

TUDOR TIMES



Message From The Class Teachers...

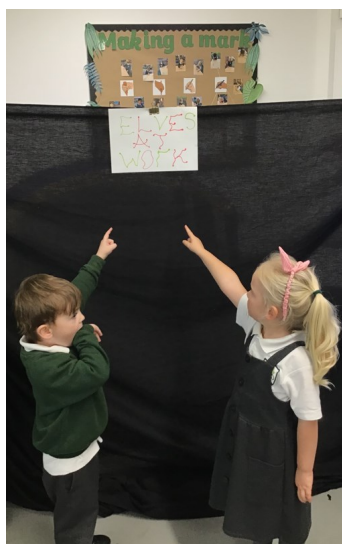
Miss Harris - 'Seedlings Class' - Nursery

Wow! The Seedlings never stop amazing me with their skills and their enthusiasm! We have been looking at colours and the different way people around the world use colours and light to celebrate.

We have talked about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas and other celebrations where colour is a main focus. We have mixed colours, explored things that are the same colour and looked at how and why things change colour (leaves on trees, bananas turning brown, muddy hands etc).



We have had so much fun decorating our classroom ready for Christmas celebrations. We talked about the shapes of the decorations, the colours of the baubles and how they are shiny. We used our Maths skills to describe the baubles using vocabulary such as curved, sides and pointy.



We have had some magical visitors in Nursery this month. Father Christmas sent us our very own elves. They have reminded us about behaviour expectations and our class golden rules and have had lots of fun in the classroom with the children.

The children have been reading lots of books based on the theme of colour. They have really enjoyed learning about colours, sorting colours and adapting the colours in the stories to suit the stories they have written themselves.

The last weeks of the term have been very crafty, with lots of glitter and sparkles! We hope you enjoy the things we have made for you.

Next term we are looking at **'Our Planet'** and space, rockets, looking after our planet and different parts of our world.

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Dates For Your Diary

Spring

INSET (Teacher Training Day): Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th January 2023

INSET (Teacher Training Day): Monday 23rd January 2023

Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 3rd April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023

Summer

Term Starts: Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

INSET (Teacher Training Day): Friday 30th June 2023

Term Ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

Warwickshire County Council 2022/2023 Term Dates are available

here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/2

*please note that on INSET days the Academy is closed for staff training. Further INSET days are to be confirmed



Miss Wood and Mr Crockett - 'Hazel Class' - Reception

This half term Hazel Class have really enjoyed the topic of 'Sparkle and Shine.' We have been looking at lots of different celebrations from Diwali, Hanukah, Bonfire Night, birthdays around the world and Christmas. We had a week of World Cup fever as two of our class selected Japan and Morocco out of Mis Middletons' magic bag and we enjoyed learning more about these countries, their cultures and of course football teams. The children also made poppy wreaths and took part in Remembrance Day to honour those who have made the biggest sacrifices to keep us safe. Finally, we celebrated Children in Need with a fancy dress day to help raise money for the charity.



Reception have been working exceptionally hard in our maths as we develop a mastery approach. They've been busy solving problems such as finding different ways to make five with counters and have been stretching their brains to develop a deeper knowledge of number. We have also learnt about positional and directional language by programming the Beebots and have enjoyed making patterns with the natural objects we collected from our Autumn walk. We even looked at lots of numerals on football shirts and the children were looking at how to write and represent these!



Hazel Class were very excited with the launch of our NumBots program so please keep this up at home!



True to the name of our topic we certainly have been sparkly and shiny as there's been lots of creative tasks and glitter galore. For example, the children have made Bonfire Night collages, clay diva lamps and Christmas decorations.

We've been busy learning lots of new letter sounds (phonemes) and have practiced writing these every day as well as learning lots of tricky words too. Hazel have enjoyed listening to lots of texts and one of our favourites was 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae which we read during Anti-Bullying Week where we celebrated our kind words. Over the last few weeks, we've had some super independent writing from the children as we've been filling our class post box with lots of amazing letters, cards, envelopes and stamps.

In our last week, the children had a great time enjoying the snow, making Christmas biscuits, reindeer food and they have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts! We've been oh so busy practicing our Christmas show and we're all eagerly waiting for the Christmas holidays.





Miss J Middleton - 'Willow Class' - Year One

What a wonderful half term we have had in Willows with walks, visits, DT projects and lots of learning. We have enjoyed immersing ourselves into new subjects this half term, including Geography and Design and Technology. We have developed our understanding of where we are in our world through exploring globes, atlases and using birds-eye view maps. We enjoyed a fantastic welly walk around Meon Vale and identified physical and human features in our local area.

The children have been hard at work in Design and Technology designing and making a moving Christmas card. This process started right back in October, and we are so excited to finally share our final creations with you when we bring them home for Christmas. Each design is unique and special, with some children choosing to make a pivot, some a lever and some a wheel.



Computing has been one of our favourite lessons recently, as we have now developed the skills needed to be able to use the lap-tops, which has been very exciting! Although logging in can still be tricky with lots of different keys to press, we are getting better and better every time.

We have been loving learning about animal groups in Science. We even brought in a photograph of our pets or favourite animals from home to sort into the correct group and identify the features. We discovered that most of us have mammals at home! Ask us about different animals and we'll teach you what we have learnt about them.



A few weeks ago, we also enjoyed walking over the road to the Pavilion where we learnt about how the food we donated at Harvest has been used. We even got to help pack food parcels, thinking carefully about what families would need to make a filling meal.

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Miss L Hodges - 'Birch Class' - Year Two

The children in Birch Class have had a wonderful half term and are continuing to work hard, learn lots and have fun.

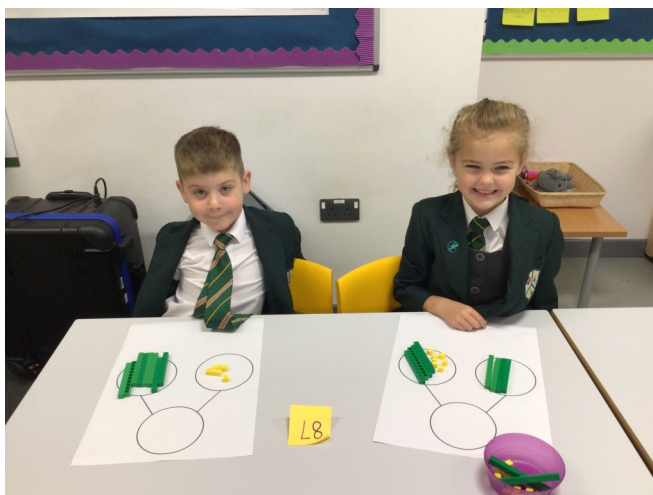
They have been working extremely hard over the last few weeks to learn their lines for the nativity and have been singing the songs at every opportunity. We hope you enjoyed our nativity performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem' this week!

Our Geography topic this half term has been 'On Our Doorstep'. Within this unit of work, we have been exploring our local town of Stratford-upon-Avon. The children enjoyed using the atlases to explore maps of the United Kingdom to locate Stratford-upon-Avon and were very excited to use Google Maps on the iPads to locate some of the famous landmarks in the town, including Shakespeare's Birthplace, the River Avon and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. They loved the satellite view feature of Google Maps and were able to confidently use it to explore the town.



The children have also enjoyed continuing to explore the work of Kandinsky. They created their own artwork in the style of this famous artist and replicated his concentric circles to create their trees. They are also looking forward to bringing home their 2023 calendars, which also show their individual interpretations of this famous piece of art.

We have been consolidating some of our Maths learning and enjoyed using base ten to see how we could partition 2-digit numbers in different ways.



We also had a fantastic visit from Anne who works for HSBC Bank. Anne told us lots of interesting things about what it is like to work in a bank. She talked to us about the importance of saving our money and not always spending it. We talked about what we might want to save up for.



Miss D Begg - 'Pine Class' - Year Three

This term, Pine Class have had a fantastic end to 2022! We have had lots of fun preparing for Christmas and practicing for our Christmas Carol concert, which we were excited to share with our friends and families.

The children have enjoyed reading and exploring 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy in their English lessons and have loved creating marvellous pieces of writing based on the story, including a letter to persuade the terrible witch to return the happy endings to their rightful place. We are excited to finally finish the book and find out what happens to the happy endings for once and for all.

In Maths, the children have worked hard when learning column addition and subtraction for 3-digit numbers! They have enjoyed solving addition and subtraction problems and using mini whiteboards to draw their workings out.

In Science, Pine Class have been learning about light including sources of light, reflection and how shadows are made. Did you know that the moon is not a source of light but reflects light from the sun?

The children have enjoyed investigating different materials to find out which ones reflect the most light. We found out that kitchen foil, a mirror or a CD would all be good materials to have on a book bag at night. We also enjoyed investigating reflections in mirrors and creating amazing mirror art, mosaics, and messages.



For Anti-Bullying Week, Pine Class really enjoyed creating friendship flowers. They thought about all the ways of being a good friend; understanding the importance of always being kind and respectful to one another.

This term we also had the chance to learn about different countries for the world cup! Pine Class really enjoyed finding out fantastic facts about Germany and France! Did you know that France's biggest house spider is called the Banana Spider? We are excited to follow France's journey through the world cup!



Finally, the children were amazed to see we had our very own Christmas tree in our classroom and loved getting the chance to decorate it themselves!



Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term and reflect on the academic year so far, there is so much that has been done for us all to be proud of. With your support, our pupils have raised over £400 through planned events for charitable causes. These events enable our pupils to demonstrate all our core values through lived experiences and support their personal development. As a school community over £900 was raised through the Joe Roebuck sports event and this money will be used to purchase additional PE equipment for all ages across the school.

Our PTA continue to work tirelessly to ensure there are opportunities for pupils to enjoy activities and events that are fun and engaging. We would like to thank our PTA members for all they do in the background to help make all that they do such a success.

In the spirit of this special time of the year, we reflect on the importance of togetherness, love and hope, especially when there are challenges to overcome in our lives. Our pupils have contributed to sharing this message through their Christmas Nativity and performances and they all did this so well! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a peaceful, safe and happy time with your families and friends over this holiday period. We send you our best wishes for a wonderful New Year and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Winter Water Safety:

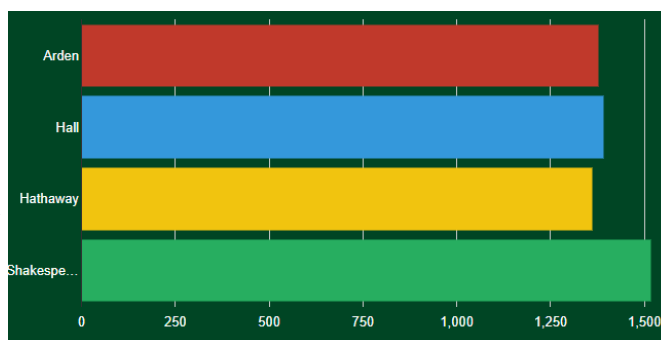
Amidst our preparations for the holiday period and Christmas celebrations, we hold in our thoughts the children who lost their lives in the tragedy in Solihull and their families. Please find attached a Winter Safety Booklet published by The Royal Life Saving Society UK.

Strep A/Scarlet Fever:

We appreciate the rise in Strep A and Scarlet Fever cases will continue to be a concern. Please be assured we are following guidance issued to schools and will keep you informed as required. Attached is a letter from the UK Health Security Agency that has been sent as a further point of reference for your information.

House Point Awards:

We are pleased to announce Shakespeare House have won this half-term with 1516 house points! Well done to all our Houses for the efforts made in achieving their house points. As part of our house system pupils are awarded milestone certificates for multiples of 25 house points. These have been awarded in the end of term Achievement Assembly and teachers will continue to award these certificates as pupils reach their milestone points in the school year.



Breakfast Club:

Mrs Johnson will be leading in the Breakfast Club after the half-term break as Miss Watkins will be seconded to another Tudor Grange Primary School in the Spring Term.

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