



Friday 3rd November 2023

We have very much enjoyed our first week of this term. I had the pleasure of watching our reception class reciting and role playing altogether the well-loved story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' complete with a big bear to chase them at the end of the tale!

We have Mrs Goddard with us this term, supporting our EYFS class and Read, Write, Inc. sessions in the mornings. This will enable EYFS and Key stage 1 to accelerate their learning in phonics and reading.

Each class has been introduced to their new topic for this term and associated vocabulary. Details of the topics and learning can be found on our website. During our INSET day, staff focussed on enhancing the learning environment, developing communication and sensory friendly classrooms, along with display. We have some fabulous displays being developed this week and we look forward to inviting parents/carers to pop in after school to look at children's work and books on Tuesday 14th November.

Finally, we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Miner today and once again a huge thank you for all her work, support and our very best wishes in her promotion and for the future. She will be very much missed. Mrs Lamb, who has worked closely with Mrs Miner, will take over the role of Senior Administrator.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Ives.

Our Class Books

Squirrels

We are going on a bear hunt.

Foxes

The Saga of Erik the Viking

Badgers

Who let the Gods out

Recommendation:

A Child's Garden – a story of hope by Michael Foreman

A little boy lives in a village torn apart by war. He can no longer reach the hills; they are blocked by barbed wire. He finds a little plant that he nurtures. A message of optimism in a world that can seem hopeless. Connection and nature will rise again.

Key Dates.

Tuesday 14th

November

Open classrooms including pupils' work in books

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Hughie for wonderful work in phonics.

The award for Year 1 goes to Sophia for her determination in maths.

The award for Year 2 Chasel for being a fantastic role model and always trying his best.

Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Maya for her participation in lessons, consistently answering questions and giving well thought through answers.

The award for Year 4 goes to Zuzannah for her improvement in reading, particularly when she reads aloud in class.

Badgers Class

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

The award for year 6 goes to Teddy for exceptional effort in maths.

PE Days

Tuesday: Foxes at Witham Hall

Wednesday: Foxes and Badgers

Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

Attendance

Well done to Badgers with 94% attendance this week

Our whole school attendance this week was

93.6%

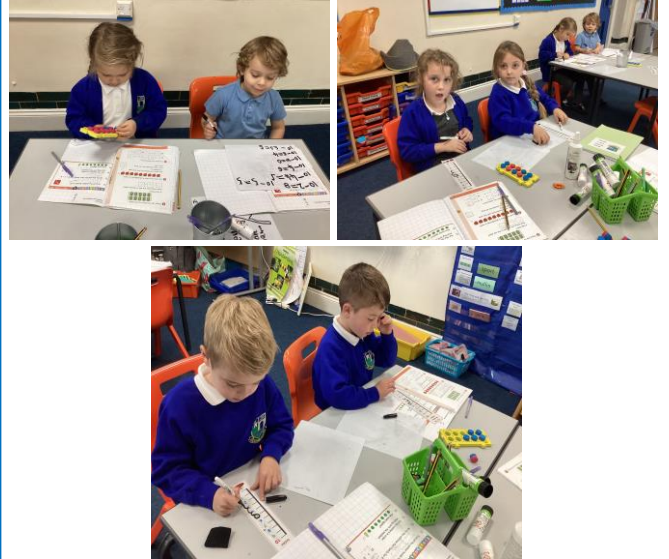
EYFS

In maths we have been investigating numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been asking and answering questions such as - *How many? How many now? What is one more than? How many altogether?* We have listened to and role-played Goldilocks and the Three bears, counting bowls, spoons and chairs. On Tuesday we loved creating pumpkin faces for Halloween.



Squirrels Class

In maths we have been busy developing our understanding of subtraction by taking away, crossing out, applying our knowledge of number bonds and partitioning numbers. In science, we exploring *Animals and Humans* by talking about, naming, and matching animals across the different groups including birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians.



Foxes Class

This term, Foxes are taking their PE lessons at Witham Hall. This week, we focused on basketball skills. We played team games, we all tried to shoot hoops and practiced our dribbling skills.

In maths, year 4 are looking at area. They began by building different shapes from just 4 squares, then we looked at larger shapes and how many squares that shape contained.

In music, we enjoyed getting out the glockenspiels and then listened to the disco genre of music.



Badgers Class

This week in Badgers Class, we have focused on enhancing the quality of our writing by effectively setting the scene. Additionally, we have been consolidating our understanding of the four operations in mathematics. Furthermore, we have commenced our orienteering lessons in PE, incorporating team building exercises. Finally, our class has been elated to engage in Friday afternoon reading sessions, where we also get the chance to read to the younger year groups.



Wood School – Squirrels 1&2

Each week we will be showcasing just one class on this Wood School page and rotate between them each week.

This term we are looking at fire, as the weather is changing and getting colder it is a good chance to learn how to light a fire safely and cook on it. This week the year 1 and 2 children learnt the fire safety rules and were taught how to start one. Everyone had a chance to put a stick on the fire and use the bellows. We finished the session with a toasted marshmallow.

