

NORTH STAR 82°

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely summer despite the disappointing weather. Various chores have been carried out at school to make the building more inviting for the children to return to.

We have been very pleased to welcome the children back and also to welcome our new pupils. Everyone is settling into their new classes well and adapting to the few small changes to routines. Already I have given out quite a few Headteacher's well-done stickers as children have brought pieces of work and things they have made and are proud to show me.

I have been pleased to see how our new Year 6 pupils are accepting the responsibility of being the oldest in the school. Some have not found it easy to be more responsible in front of younger children but there was a strong willingness to accept their new position as examples for good behaviour and attitudes when I spoke with them on Monday. They have been busy this week applying for monitor jobs around the school—choosing which they feel most confident to undertake and completing 'application forms' for these. The Year 6 teachers and I will be looking at their applications and appointing children to their special roles over the weekend.

All the children this year are keen to take a pride in their school and to make yourselves and the staff proud of them. We have seen children encouraging each other when they see a friend struggling with a task or trying to manage challenging emotions. I believe we are building a strong community of young people and I look forward to working with you this year to support your children's progress.

Kind regards



Amanda Tapsfield
Headteacher

Sparrow class

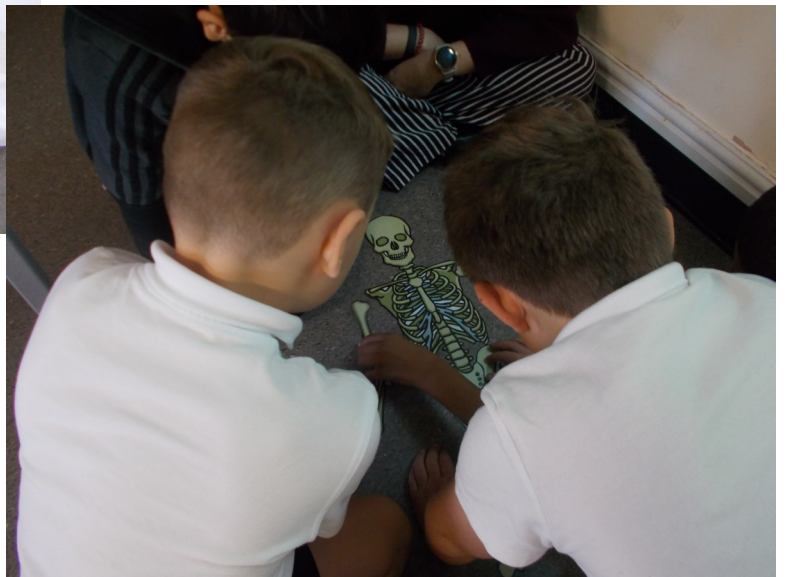


In English this week, Sparrow class have been learning the 'Three Little Pigs' fairy tale. We have enjoyed trying to build our own houses with straw, sticks and bricks.

Owls class



Owls class have been looking at the human skeleton and the different names of bones in the body.



Robins class



Robins class have already made Ms Bourne so proud to be their teacher. The children have settled back into school life well, demonstrating how kind and caring they can be by supporting each other as we all get used to the new school year. Here we are in our English Wow lesson practicing being members of that well known band 'The Robins'.

Starlings class

In Starlings Class, we have been learning about our skeletons in Science! We made skeletons out of pasta and cheerios. The children worked hard to represent the skull, spine, ribcage, pelvis and femur.



Falcons class



Did you know that a Falcon's diet includes mice and rats, pigeons, ducks and fish? Falcon class have enjoyed an afternoon tea of 'Eating Like A Falcon' including making cheese mice on crackers, eating the 'blood, guts and bones' of birds (tomato salsa with red peppers, radishes, crunchy crisp-sticks) and enjoying fish sweeties as dessert!

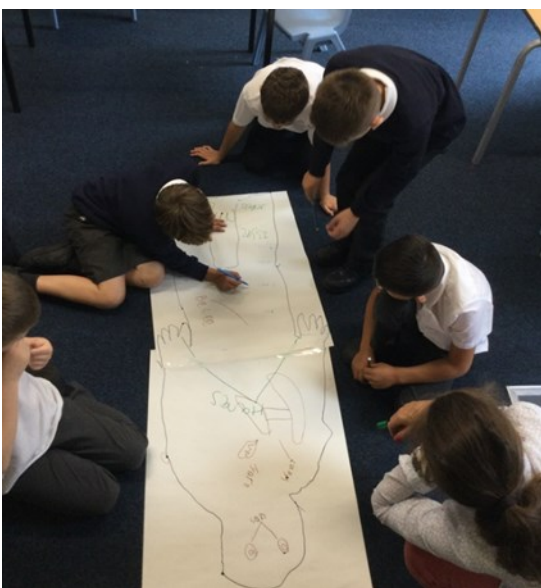


Eagles class



We have had a great first week for Eagle class. This week we have had a really fun time in our forest school lesson. We made a den for insects outside.

Kestrels class



We worked together as a whole class team to label parts of the body.

We dressed up as musicians for our wow day in English:



Kingfisher class

We have had a wonderful first week in Kingfisher class. We started our new story in English by thinking about people who are important to us and why. Ms Cameron has also been so impressed by how the children all problem-solved when they were given the task of creating two shelters during forest school - one for a tiny toy goat and one for them and a friend!



Useful information

Dates for your diary for 2024/25

SEPT 2nd & 3rd - INSET Days
SEPT 4th & 5th - Staggered starts
SEPT 30th - INSET
OCT 28th - 1st NOV- School Holidays

NOV 5th – School photographer
NOV 25th – INSET
NOV 29th – Art Exhibition and pupil review day
DEC 17th - Christmas dinner
DEC 23rd- JAN 3rd – School Holidays

JAN 2nd – Inset Day
FEB 17th - 21st– School Holidays

APR 7th - 18th – School Holidays
APR 21st - Bank Holiday
MAY 5th- Bank Holiday
MAY 12th-16th SATS
MAY 26th– 30th – School Holidays (26th Bank Holiday)

June 13th – Art Exhibition and pupil review day
JUNE 23rd – INSET
June 27 – Sports’ day (provisional)
JUL 18th- Presentation Assembly
JUL 21st & 22nd- Inset Days
JUL 23rd – AUG 31st – School Holidays

Support, contact or concerns:

If families or young people have any concerns, feedback or complaints about their school or are seeking extra help within the family home in their community please feel free to approach one of the following places:

North Star Academy Trust Safeguarding email – Safeguarding@Northstar-academy.co.uk

Speak to your school tutor or head teacher via the school number (0117 377 2175)

Call or text our safeguarding mobile (only manned during school hours) – 07788 328014

If you need to complain about school in a more formal way please do so via our complaints policy available online here - [NSAT-Complaints-Policy.pdf \(northstar-academy.co.uk\)](#)