

## Happy New Year!

Robins Class have a new water butt which they were very excited to see for the first time this week. They had great fun developing independence by pouring their own water and investigating what happens when you use a sieve to collect it! There was so much independent turn taking and sharing, waiting patiently for a turn while others collected their water and working together to operate the tap and ensure a container was properly underneath so none was wasted. Lots of water was used in the mud kitchen to create soup, porridge and burgers! And great fun was had creating a porridge volcano!



### Animal Encounter

Yesterday, the children in EYs, KS1 and the Nest welcomed some additional little friends into their classes. Hazel joined us from The Animal Experience team and provided the children with the chance to look closely at and handle a range of animals. These included a beautiful 25 year old tortoise, a bearded dragon, a royal python, and Scrappy and Scooby the meerkats! Many of the children demonstrated their bravery when handling the animals. The children demonstrated great care and respect for the animals and listened to the information that they were told about the animals, asking some great questions to extend their learning too.





### Diary Dates

Fri 26th Jan	Annie and Sue—OM Health and Wellbeing back in school (morning)
Wed 24th Jan	6W to attend Parish Mass at 10am
Wed 31st Jan	4F to attend Parish Mass at 10am
Wk. beg 5th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 5th Feb	EYs visit to the fire station
Wed 7th Feb	4C to attend Parish Mass at 10am
Fri 16th Feb	EYs People who help us dress-up day
	Wk. beg 19th Feb HALF TERM

### OM Health & Wellbeing visit

Annie and Sue, the two nurses from OM Health & Wellbeing are back in school next Friday morning and there is still some availability if any parent would like an appointment to talk with them about their child's health and wellbeing. Please email or call the office to make an appointment.



Please keep hold of empty kitchen and toilet roll tubes and send them into school.

We are collecting them for the children to enjoy using in some of their creative play at lunchtime.



### Key Stage 2 Language Ambassadors

Meet our new KS2 Language Ambassadors for the Spring term! They are: Alma and Ayo in Year 3, Harri and Sophie O in Year 4, Myla and Amiya in Year 5 & Fabian and Cara in Year 6. They have already made a fantastic start to their new role, which is threefold: promoting other languages and cultures within school, practising the words of the week with their class in-between French lessons with the help of our Rigolo programme and keeping the French calendar and weather charts up-to-date daily in their classroom. Once more we had lots of candidates for this job in every class this term, but everyone will have another chance at being elected at the start of Summer term.

### Donations of wellies

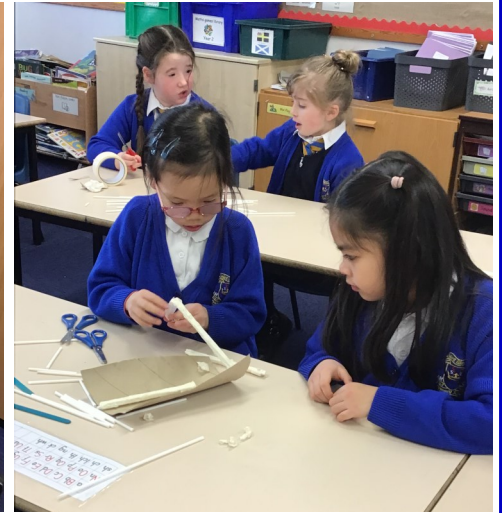
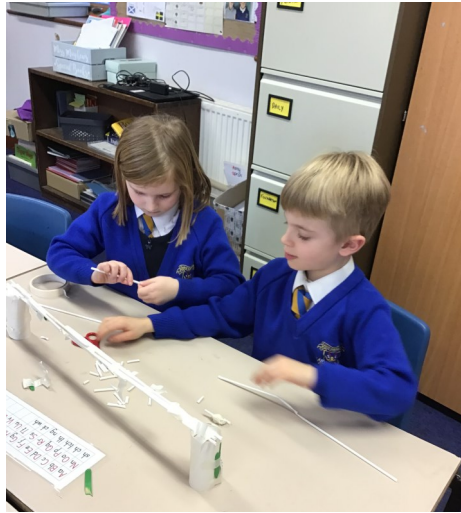
We are on the look out for any pairs of children's wellies that your child has outgrown and is no longer making use of at home. We will be talking more about wellies in the not too distant future but in the meantime, if you have any unwanted pairs, please send them into school and we will happily put them to good use.





## Year 2 DT

In DT, year 2 have been working collaboratively and have been thinking hard about how they can build a chair for Baby bear that fits the design brief of being strong, stable and stiff. They have been evaluating their work and thinking about what they will do next time to improve their designs.



## Shaping the future of Suffolk Libraries

You may be aware that Suffolk County Council is seeking library users to complete a survey sharing their thoughts about the current service. This includes a children's survey which as a school we have been asked to share with you so their parents and families can complete it. Suffolk County Council would love to hear from as many children as possible.

The survey can be accessed via the following link

<https://suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/shaping-the-future-of-library-services-2023>

## Forest School

There has been lots of fun down on the water meadow this week as the children wrapped up warm and enjoyed their forest school sessions. Year 2 had a planned focus on music - using musical instruments, creating their own music and listening to the sounds around them, which the children enjoyed.

As I'm sure you can imagine, as the temperature has dropped this week, the ice became the main focus of the children's play! Lots of imaginative play was observed. There were ice shops and ice castles created, as well as lots of ice smashing and cooking with ice too.



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## Coding Club

Every last Saturday of the month  
11am - 12pm



A great way to learn new skills in Scratch and develop advanced skills in Python. This club is aimed at 7-12 years old accompanied by an adult. All abilities welcome.

Sessions are free although booking through Ticketsource is advised

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