

TUDOR TIMES



Message From The Class Teachers...

Miss S Harris— 'Seedlings Class' - Nursery



It has been very hot and this in nursery means lots of exciting ice play, opportunities to explore with water play and making amazing water tunnels and games.

This term has been all about getting ready for Reception for our pre-schoolers and building a great foundation for learning for our youngest members who will stay with us next year.



We have had a great time focussing on nursery rhymes and looking at words that rhyme through our topic this term and have learned lots about dragons.

One thing we pride ourselves on in Seedlings is the manners the children have and the respect for each other that the children show even at such an early age. This was shown amazingly well in our sports day where the children cheered on their friends, supported those who struggled with activities and boosted each other's confidence sharing smiles and kind words.



Dates For Your Diary

Autumn

INSET (Teacher Training Day): Monday 5th September 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th September 2022

INSET (Teacher Training Day): Friday 30th September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022

Term Ends: Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

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

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



Mrs Wood, Mrs Cotton and Mrs Burroughs — 'Little Oaks' - Reception

Little Oaks have continued to soar this half term with our topic on the Great Outdoors. We have had so much fun going on minibeast hunts in the playground and exploring what insects we have in our local environment. The children especially loved all the caterpillars we found munching the leaves on the trees and we've enjoyed learning about different types of caterpillars and butterfly like the Monarch and Peacock butterflies. Did you know there is even a White Cabbage Butterfly and we even found caterpillars that will turn into moths!

At the start of term, we found some beans that mysteriously appeared in our classroom and after reading the text Jack and the Beanstalk we decided to plant beans of our own! We have been so busy looking after our plants and learning about what they need to grow. In our investigation area we explored different types of seeds and carried out an experiment to see what happened to beans with no water, too much water and just a little water! The children can tell you the rest! We have read lots of other texts such as 'Fran's Flower' and 'Sam Plants a Sunflower' and have enjoyed learning facts from information books too!



In Maths, we started the term by exploring how to make new shapes before moving on to the unit 'Find My Pattern'. In this we learned about doubling, odd and even numbers and making equal and unequal amounts by sharing and grouping. The children have loved all the practical Maths tasks especially sharing the flowers from our flower shop roleplay. We have read lots of books to help with our mathematical understanding and reasoning and the class loved the story of Alison Hubble who went to bed single and woke up double. We also loved having a teddy bear's picnic to help develop our skills of sharing equally into parts! Mathematics has continued too and we celebrated with some children now achieving gold awards WOW - keep this up through the holidays!

Another huge success of this half term was our Meon Vale Sports Day, where the children enjoyed taking part in all the activities in their house teams. Thank you for all the support from the spectators too!



We enjoyed a visit from the RNLI who talked to all the children about water safety and the importance of keeping safe near rivers and the sea when we are enjoying our days out in the summer holidays.



Well done Little Oaks for all your amazing efforts and hard work. Enjoy the summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Year 1.



Miss J Middleton— 'Willow Class' - Year One

Here we are at the end of another year already and what a fantastic year it has been! We have had a wonderful final half term together in Year 1 growing together and having fun. Inside of school, we have loved exploring new topics in Maths, like time and money. Our lessons have been very practical and engaging; we have made our own clocks and even opened our own Willows Shop. Throughout this half term we have discovered the history of toys. We are now confident in creating timelines of toys throughout history, including our favourite baby toys and our parents' and grandparents' favourite baby toys. The children have loved the process of designing and making their own car garage or chair for a bear using junk modelling resources. They were counting down the weeks until it was finally making day; their creations were great!



We have also spent time this term taking part in various experiences. Our trip to the St Modwen building site was very exciting. Willow Class had the opportunity to not only see the different machines in action on the site but they also got to sit in an excavator, with their own St Modwen high viz jackets and building gloves.

Our School Parliament and Vice House Captains had the opportunity to visit MPs at Stratford District Council to learn about what it's like to lead a group of people and be a role model. The children returned to school buzzing with ideas and excitement and with goody bags too!

Sports Day was the perfect way to round off the year for Willows. Being able to work within their houses, cheer on their friends and have their key adults there to support them. Every child had a super morning and are already asking when the next Sports Day will be.



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Willows, I am so proud of the way you have shown determination through your learning this year, the way in which you have represented our class and your school at various different trips and events and the way in which you have supported each other with a smile on your faces.

You are all ready for the next step of your journey, after a well deserved summer break!



Miss L Hodges — 'Birch Class' - Year Two

The children in Birch Class have had a fabulous final half term of this academic year! Where has this past year gone?! It only seems like yesterday we were all arriving at our brand new school building and now we are preparing for the summer holidays and looking forward to being in Year 3.

The children have enjoyed reading 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann in their English lessons and loved finding out about polar bears. We found out some very interesting facts and the children enjoyed writing non-chronological reports about this wonderful creature. Did you know that a polar bear's skin is black and their fur is transparent?

In Art, Birch Class have been learning about the famous artist William Morris who was well known for creating artwork that reflects the beauty of nature. Some of his designs were made into wallpaper and the children loved having a go at replicating some of his artwork. They created their own art in the style of 'Trellis' and loved using polystyrene tiles to create their very own prints. Some of them were definitely good enough to be made into wallpaper!

Birch Class also enjoyed becoming honorary members of the St Modwen Homes team, when they were invited to visit the building site on Bailey Avenue. The children had a super time learning about the foundations of a house and the different materials and equipment needed to make houses. They also enjoyed looking at the different machinery used by the builders.

Finally, how could we forget Sports Day! The children displayed their brilliant throwing, balancing, running, jumping and hurdling skills when completing the different activities and were fantastic sportsmen and women, showing excellent sportsmanship by encouraging and supporting each other. What a busy half term it has been!





Message from the Principal

As I write our last Tudor Times newsletter to you for this academic year, there is so much that we should all feel proud of that has been achieved together. We have developed firm foundations to further build our successes on as we leave for the summer break. This year we have:

- Developed our core values and school code
- Developed our House System—congratulations to **HALL** our winning house team 2021-2022!
- Developed opportunities for our pupils to experience rich learning opportunities through their lessons, visits and visitors
- Introduced pupil leadership roles through a democratic process. We look forward to developing the active participation of pupils in their roles as they grow into them through developing their knowledge, skills and experiences
- Developed strong partnerships with our parents and wider community

We enjoyed inviting our PTA to our assembly yesterday to present to the children two amazing trophies, a House Team Trophy and a Weekly Class Attendance Trophy. This is a wonderful legacy from their first year and we are grateful to all our PTA members and all our parent(s)/carer(s) for your support.



Community news

We are very lucky to have the facilities of the Pavilion Coffee Shop in our community. There will be activities hosted outside at the Pavilion Coffee Shop on Fridays (11am—1.00pm).

From 5th to 26th August, the Pavilion Coffee shop will have various activities include mask making and storytelling by the RSC, magic and singing, Tread the Board Theatre Company performing The Three Musketeers, rounders, horse racing, bouncy castle. Please note: the Pavilion Coffee Shop are also running their 'Treat a Friend' offer over the summer holidays. Please see information in the leaflet.

October Half-Term Holiday Camp

We have enjoyed the support of Premier Active Coaching throughout the school year with our specialist PE teaching and school events. Last year, one of the things parents expressed an interest in was opportunities for the children to have holiday activities to attend at the school. We are pleased to extend our partnership with Premier Active Coaching into school holiday periods. Please see the leaflet attached for further information.

Finally

I would like to thank all our parents(s)/carer(s) for your support and partnerships throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful summer break with your families and friends and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th September.

Kind regards,

Mrs Powar