



Friday, 23rd February 2024

This week children have enjoyed being introduced to their new learning projects and for the term. Curriculum information about the exciting activities we have planned for the term ahead will be sent out to parents.



We are really seeing the impact of the 'Thrive' approach across the school from Christine. Thrive uses the following ways to relate to the individual child:

- **Attune** – matching the child's energy using your body, face, and voice.
- **Validate** - it's OK to have the feeling.
- **Contain** - being alongside as a helpful, supportive adult and breaking things down into manageable chunks, e.g. 'First we will...'
- **Regulate** - soothing or stimulating the child back to social engagement.

This term we plan to hold a coffee morning to share more information about the Thrive approach with parents/carers and some strategies that could be helpful (date to follow).

Have a lovely 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 (all year groups)

7th March – World Book

Day – Dress as your favourite character.

11-15th March – Science

Week. This year's theme is 'Time'. All classes will participate in various investigations during this week.

PE Days

Tuesday: Foxes swimming

Tuesday: Badgers at Witham Hall

Wood School

Monday: Foxes

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Attendance

Well done to Foxes with 95.26% attendance this week.

Our whole school attendance this week was **91.69%**

This week's award winners are:

Squirrels Class

The achievement award for Reception goes to Delilah for enthusiasm in PE.

The achievement award for Year 1 goes to Eliot for working hard in Maths.

The achievement award for Year 2 goes to Zara for wonderful language in English.

Foxes Class

The achievement award for Year 3 goes to Orin for a fabulous mind map 'underneath the ocean', using some rich vocabulary.

The achievement award for Year 4 goes to Zuzanna for her use of colour in an amazing under the ocean scene.

Badgers Class

The achievement award for year 5 goes to Esther for fantastic effort in maths.

The achievement award for year 6 goes to Jamie for his effort in PE.

The Bythams Reading Road

Our Class Books

Squirrels

The Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith

Foxes

The Secret Diary of John Drawbridge:
Medieval Knight in Training by Philip
Ardagh

Badgers

Who let the Gods out!



Mrs Jack's Recommendation Speak Up!
by Nathan Bryon

Rocket loves going to the library. When she finds out it will close, she decides to speak up. This little girl has a lot to say. She rallies her friends to have a peaceful

New Permanent Book Swap

After the successful book swap last term, and thanks for a generous book donation, we now have a permanent book swap in our reception area. You can come with your child at any time to choose/swap a book together. Currently we have loads of books aimed



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.



Read Write Inc. Phonics

RWI Virtual Classroom Videos

Below are the sounds which your child has been taught this week during their RWI sessions, if you click on the hyperlink below (the sound), it will take you a virtual lesson.

Additional practice at home with help with their retrieval and help embed their sound knowledge. The links will

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Squirrels Class – EYFS, Years 1 & 2



The children have enjoyed writing about their visit from a very special dog, Roy the Therapy Dog, who belongs to Christine. They have explored adjectives to describe their feelings and adjectives to describe Roy!

In Maths, EYFS have been looking at the numbers 6,7, and 8, and the concept of number. Year 1 have had great fun exploring doubles through practical maths and Year 2 have been learning all about sharing and grouping, with an introduction to the division symbol.

The Big Book Swap

In the final week of last term, Badgers class had a fantastic afternoon hosting our first Big Book Swap, uniform, and cake stall. So many books were brought in to swap! The children loved finding a new book to take home and were excited to show everyone which book they had chosen. It was fantastic to welcome parents in to share this experience and love of reading.



Foxes Class – Years 3 & 4

This week we have used the strategy of mind mapping to learn new vocabulary and make connections that we will use in our topic 'Blue Abys' all about the ocean. We have watched some fascinating film clips about life and creatures found under the sea to stimulate our thinking about verbs and adjectives we can use to write a dramatic description of life beneath the ocean.

We drew an ocean bed scene of the rocks, coral and anemones along with our favourite sea creatures for a class display.

In maths we have continued our learning on length and perimeter, finding missing lengths and converting different measurements to millimetres, centimetres, and metres.

Badgers Class – Years 5 & 6

This week in Badgers class, we have embarked on an exciting journey of learning across various subjects. In our art lessons, we have started to explore a range of styles used in portrait painting.

In Geography, we have delved into the world of Mexico. Our focus has been on examining the distinctive physical features of this captivating country. The class have been able to locate the country on a map and give a detailed description of the country.

The English curriculum has seamlessly merged with our current topic, as we embark on an exciting journey that will culminate in film reviews.

PE at Witham Hall has been a highlight for Badgers class this week, with the students immersing themselves in a variety of invigorating invasion games. Collaborative teamwork, strategic thinking, and honing their physical abilities have been the focus of the sessions.