



Friday 17th November 2023

Thank you to parents and carers who came to our open classrooms and book look on Tuesday. It was lovely to see children share and celebrate their progress so far this year with you. They have been working hard and are proud of their achievements.

On Tuesday Ms Christine Hawkes, a school governor, visited us to deliver an assembly on Remembrance. The children participated with interest and enjoyment, anticipating the bubble machine to finish!

Christmas is just around the corner. We hope parents will save the date to come and see our Christmas production, a letter detailing ticket allocation will follow shortly.

FOBS (Friends of Bythams School) are co-ordinating our Christmas Fayre, which we also hope you will attend. FOBS would hugely appreciate more members. If you have some time to spare, please contact Mrs Bone or leave your name with Mrs Lamb in the office. FOBS are keen to galvanise more parents to contribute to the great work that they do and support the school.

Have a super weekend. Mrs Ives

Our Class Books

Squirrels George's Marvellous Medicine.

Foxes

Eric the Viking Boy

Badgers

Who let the Gods out!

Mrs Jack's

Recommendation *Clean Up!*

By Nathan Bryon and DapoAdeola

Rocket visits her grandparents and decides to find a way to clean up the plastic spoiling the beauty of the beach. 'It feels as though there is more plastic than sand!' When Rocket decides to do something, she does so... with va-va-voom!

Key Dates

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December

Whole school Christmas concert to parents

Tues 19th December

Christmas lunch

Tues 19th December

Christmas Fayre at 2.00pm – details to follow.

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Maxwell for remembering his sounds and working hard in phonics sessions.

The award for Year 1 goes to Elliot for his work on understanding shape.

The award for Year 2 goes to Bella for effort in maths and being a fantastic helper this week.

Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Oliver P for his improvement in guided reading, showing confidence reading aloud and the effort he puts into his answers.

The award for Year 4 goes to Thomas for his work in PE, showing great teamwork, listening to instructions well, enthusiasm and skills in all aspects of ball skills.

Badgers Class

The award for year 5 goes to Harry for his effort in maths.

The award for year 6 goes to Ernest for his effort in maths.

PE Days

Tuesday: Squirrels

Wednesday: Badgers

Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

Attendance

Well done to Badgers Class with 95% attendance this week.

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.18%

Squirrels Class - EYFS

In mathematics this week we have been learning about two dimensional shapes and their characteristics. We have been hunting for shapes around school and sorting them in different ways. We have built shape structures and made shape prints with dough.

We have listened to the story of Goldilocks and the Three bears. We dressed up and role played the story, using the language of the story. We have been creative and made our own bear faces using paper plates. We showed great concentration and were very proud of our results!



Squirrels Class

Squirrels have enjoyed science this week, identifying and talking about what different animals eat and categorising animals into herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores. In geography we explored and compared hot and cold countries to the UK.

In maths, year 1 have been naming, describing and comparing 2D and 3D shapes. Year 2 have consolidated addition and subtract, looking at adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using base 10.



Foxes Class

Foxes are thoroughly enjoying their PE classes at Witham Hall. We are concentrating on ball skills and have enjoyed basketball and football skills sessions. In maths, we have moved onto multiplication and division. In English, we have been sequencing stories we know well to help us with writing our own narratives. In history, we looked at the artefacts found at Sutton Hoo in our learning about Anglo-Saxons.



Badgers Class

This week in Badgers class, we have embarked on an exciting journey of creating our own websites.

In our topic on 'frozen kingdoms', we delved deeper into this chilly subject. The children investigated different regions of frozen kingdoms around the world, exploring their unique ecosystems and the fascinating wildlife that inhabits them.



In maths, we progressed onto the challenging topic of simplifying fractions. Overall, it has been a highly productive week in Badgers class, filled with enthusiasm and determination!

Wood School – Badgers

This Term Badgers Class have been looking at fire. To progress their skills up the school we have been looking at the fire triangle and what a fire needs to burn. We have been learning what all the fire rules are so we can stay safe. As the weeks progress, they will be getting more involved in building the fire and cooking more skilled items, which links to their DT and cooking skills. So far we have made s'mores and had hot chocolates. We have been using the charcoal to make paints. This term will make popcorn and bread cups.

