



Newsletter

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Dates

- Friday 18th October Pumpkin Assembly
- Monday 21st –Friday 25th October Half Term
- Wednesday 30th October Curriculum Evening
- Monday 4th November Parents Evening
- Tuesday 5th November Parents Evening



A goodbye message...

It is time for me to say a fond farewell to this wonderful school! I can honestly say it has been a privilege to teach here over the last five and a half years and I will definitely miss you all. Thank you to the incredibly supportive staff, governors and parents and most of all, thank you to all the children who have made every single day very special and memorable. I hope you continue to thrive and flourish.

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Petty



Morning Activity Club

On Monday we made fluffy fish from woolly pompoms and ended the week playing with sand clay. On the other mornings the children were provided with a wide range of craft materials to experiment with. There were some fabulous creations "I made an alien. It is fun to play with" (Tilly)



Out of School Club

This week at out of school club we have been playing with some sticky slime and getting ready for pumpkin assembly by creating pumpkins out of Lego and doing some spooky colouring.

Spanish

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful half-term! Today in Hawthorn class we played 'trés en raya' with our numbers and incorporated colours with our 13-31 guessing game. In Oak class we refreshed our knowledge of the family members using the Springfield resident family!! We also revised el alfabeto and learned how to spell our names in Spanish!!! In both Willow & Owl class we continued to practice the time - '¿Qué hora es?' With the clocks that we made last lesson. We also added a 'Countdown' timer element to challenge each other. I look forward to seeing you all fresh and ready to learn after half-term.



Notices

We have increased the art sessions each week so KS2 pupils will now have 2 hours every other week. We would like to carry on our ambitious project on a Tuesday afternoon but need some help to do this. If you are interested please contact Mrs Pearce in the school office.

Football free taster session at CVC Wednesday 16th October 5-6pm
www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/free-taster/session is the link to book.

Our Reception class

Our Reception class appeared in The Cambridge independent this week for their special edition of First Days at school



Headteacher's Bulletin

This week Miss Peck and myself have been spending time in classes across the school, working together with teachers to reflect on current teaching practice; considering this in the context of pupils learning. The school manages its own budget and has a strict code of practice to follow and to assist with this Mrs Miller, as school Finance Administrator, attended a finance update course on Wednesday; while on Wednesday evening Mrs Pearce, as school Business Manager presented October's budget to school governors. The pumpkins look amazing and were hopefully a lot of fun preparing for today's competition - thanks to Mrs Coxall and our school PTFA for raising more funds.

Graeme McLeod

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Ash – Mrs Lightfoot

This week in phonics we have learnt the new sounds 'i' and 'n' and practised forming these on our whiteboards. The children have also learnt to write and read the tricky word 'I'. In maths we have been separating the same amount of objects in different ways and practising the formation of all the numbers. We have continued our work on senses and had fun tasting, smelling and feeling lots of different things - some were more popular than others! In PE this week, the children enjoyed completing different obstacle courses to develop their balancing, travelling and jumping skills. We wish you all a lovely and relaxing half term.



Birch – Mrs Fallon and Mrs Stephenson: This week we in topic we have been to astronaut school and have had great fun learning how to make straw rockets and launchers. We measured how far they travelled and then modified the designs and how we launched them to see if we could make them fly further.

We baked moon rocks and decorated them with space crystals, we even added a special ingredient and wrote up our cooking methods and the recipe. In P.E we played space themed games and worked together in teams. In Maths we have been learning about addition fact families and number bonds to 10 and beyond and solving word problems. In English we have written our own space adventure stories. We wrote a class story together and then we all decided on our own characters and settings. We wrote story maps and talked about the story needing a beginning, a middle and an end. In Design Technology we have been thinking about what a rocket looks like. After half term we will be designing our own rockets ready to make them. We are going to be using recycled/junk materials. If you could start saving a few clean items such as kitchen roll tubes that would be fantastic, thank you. We also have had lots of fun sharing our pumpkins in pumpkin assembly. Enjoy half term!

English - Story writing - can we use capital letters and full stops as well as making sure it has a beginning, middle and end!

English: To use capital letters and full stops as well as making sure it has a beginning, middle and end!

Maths: To Learn our number bonds within 10.



Hazel – Mrs Petty: This week we tried to launch our rockets. Despite our determination to launch them and trying to improve the experiment with each attempt, we think there was either too big a hole in the corks, allowing water/air to leak out or the corks were too tight for the rim of the bottle. Whilst they didn't leap into the air, we did see with one of the rockets how the pressure increased causing the cork to pop out. We learnt how science experiments don't always go according to plan and questioned why it didn't work and what we would change if we were to do it again. In English and Maths this week we have completed some assessments which the children took in their stride. The results of these will be shared with you at Parents' Evening after half term. On Thursday, we had lots of fun making bread. We had to measure out the ingredients, learn about yeast and accurately time the bread so it didn't burn. We placed some of our bread in different places in the school, setting up our next science experiment about micro-organisms which we will come back to after half-term. We also met our new teacher, Mrs Keenes, in the afternoon. It has been a real pleasure to teach you Hazel and I wish you the best of luck for the rest of this year. Keep working hard!



Key Stage 2

Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: This week in Hawthorn everyone has brought in their fantastic rock projects and presented them to the class. It was great to see and hear what everyone had done. It was lovely to see so many of you last night to view their work. In English and Maths this week we have done some assessments and continued learning as well. In English we have been busy on the laptops research Mary Annings. We decided on relevant sub headings to help us plan our research and note taking ready for our big write today. In Maths we have used base ten and place value counters to develop our knowledge and understanding of exchanging when adding and subtracting three digit numbers. We have finished writing up about the photos from our trip to Wandlebury. Additionally we have finally finished our sketch books from the big draw. Including adding photos of their drama work and evaluating our final pieces of artwork. We have begun to think about our class assembly after half term too. I wish everyone a relaxing half term.

English: To make notes from our own research.

Maths: To add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers



Oak – Miss Kimberley and Miss Houghton: Thank you for all your support, praise and kind words for the children's Class Assembly last Friday. All the children were fabulous and I am very proud of all of them. They worked very hard to produce a polished performance. It's been a super busy week this week with assessment in reading comprehension, grammar, a spelling test and a maths paper on Place Value and Number. We have found time to do some fun activities in English to round off our English unit on Mixed Up Fairy Tales. We have been revisiting fronted adverbials and had lots of fun making Fairy Tale Character Fortune Tellers, with particular emphasis on correct punctuation. In Maths, we have been covering subtraction and have explored different methods, including counting on, on a number line and column subtraction with and without exchanging. We have used Place Value counters and Dienes equipment to help build and visualise the exchanging process. With Mrs Siddall in Science, the children have been experimenting with drums and more puffed rice to see how sound waves and vibration are affected by volume. With Miss Houghton the children have been completing their Art sketch books for the BIG Draw. The BIG Draw has proved to be such a worthwhile cross curricula project encompassing Art, Drama, Music and English. Many thanks for all the hard work behind the scenes. It just remains for me to wish you and your families a relaxing and peaceful half term break. Next stop Christmas!

English: To use fronted adverbials and punctuate them correctly.

Maths: To add 2 numbers up to 4 digits using column subtraction with and without exchanging.



Willow – Mr Brown This week in Willow Class we have been completing end of half term assessments in Maths. The children undertook tests on place value and addition and subtraction to see what skills they could recall from their learning experiences to help identify what we are successful at and what we need to practice further. Later in the week the children moved onto completing mental multiplication and division skills using partitioning, calculating and recombining to help solve questions in their head. In English the children completed a grammar and spelling assessment before beginning their series of work leading to them writing a newspaper report. The children studied and colour-coded a newspaper report to identify features they should find. We then did additional work relating to direct and indirect speech where the children identified the type of speech being used and rewrote each of the types of speech in their opposite form. This then lead to the children planning their paragraph's contents followed by writing up their own newspaper report. In the afternoons we have also been busy being creative preparing designs and completing the finished product for our annual Christmas card. We have also been adding to our sketchbooks to contribute further ideas from the Big Draw before they are submitted to the Fitzwilliam. We also had an enjoyable end to this term's PE lesson by putting our football skills into practice during a game situation. Many of the class were also involved in representing the school in football tournaments held at Impington Village College. They all played really well, improving more and more each match and represented the school in exemplary fashion. It has been a fantastic first half term for all children and I hope they all have a restful half term.

English: To write a newspaper report.

Maths: To calculate multiplication and division sums mentally.



Beech – Miss Peck At the beginning of the week, in English, the children completed their big write which was to write a diary entry about an evening in an air raid shelter. The children used a wide range of vocabulary and punctuation to create atmosphere and they were a pleasure to read. For the rest of the week in English we learnt about evacuees and spent some time putting ourselves 'in their shoes' and writing about how they would be feeling. At the end of the week the children wrote letters to family members as if they were an evacuee. The letters were truly amazing and many of them will be shared at our class assembly. In maths, we have continued to learn different methods of division and have learnt the long division method. The children have worked hard on solving calculations using this method and answering and solving problems too. Towards the end of the week we looked at factors of numbers and we can use this knowledge to help us with calculations. Inspired by the big draw, the children produced some wonderful silhouette Christmas cards that will be sent home next term for you to purchase. They spent a lot of time and care over them and they look very impressive! The children have worked so hard this term and we are so very proud of what they have achieved. We hope you all have a wonderful half term and a well-deserved rest!

English: To write a diary about an evening in an air raid shelter and to write a letter from the perspective of an evacuee.

Maths: To use the long division method and to find factors of numbers.