

Willow Class

Teaching and Learning

Our theme for the spring term is All Living Things, Plants and Habitats. In exploring this theme we have enjoyed the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and have extended our learning by creating a wall display and counting fruits. The pupils enjoyed making fruit salad exploring the colours, tastes and textures of the different fruits mentioned in the book. We have had environmental visits to the River Tweed to see where the ducks and swans live and we also visited the new pet shop to see the baby animals. In exploring how plants grow we have planted daffodils bulbs, nasturtium seeds and strawberry plants. The pupils are nurturing the plants by ensuring they have light and water. The pupils learned about The Chinese New Year and celebrated by making roosters and Chinese lanterns. We also enjoyed tasting noodles, prawn crackers and sweet and sour sauce. We shared our learning with the other pupils in school with an assembly about The Chinese New Year. We had a visit from Sally Fielding from The Hirsell Farm to Fork project. She delivered a cookery workshop to the pupils supporting them to make bread rolls and vegetable soup. As they explored the ingredients, Sally explained to the pupils where the vegetables grew and how the grain was made into flour to make bread. Pancake day provided great fun to make and toss pancakes, culminating in a pancake race in the yard.

Achievement and Progress

All the pupils have had their assessments updated. Staff update the pupil's log books to record progress and this is transferred to the B-squared assessment. The pupils have had their individual targets updated.

	0-4%	5-14%	15-19%	20%+
	Less than expected	Expected	Good	Excellent
English Using P-Scales				4
Mathematics Using P-Scales		2		2

Showing children's progress over the last year (January 2016-January 2017)

Behaviour and Safety of Children

The wheelchair rep visited to adjust chairs and carry out maintenance to ensure the safety and comfort of the pupils. One pupil has a new standing frame and wheelchair, replacing the ones he has outgrown. Another pupil has a new buggy better suited to her needs than her previous one. Another pupil had been fitted for a replacement lycra suit to help with his postural support and sensory feedback.

Leadership and Management

We have had some staff changes to Willow Class. Mrs Swan is now working full time in class and Mrs Oliver is with us for two days each week while Miss Bolton is in Elm Class for the two days. Miss McLeod continues to support us one morning a week to enrich the Speech and Language development of the pupils. Mrs Swan and Miss McLeod are both being trained to administer PEG feeds, by Kerry Thompson.

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