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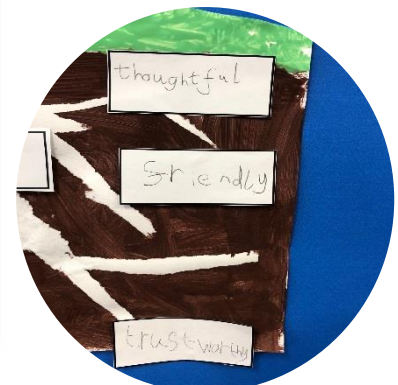
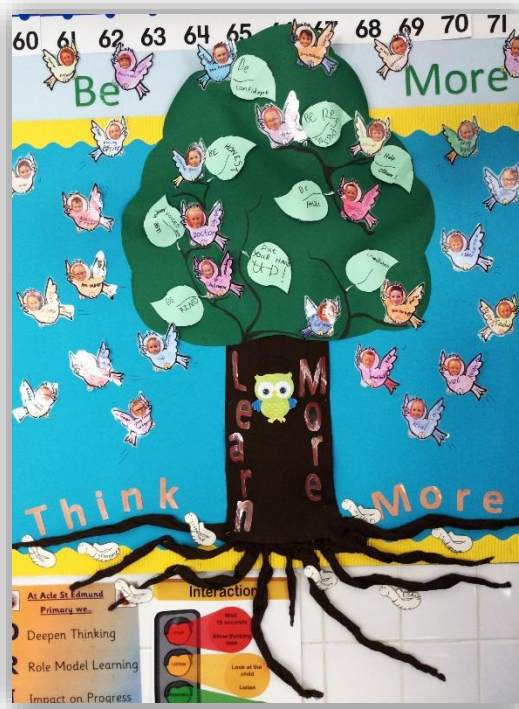
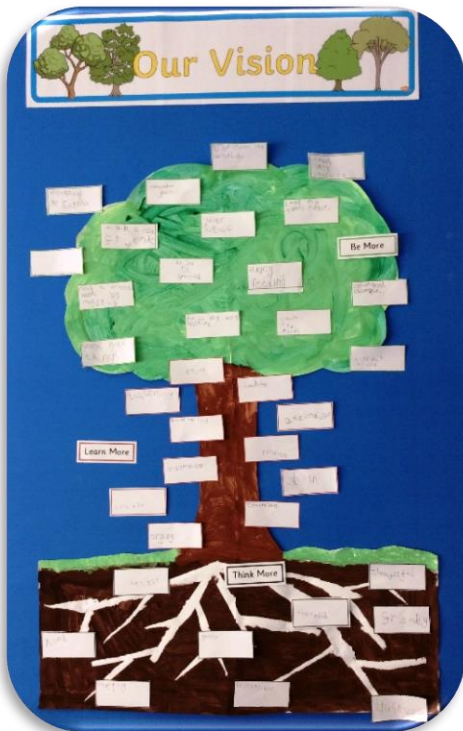
Welcome back to school

Once again, we extend a really warm welcome to everyone at the start of this new academic year at Acle Primary; to all the children who have returned after the summer holidays and have moved up a class, as well as to those who have joined us from other schools.

Vision and values

The staff and pupils have all been thinking about the school's vision and values, exploring our motto: *Learn More, Think More, Be More* in the context of the parable of the mustard tree.

In this parable, which is our key biblical text as a Church of England Primary school, the tiny seed is nurtured well and grows into a flourishing healthy tree, full of life and vitality. Each class has taken time to explore what we feel this means for us as a school, thinking about our core values (Think More), what makes for a fantastic learning environment (Learn More) and how we can aim for the very best in all we do (Be More). Here are some examples of the displays which have been put up to help us remember what we have been thinking about as we start the new academic year:



Parent information meetings with class teachers

We will be holding some short information meetings for parents at the start of the academic year. These meetings will take place next week, straight after school, just for half an hour.

The purpose of the meetings will be for teachers to explain in a bit more detail the cross curricular thematic work the children will be doing, and talking to you about routines and expectations, including home / school communication and how you can support your child's learning. The meeting will give you a chance to ask any questions and to chat to your child's teacher informally, should you wish to do so.

Monday 9th – 3.40 to 4.10pm for parents of pupils in Years 3 and 4 (everyone to meet together in Miss Bode's room)

Wednesday 11th – 3.40 to 4.10pm for parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 (everyone to meet together in Mrs Lloyd / Miss Owen's room)

Thursday 12th – 3.40 to 4.10pm for parents of pupils in Years 1 and 2 (we shall hold the meeting in Mrs Tovell's class, and will supervise any children who want to watch a DVD next door in Mrs Welch's class during the meeting)

There will be a similar meeting for parents of **Reception pupils on Thursday 26 September**, once the children have settled in. Parents will meet in Mrs Welch's room **between 3.40 and 4.10pm**, with pupils given the option of watching a short film, supervised, in Mrs Tovell's room whilst the meeting is taking place.

Attendance letter

Please take time to read the school's annual attendance letter which explains the importance of good attendance at school, as well as the school's position when parents request leave of absence for children during term time.

Assembly theme

Our assembly theme for this half term will be Friendship. We will explore this theme at other times during the school week too, such as during class reflection times. In this week's assembly we reminded ourselves of our school's Golden Rules, which we were all able to remember. They are very straight forward, easy to learn and (by keeping to them) we are making sure that we are treating other people as we would like to be treated ourselves.

KS1 / KS2 snack, water bottle and PE kit reminders:

Rec / KS1 will continue to have their free fruit snacks each morning, as they have done for the last few years.

In KS2, children can either bring in one healthy snack for their morning break (if they wish), such as a cereal bar, flap jack, fruit or chopped vegetables. No crisps or chocolate items please. Alternatively, they can buy up to one food and one drink item from the healthy tuck trolley (organised by the Eats staff). As each item at the tuck shop is 25p, children are not allowed to bring in more than 50p on any given day.

For information and advice about healthy snacks, you may want to visit the change4life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>

We have also reminded children to bring in a water bottle each day and to have PE kit ready for the days when they have PE or Games.

Music tuition

We were really pleased with the quality of the music tuition provided last year by the Norfolk Music Hub. Whole Class music lessons will continue this year, starting with Year 4 (Autumn term), followed by two other Year groups getting a term's worth of tuition. Year 4's lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons this term; more details about their music ensemble work will follow shortly.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

We are organising some lunch time sports activities from next week:

Tuesdays – cross country practice with Mr Henery (KS2)

Thursdays – cross country practice with Mr Pickett (Year 1 and 2)

Both of these sessions will start next week, with pupils needing to get changed into outdoor running clothes at the very start of lunch time. They will then have their lunch after the practice. We will choose our team for the Cluster cross country competition later this half term from those pupils who have been regularly attending these practices.

On Wednesday lunch times (also starting next week) Mr Pickett will be organising and running a friendly football competition for Year 4 - 6 pupils, with teams of four playing against each other each week. Our new pupil sports leaders will also be involved in running this fun event this term.

Mrs Taylor will be starting netball practices for Year 5 and 6 pupils on Wednesday lunchtimes in a couple of weeks' time.

Mark Brown will be coming in next Tuesday afternoon to give all pupils, from Year 3 - 6, a taster session of Judo in the school hall. He runs a Judo club which takes place at Acle Academy - letters will be given out to all pupils in those year groups to see if any of them would like to join the club this term.

Mr Pickett will be running his multi skills club on Wednesdays, straight after school. All places have been filled, but we shall add any new names on the waiting list.

We are trying to establish another club for younger pupils on a Tuesday after school. More details to follow very soon.

Finally, swimming lessons for Year 4 will start from next Thursday at the Sportspark pool at UEA.



Keep an eye out for our email next week letting you know how to book tickets.

Dates for your diary

Music lessons begin w/c 16 September

Year 6 transition day at Acle Academy 20 Sept

Height and weight - Year 6 24 Sept

Year 5 and 6 Gressenhall trip 26 Sept

Individual and siblings photographs 2 Oct

Cluster cross country competition (Fairhaven) 11 Oct

Parents Evenings 14 and 17 Oct

Bell ringing workshop for Year 5/6 15 Oct

Cross curricular science day 16 Oct

Harvest Festival at Acle St Edmund church 18 Oct

Reminder – please can any Owl Club questionnaires be returned asap. (These were sent out last term).

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