

Friday 18th October

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our fantastic students and parents/carers. We have been very busy this half term and have lots of exciting news to share!

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Car parking/drop off & pick up times

As a result of our school growing, the school grounds are much busier and there are more vehicles arriving at drop off & pick up times. Please can we ask that all parents show consideration to other drivers and take care when entering the carpark and the grounds. Can we also remind you that all students need to stick to the footpaths for their own safety. If possible, please park in the carpark outside the gate as there will be lots of taxis inside.

Sad goodbyes

This term, we have to say a sad goodbye to Mr Sam, Mrs Sutherland & Miss Rhodes. Valued members of the team, we will miss them and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

School Dinners

We have our menu for September through to the February half term which is available at the school office. By now, you will have had your menu choice links via Microsoft forms online for the first 3 weeks of the new half-term.

We are going to be asking parents to help their child to make dinner choices once every 3 weeks or Class Teachers will complete them in school. We would like dinner choices back as soon as possible. Children can choose between the dessert or the fruit option for pudding. We will not be

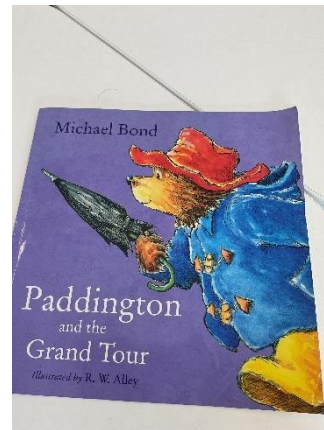
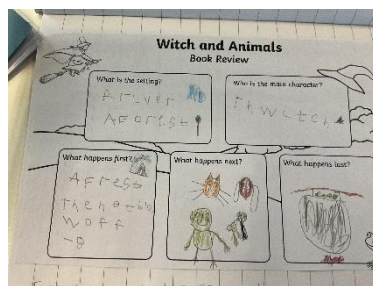


offering desserts/fruit to children who have bought a packed lunch that day. We do offer snacks to all children during the day and this includes fruit.

Class updates

Holly Class

Within Holly class this half term we have focused on Fairy Tales and well-known stories within our English lessons. We have extended this across all areas to embed the learning further. All the children have engaged well and retold or acted out these stories. They have also been complete superstars with swimming lessons, and we've loved seeing their confidence grow over the last few weeks.



Redwood Class



Redwood Class have been having lots of fun in the great outdoors, including going to the local park and enjoying our fantastic on-site Forest School facilities. They have also been creating some 'Starry Night' artwork in the style of Van Gogh.

Hawthorn Class

Hawthorn class have been enjoying their artwork this half term and have been creating work in the style of Jackson Pollock with some live-action painting.

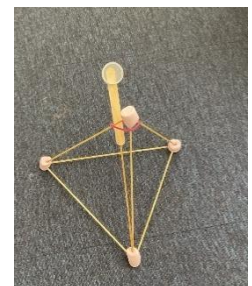


Beech Class

BEECH CLASS CATAPULT CHALLENGE

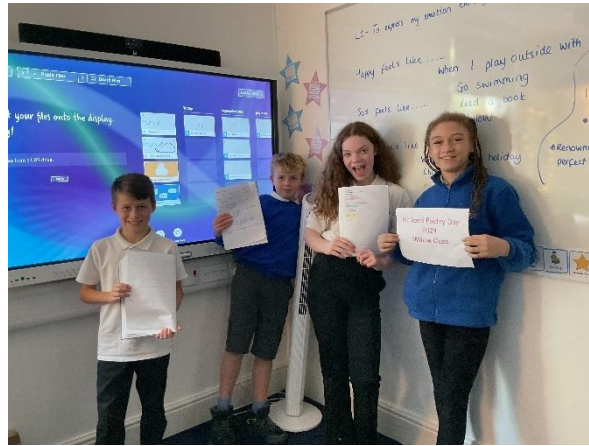
In design and technology this term Beech class have been researching, designing and making catapults. We choose to make catapult as they were first used by the Ancient Greeks, who we have been studying in history this term.

We had fun testing them out by launching mini marshmallow and skittles projectiles:



Willow Class

Willow Class have really enjoyed making Greek vases as part of art, exploring the world by using a globe as part of Geography & celebrating World Poetry Day together this half term.



Oak Class

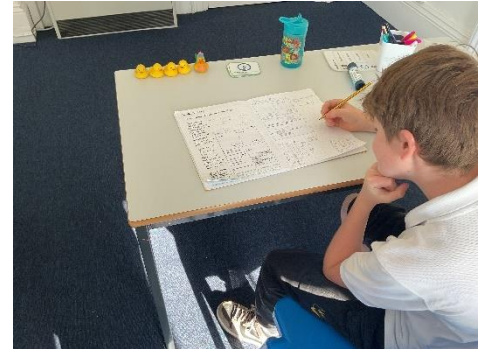
In Oak Class, we have tasted Greek food and made our own Greek salad, hummus and flatbread. We have experimented with art work in the style of different artists including Van Gogh and Ben Mosely. We have created a bug hotel in forest school and learnt about light and shade during our work in science. We have studied lots of fairy tales and written our own fantastic fairy tales with new characters.



Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch, the boys have sharpened up their culinary skills in Design and Technology. Here is a picture of them enjoying their chicken gyros. They have also enjoyed their science investigation, looking at how moon craters are formed and if gravitational pull affects the size of the impact.

Lime Class



In Lime class this half term we have enjoyed getting to know each other, with many board games along the way! We have all produced fantastic pieces of work, in particular writing amazing tales in English, starting algebra in maths and we have also created some beautiful artwork. We have enjoyed planning our project in DT and adapting a food item of our choice to make it more nutritious. Walking to the Co-Op for our ingredients and getting in the kitchen to cook and bake was a half-term highlight for us!

TT Rockstars

Just a reminder that all pupils now have logins for TT Rockstars and we are having a competition between the classes to see who can score the most points so don't forget to get practising at home!

PE kit/Forest School kit

For PE lessons, please can you make sure that your child has a royal blue PE t-shirt, appropriate bottoms & suitable footwear in school at all times. PE t-shirts are available from the school office.

As we are now offering all pupils Forest School, they also need to have appropriate clothes to wear in all weather conditions (e.g. waterproof shoes) and these will need to stay in school.

Upcoming Events

Framework Knitters Museum: Next half-term, we are really lucky to be visiting the Framework Knitters Museum to learn more about the history of our local area. This trip will take place on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November depending on what class your child is in. Please can you make sure that you return the completed consent form for this if you have not already done so.

Winter treat to the panto: In addition, the whole school will be going via coach to Loughborough Town Hall to see a production of Snow White (oh no they aren't, oh yes they are!) This will take place on the final day of the half term in the morning during school hours. More details to follow soon!

Parent-Teacher Meetings: These will be held on the 26th November. Please keep an eye out for appointment slips as this is a great chance to discuss your child's progress and areas for development with their teachers.

Christmas Jumper Day: This year again we hope to embrace Christmas Jumper Day (Date to be announced) to raise money for charity! It's always a fun day full of sparkle and festive cheer.

A message from Mrs Austin:

As we come to the end of another exciting half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful achievements and activities that have taken place over the past few months. This half term has been full of energy, growth, and fun! A big well done to all our students for their hard work and thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive parents and carers for making this term a success. The children have all settled well in new classes with their new classmates, environments, and staff. We've introduced Forest School into our curriculum which has proved a huge success & would like to say a big thank- you to the hard work of Mrs Partlett. As a school we are growing fast with 40 pupils and 8 classes and next term hope to open our 9th class. I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Remember the Firework Code below.

Mrs Austin.



Dates for your diary: Autumn term 2

First day of term: Monday 4th November

Whole school trip to Framework Knitters Museum- Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November

Tuesday 26th November- Parent/Teacher Meetings

Pantomime trip- Friday 20th December

Last day of term- Friday 20th December

Half-Term Holiday- 23rd December-5th January

Yours faithfully,

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