

KS2 Autumn newsletter

It has been a busy term for our wonderful KS2 children. All the children have returned to school, after being away for many months. It has been a truly unusual time, to say the least. However, the children have settled back into a routine, even if the arrangements we have at school are different. Our children are resilient and have shown us how flexible and adaptable they can be, especially in these uncertain times.

Our Year 3&4 this term has been learning about the Stone Age. Rose from Oak class commented, "I enjoyed doing our own cave paintings outside in the hut using sticks and powdered paint like they did in the Stone Age." 'I have really enjoyed learning about Stone Age animals,' Jacob, Fir class. "I liked writing poems, and using what we have learned about the Stone Age in my work," Tabatha, Oak class.

In Year 5/6 the children have learning about America and Leadership, and have been reading 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. The children have enjoyed writing diaries and more recently designing their own spy gadgets. They have written a persuasive leaflet and using drama to make their own advert for their gadget.

Black History Month: "Rosa Parks was a black woman who was arrested for not giving up her seat on the bus." Shakira from Oak class. "Black History month is very important, as a lot of people forget the amazing deeds that black people have done to shape our society today," Lily, Willow class. "She changed the law (Rosa Parks) by standing up for herself." Tayla, Oak class.

Hello Yellow Day – Friday 9th October. 'It was fun and it was for mental health," Maisie C, Redwood class.

Recycling week – The children were fully engaged in this subject and learnt in detail, facts on the important of recycling. "There's a week every year where we learn how important recycling is for the planet," Dylan, Oak class. Many children thought how important it was to recycle and Arielle from Willow Class reported saying, 'I think it is important to recycle because it affects the animals in the sea, and because it creates global warming."

Swimming sessions this half term were for Mr Winyard's class. Going to Tiddenfoot pool on a Thursday morning, Annie said 'I feel more confident,' and Joshua P told Mr Winyard that he enjoyed learning to swim, as his body was like a float!

Reading in school

We have continued to use the Accelerated reading scheme this half term. This continues to help your child with their decoding and comprehension skills. Within class, the children are also reading their class novel and working within guided reading groups.

We ask that you continue to read various genres at home with your child. We look forward to when we can ask our parent helpers to return to school to help hear readers.

Online homework learning app

Due to circumstances, we decided as a whole school, to use Class Dojo for our online learning platform. All parents have been invited, and your child is able to share with you, their homework and any points awarded to them throughout the day.

Should anything be unclear in the work that is set, parents can communicate with class teachers via Class Dojo.

Dates for your diary:

wc 2nd November: Transfer test for Year 6.

wc 9th November: parents evening 3:30 – 5:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

School photographer: Tuesday 17th November.

Friday 6th November: Wear it Green for Macmillan charity – details to follow.

Friday 13th November: Children In Need Day - details to follow.

Friday 19th December: school closes for Christmas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Kind regards, KS2 team.

Reminders:

The children are reminded to wear their school PE kit, in on the day of PE. The weather is changing, but weather permitting; we will aim to go outside. Please ensure that your child has appropriate warm clothing e.g. a warm sweatshirt, suitable trainers, jogging bottoms and socks.