



Friday 20th October 2023

What a fantastic final week of this term! Despite the weather we have been busy planting in wood school and foxes class enjoyed their visit to round off their rivers and mountains topic.

Thank you to parents/carers for attending parents' evenings this week. Your support is much appreciated. Children have settled into the new academic year well, formed good relationships in their new classes and are enjoying their learning across the curriculum.

This week we undertook a phonics development day, as part of being a Read, Write, Inc. School. This ensures continued high quality phonics practice in reception and key stage 1, essential for children's development of reading and writing. A huge well done to our Read, Write, Inc. staff for their commitment to quality phonics teaching and to Mrs Jack our reading leader.

This week we have completed the term with some whole school poetry writing using some impressive vocabulary and descriptive phrases, demonstrating how writing progresses across the year groups.

Have a wonderful half term. Mrs Ives

Our Class Books

Squirrels

The Little Red Hen

Foxes

The Wind in the Willows

Badgers

Who let the Gods out

Recommendation:

Invisible String by Patrice Karst is strongly recommended as a perfect tool for coping with all kinds of separation anxiety, loss, and grief.

Key Dates

INSET Day

Monday 30th October.

Children return on
Tuesday 31st Oct.

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Delilah for building a great junk model caravan

The award for Year 2 goes to Oaklee for great junk modelling of a very tall apartment building

Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Leo for some amazing descriptive words in his narrative poem.

The award for Year 4 goes to Hannah for a great narrative poem about mountaineering and reading it aloud to an audience.

Badgers Class

The award for year 5 goes to Magdalena for fantastic writing.

The award for year 6 goes to Thomas Bridge for sharing his performance in dance.

PE Days

Tuesday: Foxes at Witham Hall

Wednesday: Foxes and Badgers

Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

Attendance

Well done to Squirrels with attendance of 92.5% this week

Our whole school attendance this week was

90.6%.

The attendance for the term was 94%

Squirrels Class - EYFS

The reception children have been building dens in the Mini Spinney this week with Mrs Jack this week. Yesterday, we constructed different types of houses and buildings with junk modelling materials, building a giant city all over the hall floor, complete with masking tape roads.



Foxes Class

To finish our topic on rivers, we walked to the Glen Brook River on Wednesday. All the children were fabulously behaved, and we had a great time. They could recall key vocabulary we have learnt this term, explaining how they knew this was part of the upper course of a river as it was shallow, narrow and had rocks that we could see. They explained how it was a tributary, they could see a meander and waterfall. We measured its width and depth.



Badgers Class

This week in Badgers class we have completed our learning in history. The children have produced fantastic posters showing all of their learning on the topic.

In RE, the class were able to present their presentations about humanism. It was brilliant to see their confidence in delivering to the class.

In English, the class have created brilliant poems about life in World War 2 from various perspectives.

We have also created our final pieces in art using the cubist style.



Wood School

This week the whole school is planting a variety of bulbs. Squirrels class planted daffodil bulbs along the fence to the carpark and we will observe them across the seasons. They also planted a new blackberry bush, so next Autumn we can enjoy lots of blackberry activities and eating. Foxes class are also planting daffodil bulbs and adding spring bulbs to our flower bed as it is part of their curriculum to observe and label flowering plants.

Badgers class enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with Mrs Cook and continued planting bulbs as they are looking at different types of plant reproduction. They planted garlic, onions and shallots to grow over winter.

