



**Multiply  
SUFFOLK**

## HEATING & EATING

The team from Multiply Suffolk will be back in school on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February with a workshop called: 'Heating and Eating.' This was a popular request following last term's workshop. The team will explore personal and household expenditure, building on personal budgeting skills, money saving tips and simple changes we can make to reduce our outgoings. I hope you are able to join us. To sign up, please add your name to the list in the office.

Thank you.

## KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

The class teachers start the term by sending home Knowledge Organisers which have a summary of the key facts and knowledge for our topics. We usually send home one for our topic and another for science. As well as teaching vital skills, schools are required to provide a 'knowledge-rich curriculum' so the children have a sound understanding of the world around them. The Knowledge Organisers are a way you can support the school with this. Look through the KO together with your child, then put it somewhere prominent. Check your child's ability to define the key words, and quiz them on key facts, coming back to those they are less confident with. Keep it light-hearted, but aim for your child to be able to remember all the information on the KO. Here are some further ideas:

# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

12th January 2024

Happy New Year to one and all. We hope you all had a really enjoyable festive season and a relaxing holiday. All the staff would like to say a huge, "Thank you!" for the very generous gifts they were given.



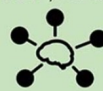

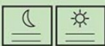







I always really enjoy the spring term at school, because it is so full of purpose and endeavour. The children feel comfortable with the routines and expectations of their classes, have formed good bonds with their class teachers and other helpers, and are gaining confidence. They tend to learn with enjoyment, produce fantastic work and make rapid progress. As ever, there's lots to look forward to—as you will see from the calendar—and we hope you'll be able to join us for some of it.

## JRSOs MEET PC JONATHON STORDY

The Junior Road Safety Officers were very excited to meet PC Jonathon Stordy this week and to quiz him about the rules of the road and about his role in helping to keep our roads safe. They were full of questions about speed limits, hit-and-runs, driving under the influence and more, and they are looking forward to feeding back their findings to the school in School Forum Assembly soon. They are also hoping to work with PC Stordy to monitor speeding in the village and are beginning to make plans about markings outside the front of the school. In the meantime, they would like to remind us all to avoid parking on the ring road by the school. Thank you.

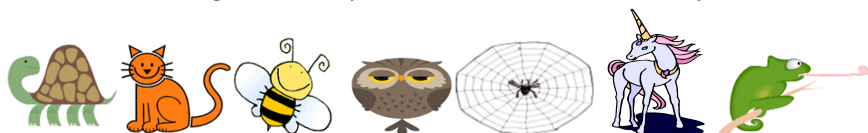
## CYGNUS WINS THE HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE!

Well done to Cygnus—the Blue House—for winning last half-term's House Point Challenge. As a reward for doing so well, all the children in Cygnus are invited to have a dress-down day on Friday 19th January. Congratulations!

	Flash Cards	Self Quizzing	Mind Maps	Paired Retrieval
Step 1	Use your KO to condense and write down key facts or information onto flash cards. 	Use your KO to create a mini quiz. Write down your questions using your KO. 	Create a mind map with all the information you can remember from your KO. 	Ask a friend or family member to have the KO or flash cards in their hands. 
Step 2	Add pictures to help support. Then self quiz using the flash cards. You could write questions on one side, and answers on the other! 	Answer the questions and remember to use full sentences. 	Check your KO to see if there are any mistakes on your mind map. 	They can test you by asking you questions on different sections of your KO. 
Step 3	Ask a friend or family member to quiz you on the knowledge. 	Ask a friend or family member to quiz you using the questions. 	Try to make connections, linking the information together. 	Write down your answers. 

## SUPPORT PLAN UPDATE MEETINGS

If your child has a support plan, we will be holding an update meeting with you over the next few weeks to go through the progress your child has made and the way their support will be adapted for the spring term. We aim to have all these meetings completed by the end of January, so if you haven't heard from your class teacher soon, please prompt them when you see them at the end of the day. Parents Evenings will take place on 7th and 8th February after school.



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## TRIP TO DUNWICH BEACH AND DUNWICH MUSEUM

On Monday 12th February, we will be taking all the children in Colorado, Congo and Yangtze Classes to Dunwich Beach and Museum as part of our topic: Blue Planet. The children will be given a tour of Dunwich by Sister Luke, who will explain what life was like at Greyfriars Abbey when the town was a bustling port. They will also visit the museum to learn about coastal erosion and the Great Storm of 1286. They will also spend time on the beach to learn about litter and plastic pollution and to compose a poem. A letter with further details will come out shortly, but if you would like to help us, please pencil the date in your diaries now.

## READING RECORDS

We love reading and we want all the children at Fressingfield Primary School to love reading too. This term, we have World Book Day to look forward to, and our committed, enthusiastic team of School Librarians and our Library Volunteers will be working with the Suffolk School Library Service to make further improvements to our library. However, we have noticed that reading is sometimes struggling to compete with the other attractions open to children—especially the ‘quick-hit’ of screens. This is problematic, not least because children who don’t read don’t develop a love of reading, but also because reading is a key indicator for academic progress across all subject areas. It really is true that, “the more a child reads, the more a child learns.”

The children’s reading records are a really important record of your child’s progress with reading, and we check them at least once a week. Our expectation is that all our children read every day, but we understand this isn’t always possible with clubs and other commitments, so our minimum requirement is that all children will read at least five times a week. Please could you ensure your child’s record is kept up -to-date with the name of the book they are reading and the page they have got to, and please make sure they are signed each week. I know that Mrs East and Miss Adamson in Waveney Class are offering reading workshops to help families make a positive early start with reading and to help get into good habits from the very beginning. For those across the school wanting more information about what they can do to support reading, please talk to your child’s teacher in the first instance.

## POLYTUNNEL—THANK YOU

I would like to offer my thanks to all those who helped us with the polytunnel over the course of the year. It hasn’t been a straightforward project (certainly not as easy as the video instructions suggest) what with uneven ground, missing ground anchors and an instruction booklet

DATE	EVENT
Sat 13th Jan	Polytunnel Working Party—Final push!
Thurs 18th Jan	School Nurse to see Year 6
Mon 22nd— Thurs 25th Jan	Bikeability—Years 5 and 6 (Two days for each group)
Fri 2nd Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Tue 6th Feb	Multiply Suffolk: Heating and Eating (9-11.15am)
Thur 8th Feb	Multiply Suffolk: Heating and Eating (1-3.15pm)
Wed 7th and Thurs 8th Feb	Parents Consultations (3.15—6pm)
Fri 9th Feb	Wilder Schools Day—Colorado Class
Fri 9th Feb	FOFSA Film Night (3.30—5pm)
Mon 12th Feb	Trip to Dunwich—Colorado, Congo, Yangtze Classes (All day)
Wed 14th Feb	Boccia Tournament
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 4th March	Orienteering Competition (12.30—2.45pm)
Fri 8th March— Sun 17th March	British Science Week
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day
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Mon 18th March	Bee Netball Tournament—Brandeston Hall (12.00 -2.45pm)
Wed 20th March	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament—Harleston Magpies (12-2.45pm)
Thur 21st March	World Poetry Day
Tue 26th March	Swimming Gala—Stradbroke Pool (11.00-1.30pm)
Mon 25th— Thur 28th March	Holy Week. Easter Celebration in church. Time and date TBC
Fri 29th March	Good Friday (Start of the Easter Holidays)

written for lots of different types of polytunnel, but we are pretty much there. All that remains for us to do is put on the sliding doors and create some beds inside. Thank you so much to all that helped, but particularly to Mrs Lyndsey who raised all the money in the first place, who gives up every Tuesday lunchtime to lead the Gardening Club and who kept us very well supplied with cups of tea and coffee and bacon sandwiches. Thank you.