



Spring 2024



The Woodsetton School





Dear Woodsetton Community

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support this term. The children have taken part in some amazing learning activities in their classes since the new year.

These have also been supported by you with community activities to support both local charities and to start the Year 6 activity week fundraising. We say a big 'thank you' to the PSA for their hard work and commitment for the gifts they provided for the Mothers day workshop and the children's Easter gifts.

We wish you all a lovely Spring holiday and look forward to the Summer term.

Many Thanks

Mr D Stanton



Butterfly Class

Mr J Robinson

During this term Butterfly Class have worked on the topic 'Turrets and Tiaras.' We have learnt about Castles, the Stone age, the Iron Age and a variety of different monarchs. We created a variety of artwork using the style of art called 'Pointillism.' The children especially enjoyed creating their own King Henry VIII's portraits.



In English we focused on the following texts: Stone Age Boy, Cinderella's Bum, The Queens Knickers, The Kings Pants, and a variety of Non-Fiction texts about The Stone Age, The Iron Age and different Monarchs. The children have really enjoyed our texts this term, particularly all of the facts and information about King Henry VIII.



Butterflies and Squirrels visited Halesowen Town Hall to watch the production of 'There's a Monster in my show.' This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and the children smiled all of the way through.

Within Humanities, the children explored the Iron Age and Castles, learning how the buildings evolved from roundhouses, to hillforts, to motte and baily castles. The children learnt about the different jobs during this time period, with most enjoying finding out what a 'gong farmer' was. During the second half term, the children learnt about the life of different British Monarchs throughout our history. These included King Henry VIII, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II and our current monarch, King Charles III. We have taken part in many celebration days, including 'NSPCC Number Day,' 'Safer Internet Day,' 'Rainbow Day,' 'World Book Day,' 'Comic Relief,' and the 'Easter Bonnet parade.' The children also produced a lovely Internet Safety Assembly back in February. It has been a short, but busy term, finishing off with a visit from the 'Open the book' team. The children have all worked really hard and have earned a well-deserved rest!



The class staff and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. See you in 2 weeks!



Squirrel Class

Mrs C Guest

It has been a short but busy Spring term in Squirrel Class. The children have worked hard and had lots of fun at the same time.

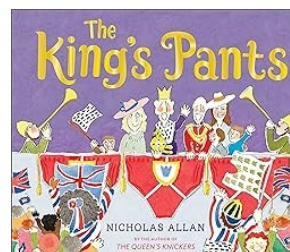
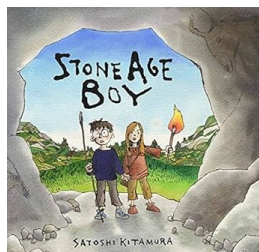
The children have found our topic Turrets and Tiaras interesting. Our journey started during the Stone Age, through to the Iron Age and hill top forts. The children then learnt about Motte and Bailey castles, discovering that our very own Dudley Castle is a good example of this. The latter part of the topic has been looking at famous Kings and Queens of England. Henry VIII and his wives being a particular favourite.

Through our topic the children have produced some amazing art work using pastels. The children have recreated Stone Age Cave Art by tracing animal shapes, then smudging pastels over the top. We made the paper look like stone by using tea bags to colour the paper. The children also enjoyed using the pastels and smudging to create Stonehenge silhouettes.

In art the children have been learning about Georges Seurat and Pointillism. They have explored colour by mixing colours using dots. They created colour wheels and have used the technique to fill outlines of Henry VIII, using small and large dots to create texture.

We were lucky to have a visit from the Animal Lady also this term. We met a wide range of animals and learnt about how they survive and help humans, among the animals was Cornflake the corn snake, a giant cockroach, bearded dragon, owl and a cute and cuddly honey bear. The children were amazing. They held the animals, stroked them and showed enormous respect for them. It really was a highlight of our term.

The children have enjoyed a range of stories through our English; Stone Age Boy, and books by Nicholas Allan; The Queen's Knickers, The King's Pants and Cinderella's Bum, this has given the children a giggle and helped develop language skills, descriptive writing and a love of books.





Owl Class

Mrs R Gibbons

Through our topic 'Superheroes Rule!', we have learnt about and described Superheroes and created our own. Through our humanities sessions we have learnt about areas of the UK, including mountains and rivers and also their related Patron Saints. We have enjoyed looking at different types of transport and explored what George Stephenson invented.

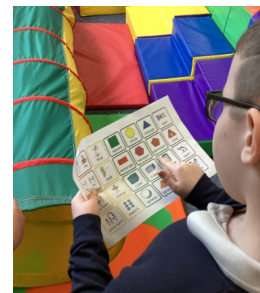
We have read and explored various stories and texts together that link to our themes. Some of these have included, Superkid, Superhero Mum, Supertato, Kindness is Superpower, Even Superheroes had a Bad Day, Superworm and Super Daisy and the peril of Planet pea. Through our English sessions, we have continued to complete many activities that have supported and developed our language and communication skills. We have worked on our writing, spelling, and fine motor skills and have completed daily phonics sessions to support and develop our reading skills.

In Maths, we have continued to work on our number and place value skills and have explored shape, size, mass, position and direction, pattern, time and money. We have also completed focused learning tasks to develop our using and applying skills to promote our life long skills.

In Science, we have explored pushes and pulls linked to everyday objects and our lives. We have worked with and investigated magnets and found and sorted items into magnetic and non-magnetic groups. Learning about electricity has been lots of fun as we have explored electrical items and have thought about how they contribute to our daily lives. We have also learnt about how to keep safe when using electricity.

In PE, we have learnt to play dodgeball and have completed activities linked to improving our skills when doing this. We have also been working with coaches from the Wolves Foundation as part of the 'Sporting Chances' programme.

Learning through our topic has involved us in creating pieces of artwork in the style of comics and Pop Art. We designed and made our own Superheroes and gave them a name. We have enjoyed using Beetbots and have been able to develop our skills in using directions and following a route or path. In Life Skills sessions we have had lots of fun exploring our forest school and making homes for minibeasts. We have also developed our cooking skills making pizzas, toast, biscuits and cakes and also learning how to peel and prepare vegetables. What a fantastic term, well done Owl Class!





Frog Class

Mr T Robinson

Frog class have been working really hard this term. The children have enjoyed our topic 'Superheroes Rule!'. We have read and explored various stories and texts together that link to our themes. Some of the texts included, Superkid, 10 Little Superheroes, Even Superheroes have a bad day, Superhero Mum, Superworm and Supertato. Throughout our literacy lessons, we have completed a range of pre-writing and writing activities that related to each story. The children continued to complete lots of activities that supported and developed their language and communication skills. We have had daily phonics sessions, and this has enabled the children to further develop in their reading and writing. Throughout our Maths lessons, we continued to work on our number and place value skills alongside Shape, Space and Measure and also Using and Applying. Over the term, we explored shape, size, mass, position and direction, time, money and pattern. We completed focused learning tasks to develop our using and applying skills that actively promoted our lifelong skills linked to maths. In Science, we have learnt about pushes and pulls, magnets, electricity and electrical safety when using a range of appliances. Our activities and learning throughout our topic have involved creating pieces of artwork and exploring technology. In art this term, we have been learning all about 'Pop Art'. The children had great fun creating their own Pop Art and Superhero characters.

During our R.E lessons, we have been learning about what makes a good leader and discovered how this links to religious figures and roles. In our PE sessions, we have developed our skills in Gymnastics and movements. We have also been learning to play dodgeball and work as a team, with the support of the Wolves Foundation coaches. The children have shown a fantastic attitude towards their learning this half term and we have had lots of fun. We have enjoyed a visit from the 'Animal Man' and have welcomed our families into class to share all our wonderful work and achievements. We look forward to continuing our learning journey next term.





Bee Class

Miss J Beckley

What a busy Spring term we have had in Bee Class; from building rocket ships for bears to investigating materials for our boats. We have enjoyed engaging with the stories of "Beep Beep Maisy", "Whatever Next" and "The Train Ride". The children have enjoyed learning about different vehicles in our topic of "Let's Move".

The children have been huge fans of getting on board the minibus every Monday afternoon to go to Sycamore Adventure. The children have loved jumping in the muddy puddles, bouncing around on the trampoline and making mud pies. The children have had a fabulous time developing their gross motor skills and social skills.

One thing that I have learnt about Bee Class is that they love a good song and dance, there are some impressive dance moves going on in Bees. To support our learning we have been using lots of Makaton signing, and again the children have been amazing with the signing of different vehicles and animals.

Bee Class have settled into the Spring 2 term amazingly well; they've made me feel very welcome as their new class teacher by giving me lots of laughter and hugs. This has resulted in the children showing their maturity, developing their independence and impressing me with how clever they all are. I'm very impressed with all of Bee Class and the progress they have made.

I hope you all have a truly wonderful time with your families over the Easter period, I look forward to seeing you all again after the holidays so that we can explore our new "What a Wonderful World" topic. It's going to be a very green fingered topic!

Happy Easter Bee Class!





Ladybird Class

Mrs E Lampitt

This term we have had a super time working on our topic, Let's Move!

We have learned about lots of different forms of transport and different ways that we can move too. During our English lessons we have continued to work hard to practise writing our names and are continuing to develop our pencil control, mark-making and letter formation skills. We have explored lots of lovely stories linked to our topic this term, such as We're Going On A Bear Hunt, Whatever Next!, The Journey Home From Grandpa's and The Train Ride. We have worked on sequencing our stories, recalling key events and role playing our favourite parts.

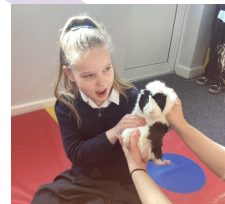
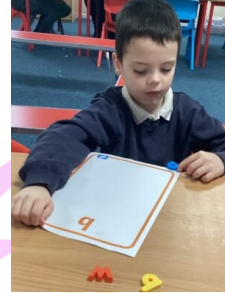
In Maths we have engaged with number play; finding numbers in different places, singing number songs and sensory number mark-making. We have also continued to work on counting forwards and backwards, matching numerals to their quantities and ordering numbers. We have really enjoyed going on shape hunts around our

school environment, exploring heavy and light on balance scales and working on capacity by filling and emptying containers and recognising full and empty.

In Science this term we have worked on exploring the properties of materials, investigating which materials float and sink, developing

our knowledge of loud and quiet and exploring magnetism. During our PE lessons this term we have enjoyed travelling in lots of different ways and continuing to develop our ability to using the climbing equipment. We have loved having the opportunity to visit Sycamore Adventure this term to further our gross motor skills. As well as this, we have been working on our ball control skills; throwing balls at a target and controlling balls with rackets.

During our RE and PSHE lessons this term we have worked on making goals and targets for us to reach and exploring how we feel when we achieve something important to us. We have also focussed on how to live a healthy lifestyle by looking healthy and unhealthy foods and what we can do when we're not feeling well. We enjoyed a lovely visit from the Animal Lady this term, as well as spending a lovely morning completing Mother's Day crafts and celebrating Comic Relief! we hope Ladybird class have a wonderful Easter break with their families and friends! We will see you for fun-filled Summer Term!





Woodpecker Class

Mrs S Lappage

What a fantastic Spring term it has been in Woodpecker Class! Our topic has been 'Let's move'. We have listened to lots of stories including 'Beep Beep Maisy' 'The Train ride' and many more. The children loved the story of 'Grandpa's Journey home' and have often sang this in the class room! Another favourite story has been 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We enjoyed learning some Makaton signs and actions to the story. Some of the children have been acting out the story as part of their imaginative play. It has been amazing to see! The children's language skills have really developed since the start of September.

We have continued to practise our phonics letter sounds through songs, action and a range of activities. We have been practising the Twinkl phonics sounds and actions to help us remember our letters. The children have practised their fine motor skills by forming the letters of different sounds. We enjoyed getting messy with rice, sensory bags and paint to form our letters.

In Math's we have practised our counting skills and number recognition. We have explored practical ways of representing numbers by using teddies, cars and cubes. We have continued to practise singing our nursery rhymes. We love '5 currant buns' and 'Ten green bottles'. As part of our shape, space and measures we have looked at coins. The children have explored coins through role play and particularly enjoyed exchanging coins for an item/toy of their choice.

Our favourite part of the Spring term has been our weekly trip to Sycamore. The children have loved to explore in the outdoor environment. The children have had lots of opportunities to practise their independence skills by dressing and undressing for suitable weather. Lots of us have enjoyed splashing in muddy puddles, climbing and the 'go kart' rides from Mrs Farrington and Miss Lappage!





Hedgehog Class

Mr R Abbott

We have had a wonderful term in Hedgehogs! The class have done brilliantly with the change of class teacher, and it has been so lovely getting to know everyone.

Our topic this half term was "Let's Move" The children explored a range of books within our English lessons including: We're Going On A Bear Hunt, The Train Ride, The Journey Home From Grandpa's and We All Go Travelling By. Story time in class has been so enjoyable, with everybody sat down around our board, listening to the stories and developing vocabulary. We can look forward to more exciting books and story time next term. Every child has shown a great effort in developing their writing skills including making marks to represent their names. In Phonics, the children have continued their learning of level 2 sounds. This has included exploring objects that contain the phoneme sound as well as great progress in making marks to represent graphemes. They have learned to carefully start their pencils in the correct position to form the grapheme and are working really well to try and follow the dotted lines. During maths, we have developed our number recognition, counting skills and number formation. We have explored differences in size and weight to identify which item is greater and which is less. We have continued to develop personal and social skills, including travelling on the minibus to take part in a range of activities at The Sycamore Centre. Hedgehog class have enjoyed attending weekly assemblies and have practised sitting and listening skills in the process. We've had lots of fun during weekly bucket times sessions, learning about vocabulary and watching with excitement at what item will appear from the bucket. This excitement has also been seen in music when children have learnt about loud and quiet sounds as well as learning to start and stop playing their instruments on command.



We loved our Animal Man visit and had the experience of seeing a range of animals in person and not just in books and images. It was also great to welcome parents in for our Mother's Day coffee and crafts morning, it was an enjoyable and lovely event.

As a teaching team, we are incredibly proud of the hard work and progress children have made. Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a happy and relaxing Easter break.



Badger Class

Miss R Nair

We have had a wonderful start to Spring term! The children have settled in really well and we have had lots of fun in our learning. Our topic this term was Once upon a story and we focused on traditional tales such as 'The Gingerbread Man', 'The Billy Goats Gruff' and lots more! Our favourite tale was Goldilocks and the Three Bears as we really enjoyed exploring porridge oats with our senses!

Our children have been enjoying their daily sessions of phonics, developing our phonological awareness of s,a,t,p,i,n graphemes. They have enjoyed handling objects from our feely bag that begin with said graphemes. In Literacy we have been developing our comprehension through the use of colourful semantics focusing on who, doing, what. We have also been working hard on our fine motor skills, practicing our grasp when holding pencils for our marvellous mark making.

During Maths, our class have looked at consolidating our knowledge and understanding of number and place value through using concrete resources and number songs. During our shape, space and measure, we looked at exploring 2D shapes within our environment by going on a shape hunt, roleplaying with money, as well as grouping objects based on features. We have also taken part in learning looking at big and small.

In Topic, we have looked at exploring Art and Design and we have really enjoyed using our imagination to create collages with different materials. In Music, we have enjoyed engaging with different instruments, particularly the cymbals during Chinese New Year! In Understanding the World, we've enjoyed learning about materials and their properties. We love using our senses to help us learn. Our children have also enjoyed their fortnightly trips to Crystal Leisure Centre for developing their gross motor skills such as climbing, crawling and rolling.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we're looking forward to seeing you in Summer Term for another terrific term of wonderful learning!





Mole Class

Miss J Jukes

I am delighted to share some wonderful updates from Mole Class with you. Our topic for this term has been 'Once Upon a Story'.

We have explored classic tales like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, using our senses in Understanding of the World to taste and smell delicious porridge. In celebration of Literacy, we also had a fantastic time marking World Book Day. Mole Class enjoyed visiting the school library. We used props and puppets to re-enact Goldilocks and the Three Bears. During Maths, we are continuing to work on number recognition within their own range. We have enjoyed number rhymes, particularly 'Five Currant Buns'. Mole Class thoroughly enjoy learning through sensory based activities- sand, flour, foam and rice. We made five currant buns using foam and enjoyed splatting the cupcakes. The anticipation on the children's faces was amazing to see.

Within Music, children have been introduced to the sound of the 'big drum'. It was a joy to see the children excited, exploring different sounds and making choices. In P.E (physical development) we have been developing our gross motor skills by kicking a ball, throwing and catching and developing control when using the bikes and scooters.

Mole Class children are settling in incredibly well and adapting to their new environment with great enthusiasm. I am very proud of their progress and would like to thank you for your support.

I hope you all have an amazing Easter break. Have lots of fun! Miss Jukes and the team.





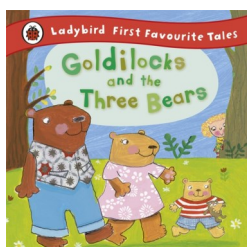
Caterpillar Class

Mrs C Baldwin

Our topic this Spring term has been 'Once upon a story' – the children have really enjoyed listening too and learning about some traditional tales such as The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the three bears and the Little Red Hen. We have also celebrated Chinese New Year and Easter through Peppa pig stories. We have been developing our speaking and listening skills through role play - making lolly pop puppets and encouraging the children to dress up and wear masks to act out the stories in our role play areas.

In Maths we have been concentrating on numbers 0-5 and then to 10, recognising, matching and ordering numbers. Shape, space and measures has been fun with 2d shape songs, shape hunts and shape sorting. We have enjoyed a range of activities through sand, water and playdough. Caterpillar class also love bucket time and particularly cupcake splat! Where we do some fantastic counting but all get covered foam.

This term we have visited soft play, seen the animal lady, celebrated Rainbow day, Red nose day & World book day. We loved having our mums to visit on Mother's day for our craft morning and have taken part in the Easter parade.



Summer term events

08.04.24 – Children return to school for the Summer term at 9am

24.04.24 – Coffee Afternoon inc. Art Gallery Sale & Beep, Beep Day

17.05.24 - Sponsored Walk (TBC)

22.05.24 - National Numeracy Day& Elmer Day

06.05.24 – May day Bank holiday – school closed

06.05.24 – Deaf awareness week

24.05.24 – Break up for the Spring Bank Holiday (Whitsun)

03.06.24 - Children return to school at 9am

10.06.24 – Healthy Eating Week

19.06.24 – MFL day (Germany)

24.06.24 – Aspirations Week

28.06.24 - Coffee morning inc. 'Eco Enterprise sale'

03.07.24 – 'The Big tea' & celebration

03.07.24 - Parents Evening 3.00-5.30pm

08.07.24 – Y6 Activity Week

17.07.24 – Y6 leavers assembly

19.07.24 – Break up for the Summer holidays

More events and details to follow for individual classes and pathways once they have been confirmed. Thank you :)

