



Friday, 15th March 2024

This week Bythams children had enormous fun conducting their investigations to explore the theme of 'Time' for National Science Week.

Squirrels planted beans, linking the science curriculum to wood school, and will observe them grow over time. Foxes constructed a time clock and investigated the time it took for jelly with to set combined with various fruits and how this impacted setting time. Did you know jelly with fresh pineapple does not set at all? Badgers were fascinated to learn about light years as a measure of time related to space.

Children have been greatly enthused by their science activities this week. A big thank you to Mrs Morris, our science leader, for co-ordinating this exciting week.

We have also enjoyed hosting 3 visitors from the local community who have been helping foxes to sew pencil cases in Design Technology. The children very much look forward to their visits and hearing about what school was like when they were young. It has been heartwarming to see the generations come together and learn from each other by sewing together. Some fabulous and colourful pencil cases are being created.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Ives.

Key Dates

Tuesday lunchtime:

KS1 Football Club

Wednesday lunchtime:

KS2 football, group 1

KS2 chess & games club

Thursday lunchtime:

KS2 football, group 2

Art and craft club

27th March – after school

Bytham's Big Book swap, cake stall and Forest School

1st and 2nd May

Parents evenings

PE Days

Tuesday: Foxes swimming

Tuesday: Badgers at Witham Hall

Wood School

Monday: Foxes

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Attendance

Well done to Squirrels class with 94% attendance.

Our whole school attendance this week was 93%.

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Lettie for her Wood School interaction.

The achievement award for Year 1 goes to Victoria for her amazing attitude in all aspects of her work.

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Rosie for her amazing maths work.

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Laila-Mae for her progress in swimming, always pushing herself to improve.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Aaron for his contribution in science and geography lessons, sharing his knowledge and helping his peers.

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Poppi for excellent effort in maths.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Teddy for fantastic writing.

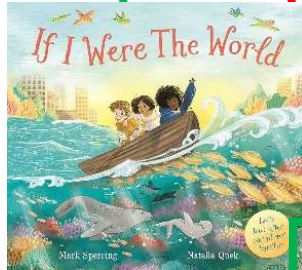
The Bythams 'Reading Road'

Our Class Books

Squirrels
The Hedgehog by Dick King Smith

Foxes
Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Badgers
Who let the Gods out!



Mrs Jack's recommendation KS1
If I Were the World by Mark Sperring
Three children explore what the planet is facing: harmful gases, extinction and floods. They also help us see the action we can take as a community. An uplifting, energetic book, stunningly illustrated about looking after our amazing planet.

Bythams Big Book Swap – date to remember!

At the children's request, they would like a Big Book Swap and cake stall every term. This time we are also opening the Mini Spinney and having marshmallows over a fire. We will hold this event after school on **Wednesday 27th March.**

Have your say!

Thanks to the money raised from our Big Book Swap, the children now have a place to have their say about reading, they can post their favourite things about reading, suggestions or books they would like to have in school.



Parent videos

To help you support your child on their reading journey, we will be sharing a different parent video each week. Click on the picture link below to view the video.



RWI Virtual Classroom Videos – Squirrels Class

Each week we will be posting virtual classroom videos to share with the children for additional home support. If you are unsure which group your child is in, please talk to your class teacher. The links will expire after a period, if you would like anymore, please get in touch.

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[Set 1 pinny time](#)
[Set 1 speed minute](#)

Purple RWI Group

[Set 2 pinny time](#)
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Orange RWI Group

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Yellow RWI Group

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Grey RWI Group

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Squirrels Class – EYFS, Years 1 & 2

This week we have celebrated British Science Week 2024. We have been exploring the life cycle of a vegetable, we chose to focus on apples and green beans. We spent a wonderful afternoon in the allotment with Mrs Jack planting our green bean seeds, the children were very excited at the thought of growing their own beanstalk! Over the next few weeks we will be comparing the live green bean's growth stages to those in our 'See & Eat Green Beans book'. We have also dissected green and red apples to see how long they take to decompose.

Our mathematical focus this week has been number bonds to 10 for EYFS and number bonds to 20 for years 1 & 2.

We have ended our week by celebrating Red Nose Day and the children had the opportunity to design their own red noses!



Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4

We had a great week celebrating science week in Foxes. In our jelly challenge, we made and observed whether fruits would delay or stop the setting process. We used strawberries, bananas, apricots, fresh pineapple and tinned pineapple. The fresh pineapple remained an unset jelly soup! We really enjoyed eating the results on Wednesday! We also made Greek water clocks. In maths, all the Foxes have amazed us with their progress in their fraction learning.



Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

In our PE lessons at Witham Hall, the class has focused on honing their basketball and netball skills.

Our mathematical journey this week revolved around the concept of area, perimeter, and shape. Through various problem-solving tasks and interactive activities, the class has been investigating the measurement of space, calculating the area of different shapes, and exploring the relationship between perimeter and area.

This week, the class successfully completed their film reviews in English.

The fascinating phenomenon of light refraction has been our scientific focus this week. Through engaging discussions and hands-on experiments, the class has gained a deeper understanding of how light changes its direction when passing through different materials.

Wood School – Science Week

During Science week the whole school has been looking at planting beans, what they need to grow and how. We will observe the grow in the classroom, and we planted some in compost outside. Once they are big enough, we will be making a living teepee, the picture below is what we will be making.



We plan to make this when they grow bigger.

