	<p>Phonics: s a t p f Owl Babies Counting– numbers up to 10</p>	<p>Barn</p> 	<p>Place Value Time Travelling Cat Egyptian Artefacts Types and Functions of Teeth</p>
<p>Snowy</p> 	<p>Y1 Writing and illustrating a book all about me Writing numerals 0-10. One more and one less Y2 Place Value Autobiographical writing Family Trees Barefoot Computing</p>	<p>Eagle</p> 	<p>Place Value Multiplying by 10,100,1000 Spy Themed Literature The 1960's Cooking from 60's– Spaghetti Bolognese</p>



Recent or Upcoming Birthdays:

Autumn 11
Toby 8



Wed 20th September Friends AGM–
School
Friday 20th October– Last Day of Half
Term
Monday 30th October– School Opens
Wednesday 15th November– Snowy Visit
to Playhouse Theatre
Wednesday 20th December– End of Term



Last week's attendance was: 96.96%

Attendance year to date is: 95.80%

Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can
purchase it direct from this website:

<https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/>



Owlets: Joining assembly next week!

Snowy: Evie, Camley, Paisley

Barn: Lucas, Bessie, Summer

Eagle: Verity, Ketty, Rufus



NAVY LITTLE
MELTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL
SWEATSHIRT



RED LITTLE MELTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SWEATSHIRT



NAVY LITTLE
MELTON PRIMARY
SCHOOL
CARDIGAN



RED LITTLE MELTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
CARDIGAN

Nut Free School



A general reminder that we operate a nut-free policy in school for all food. Please be particularly careful with any food provided to celebrate birthdays as some chocolate can include traces of nuts. We do have some children with severe allergies in our school and we obviously want to look after them to the very best of our ability.

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.



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LITTLE MELTON PRESCHOOL

**HAPPY, SAFE, NURTURING & AFFORDABLE
CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 - 5 YEARS**

Monday 9.15am - 12.15pm

Tuesday 8.30am - 1pm

Wednesday 8.30am - 1pm

Thursday 8.30am - 1pm

Friday 9.15am - 12.15pm

**LITTLE MELTON PRESCHOOL PRIDES ITSELF ON OFFERING A FUN, EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE
CHILDREN THRIVE AND PLAY, WITH THE DEDICATED SUPPORT & CARE OF A PROFESSIONAL TEAM.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE OR ARRANGE A VISIT,
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH BY EMAIL OR PHONE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**



After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching in schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

Little Melton Primary Tennis Club Details

Fridays- 6 weeks (15 Sep - 20 Oct)

Year 1-3

3:15 - 4:00pm

Cost - £24

How to Enrol?

For more information and booking please click or visit the below link.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: schools@nationaltennis.org.uk

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