# News from the Nest!



**Summer Term 2026**

## Curriculum News

This term, our topic is ***Let's Set Sail!***

We will be learning about pirates and explorers, focusing on Blackbeard and Columbus. We will make healthy wraps inspired by *The Light House Keeper's Lunch* and exploring the properties of materials to design our own pirate ships. We will be learning about animals and their babies, looking after our own class caterpillars. After the May half term break, we will be travelling across the oceans and continents, making maps and exploring hot and cold places. We will dive into the oceans to explore the different layers and the animals that live there. We will create our own ocean weavings and discuss the importance of protecting our oceans.

## Reading

We will continue to send home Essential Reads every Friday. Please write a quick comment in your child's communication diary to show that this has been read together so that we can sign it off and your child can work towards their certificates.

Decodable phonics books will now also be coming home every Friday too. These are for your child to practice reading to you.

Lexia accounts should now be working. Login details are in the back of communication diaries. It will ask for an email address – please use the following: lexia@elveden.com

## Ava

All the required training and paperwork is now complete, and we are excited to announce that Ava will be joining us in the Barn Owl Nest every Wednesday this term!

We look forward to Paws Therapy sessions and lots of fun Wellie Walks with her!



## PE

PE day with our coach, Jamie, will continue to be on Tuesdays. Please can the children come into school wearing PE kit on this day.

Throughout the week, the children will be using balance bikes and taking part in additional PE activities, but they will not need to be in PE kits.

## Bits and Bobs

Freshly baked, healthy snacks are available for children to buy for 50p every breaktime. These don't need to be ordered – just bring 50p into school on the day.

First Aid slips for minor injuries will be stapled into communication diaries so please keep a look out. For head bumps and major injuries, we will ring home.

We have a Speech and Language Therapy student on placement with us for the next 5 weeks – Miss Winfield.

## Summer Enrichment

We may only have ten weeks left, but it is a busy term filled with lots of fun enrichment activities. Please keep a look out for more information on activities such as Forest School, Father's Day Breakfast, Colour Runs, beach trips and lots more besides...!

Mrs Maguire will keep you posted with her Weekly Roundup emails.