

TUDOR TIMES



Message From The Class Teachers...

Miss Harris - 'Seedlings Class' - Nursery

Phew! What another busy term we have had in Seedlings. We have been concentrating on our theme of amazing animals. We read the story of 'Dear Zoo' and thought about the vocabulary used in the story to describe them. We then made our own book of mixed-up animals that we had to send back to the zoo. We had so much fun creating our animals!



We have also been thinking about different habitats that animals live in, including safari and woodland animals. We even went under the sea to investigate the different creatures that live there. We decorated fish using different materials for our under-water scene.



We have been really enjoying our Maths activities, we have spent lots of time subitising (being able to see and say a small amount of objects without counting) and playing lots of games. We have also been thinking about the size of different objects in terms of length and height.

The children have been involved with lots of physical development activities this term enjoying the playdoh, dot painting, using the tweezers to pick up small objects, threading and using chalk and paintbrushes on the playground.



Our huge thank you to Mrs Hood and the Nursery Team for providing the children with their inspiring learning experiences during Spring Term 2.

Miss Harris will be back from the start of the Summer Term.

Dates For Your Diary

Summer Term 1 and 2

Term Starts: Monday 17th April 2023

Parental Consultation Meetings:

25th (3:00pm—6:00pm) and 27th April (5:00pm—7:30pm)

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023 (includes bank holiday)

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

Term Ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 12:00 midday.

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

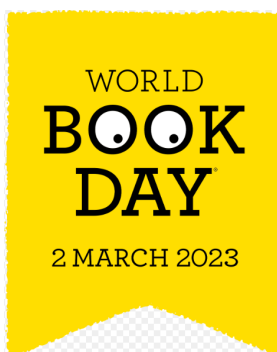
Wow what another amazing half term of fun and learning in Reception as the children have been enthralled in our 'Incredible Eggs' topic. The first week saw a mystery egg appear in our class and Hazel Class took very good care to keep it warm and safe until it hatched. The children built nests with all sorts of different mediums such as straw, sticks, twigs and playdoh. We made our own eggs using marbling inks and the children were excited to make predictions about what could be inside the egg.



Once hatched we found a dragon inside and began to explore how to look after it as a pet. Our learning then began to soar into the skies as we read the 'Zog' stories and even transformed our class role play into woodland campsite. The children enjoyed creating their own egg box and junk model dragons which have been proudly displayed in our classroom since.

We have been fascinated to learn about other living things which hatch from eggs and have been fact finding using information texts. We have been busy authors this week creating our own information books full of fascinating facts. Did you know that a baby chick can cheep from inside the egg for the mummy hen to hear!

Our marvellous Maths has continued this half term with the children exploring number bonds to ten and one more and one less. Please keep practicing these at home as it really does help with the children's rapid recall! We loved exploring 3D shapes too learning their names and properties such as which could roll, slide or roll and slide! The children were phenomenal at building using the 3D shapes and explaining their reasoning for selecting certain shapes to construct with, there were rockets zooming and tall towers unfaltering all around the class!



We were all inspired by our visiting author Cat Weatherill who took our children on a magical journey through her story telling and role play.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for sending the children to school in their amazing World Book Day costumes.

This term has also seen the children having a Mother's Day craft afternoon, it's wonderful to welcome our families into school!

Thank you all for another half term of fabulous interest, effort, curiosity and kindness Hazel Class! We hope you all have a superb holiday and look forward to hearing all about your adventures next term!

An extra special BIG thank you from Miss Wood for all your amazing ideas and super smiles each day!

Our extra special thank you to Miss Wood for her contributions towards supporting our Reception classes during her time with us. We wish Miss Wood every success in her new role.





Miss J Middleton - 'Willow Class' - Year One

Our half term started in an unexpected way when a spaceship crash-landed in our school playground. The children investigated what had happened and discovered that it was the alien from our new English text, 'Beegu'!

Willow Class enjoyed writing a letter to Beegu's Mum, letting her know that she is safe on Earth with us and telling her some of the adventures Beegu has been on. We also enjoyed writing a set of instructions for how to make slime. We made our own slime in the classroom so that we knew every step; it was so much fun!



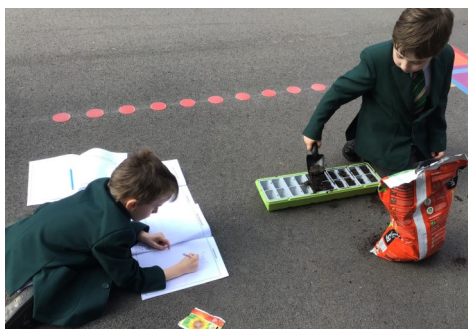
In Maths, Willow Class have been learning about addition and subtraction, place value within 50 and length and height. The children have had lots of practical opportunities to support their mathematical thinking. They made groups of ten using straws to support their understanding of counting in tens and they have used cubes and then rulers to develop their measuring skills.



Willow Class have been making the most of the Spring weather and have enjoyed activities in the outdoors. Shakespeare Birthplace Trust came to visit a few weeks ago. We made bug houses with them using natural resources found within our school grounds. After this, the children took a real interest in the wildlife surrounding us and decided that they wanted to get some bird feeders to hang in the trees to encourage different birds to visit school. The children helped Miss Strachan prepare the feeders and place them in the trees outside our classroom windows.



In Science, we have been learning about plants. This topic will also continue after the Easter break. This week the children planted sunflower seeds into a windowsill greenhouse. After Easter we hope that the seeds will have begun to shoot so that we can re-plant them outside into our pots on the playground. Over the next half term we will look after and watch our sunflowers grow and document the process in our Sunflower Diaries.



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Miss L Hodges - 'Birch Class' - Year Two

We have had another fantastic half term in Birch Class and have loved all of our learning.

In Geography this half term, Year 2 have been learning about the continents of the world. They learnt a song to help them remember the names of the continents and have enjoyed using the playground markings map to help them locate each of the seven continents of the world. Year 2 have learnt that we live in the United Kingdom, which is in Europe and have also learnt about climate and how this is affected by the location of a country compared to the Equator. They have also been using atlases to help them locate the mountain ranges that can be found in each of the continents.

Year 2 have loved their Design Technology lessons this half term, where they have been designing and making pizzas.

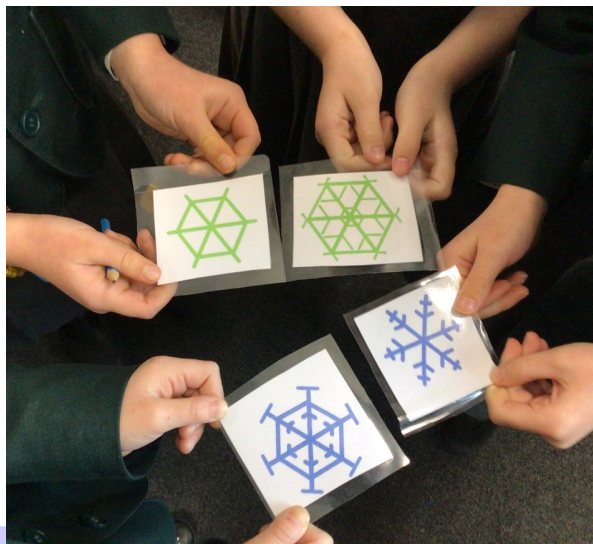


They began this unit by taste testing some different types of bread and considering which would be the best to use for a pizza base. They learnt about a balanced diet and we discussed how we could make our pizzas healthy by using a variety of toppings. The children were very excited to design their pizzas and were very creative in their designs, with some arranging their toppings to make their pizzas look like a face.



Birch Class also took part in a special Equalisafe workshop, where they learnt about the importance of appreciating the differences that we have and understanding that we are all unique and this is what makes us special.

We learnt that no two snowflakes are the same, each is unique which is just like each of us!



Do you know who Snowflake Bentley was?



Miss D Begg - 'Pine Class' - Year Three

This half term, the children have been busy learning about Shakespeare for Shakespeare Week, plants in Science and food from around the world in Geography and DT.

The children had a great time making flower baskets for their Mums for Mother's Day. It was so lovely to invite all the Mums into the classroom to make these with them.



For Shakespeare Week, the children loved visiting Shakespeare's Birthplace to learn more about Shakespeare's life and house. They got to feel John Shakespeare's gloves and visit all the rooms in the house. They also got the chance to debate with the Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon about 'should cars be banned from Stratford-upon-Avon town centre?' One of the highlights of the trip was being able to create Macbeth's crown and Juliet's tomb out of Lego.

In class, we also watched 'Romeo and Juliet' on CBBC and researched Shakespeare's life using the internet.



This term, the children in Pine Class have enjoyed tasting fruits from around the world. They put their slicing skills to the test by making fruit kebabs. We were very surprised to find out that bananas travel all the way from South America to get to our shops! After all the cutting and slicing, the children were keen to eat their kebabs as a healthy snack at break time!



In Science, we have been learning about the functions of the parts of a plant. The children were excited to conduct an experiment using celery. We placed celery in a cup of coloured water and were surprised to see that the water began to travel up the celery's xylem just like a straw!





A message from the Principal:

What another exciting half term! So much packed into every day and week of Spring Term 2. Tudor Times provides an opportunity to celebrate our pupils through sharing their learning experiences. Capturing learning experiences comes in many forms. We look forward to you seeing the progress your children have made through their books at our parental consultations taking place after the Easter holidays. Below are some amazing photographs taken by the official photographer at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust of our Year 3 pupils on their recent school visit. Year 3 attended a joint schools day to mark Shakespeare Week and the photographs tell the story of the quality of the experiences enjoyed through their first hand experiences!



Our pupils had an opportunity to meet the Mayoress, amongst others, and learn about traditions that sit at the heart of history and culture that is unique to Warwickshire, Shakespeare's County. We are proud of the close working partnership that we share with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust strengthened through the Local Governing Body role that Mr Aucott has at Tudor Grange Primary Academies—Meon Vale and Haselor.

House Points

Congratulations to Shakespeare House for winning the House Trophy at the end of the Spring Term. We look forward to the efforts of all house team members continuing into the Summer Term.

Reading Spine

Each half term, we celebrate the efforts made by pupils in reading books from our Recommended Reading Spines across the school. We were so pleased to see so many pupils participating and engaging in this opportunity. Here are a few of our winners from the half-termly reading spine book raffle draw! Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting this school initiative in promoting the love and enjoyment of reading.



Easter Celebrations



Our pupils have had many opportunities to enjoy Easter activities, culminating with egg hunts, egg rolling contests and winning Easter Eggs from their class raffles! Each class had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded and here are a few of our prize winners! Thank you for supporting the Easter egg class raffles. The money raised will be used to purchase cooking resources for our pupils (ie: mixing bowls, measuring jugs, scales etc.) and also additional lunchtime play equipment (ie: new skipping ropes, hoops, games). Lastly, we wish you all a very happy holiday and Easter and look forward to seeing you all soon.