

CLASS NEWS

Willow

This half term we have welcomed five new Nursery children to our class. The children have loved making new friends, exploring the indoor and outdoor areas and meeting Dandelion and Burdock! We hope they've had lots to tell you at home.



In Maths, Nursery children have been working really hard to recognise numerals and count accurately to 10. They have a new favourite jigsaw puzzle to help.

Reception children have been learning how to double numbers (and sweets!). They have also used buttons and ladybirds to show doubling number sentences.



In PE, Mr Pedley challenged the children to balance a tennis ball on their racket, whilst stepping over obstacles. Everyone is doing a great job and loves joining in!

Please ensure your child wears or brings suitable footwear for PE if they attend on a Thursday morning. Thank you.

Beech:

We have kicked off the summer term with a brand new topic: Keen to be Green. We have discussed climate change and how this is affecting the world we live in. We have

Oak:

Oak Class have enjoyed looking at different stories so far this half term. We have been reading the Scarecrow's Wedding by Julia Donaldson - this encouraged us to build our own scarecrows! We are going to put these outside as we are planning to build our own pumpkin patch and would like to harvest our own pumpkins next Autumn. We have planted our pumpkin seeds...we just need to remember to water them!



Oak Class are really enjoying junk modelling this half term - if you have any boxes or recycling, please send these into school. Thank you!

Sycamore:

Welcome back to the new (and last) term of the academic year. The children returned with their usual gusto and have been quick to knuckle down to work! The year fives have been investigating angles and perfecting their protractor skills whilst year sixes have consolidated their learning of decimals, fractions and percentages. The year sixes particularly have approached their work with incredibly mature and calm attitudes, in spite of the up-coming tests next week.



In literacy the children have done some extended writing based on the spooky short film, Alma, which we'd done a small amount of work with before the Easter holiday. In addition we have also attempted some very challenging reading comprehensions.

We began our new science topic of 'Living Things and their Habitats' this week. The children examined some objects



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already learned that climate change is causing our planet to get hotter and we are concerned about the effect this is having on animals around the world.

To tie in with our environmental topic, we are looking at Living Things and their Habitats in science. We have been looking at what makes something 'living' and how we can classify different organisms.

In maths we have been continuing our work in fractions, looking at equivalent fractions before we move on to adding and subtracting them.



Although it is a very short term, we have a lot to fit in so I am sure the children will be working very hard over the next couple of weeks.

from the natural world including assorted seed pods, an animal spine and a rabbit skull. They then did mini presentations to the rest of the class, pointing out the similarities and differences between the objects.

The children have been really engaged in their topic work which is based on the theme 'Planet Protectors'. After their initial lesson, in which they discussed the themes of reduce, reuse and recycle, a group of girls independently organised a litter pick around the village, after school. They collected over two bin bags full of rubbish which they then disposed of responsibly. Well done to those girls - what outstanding citizens you are! We are very proud of you.

Next week the year six children will complete their SATs. Our morning routines will change somewhat but our afternoons will remain the same. We hope that our year six children will have a restful and enjoyable weekend: don't push yourselves too hard, you have already worked so incredibly hard and we are sure you are as ready as you can be. Spend the weekend doing the things that make you happy, eating energising food and getting early nights. Whatever happens next week, we think you are a fabulous lot and we couldn't be prouder of what you have already achieved!

Year 6: Don't forget to come to SATs breakfast club at 8.15am on Monday morning. Remember to bring a bowl, plate, cup and spoon!

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It's been great to see everyone again after the Easter holidays and you've all had some interesting stories to tell! Since the weather has been getting a little warmer lately, we've been cracking on with some gardening. We planted a few strawberry seeds into seeding trays and we're hoping to move them outside in a few weeks. By October, we'll have some delicious home-grown fruit to snack on!



This week, the children had a really good time playing a brand new game that focuses on your imagination. Everybody was given a character to play and as they journeyed on a quest, a story was narrated to them. The children had to decide how to react to events in the story and roll dice to see how successful they were. There were quite a few out-of-the-box ideas, such as trying to toss a wild boar when it started charging at us! On the crafty side of things, we've been doing a lot of junk modelling lately. There have been piggy banks, a mad scientist's lab, stands for propping up dolls, and many more creative and inventive ideas! We've also had a stab at making squishy stress balls and slippery slime.

Speaking of slime, our next big activity is going to be a Slime Kitchen and will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of May. Letter to follow next week.

Upcoming After School Club Activities:

Week Commencing 13th May:

Monday	Tuesday	STEM Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	Sensory Friday
Outdoor Games	Crazy Creature Creation	Pringles Ring Challenge	Pom Pom Bouquets	Cookie Baking

Week Commencing 20th May:

Monday	Tuesday	BIG ACTIVITY Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	TRAINING DAY – NO SCHOOL
Paper Finger Puppets	Hall Games	Slime Kitchen	Lolly Stick Art	

FOSPCS

Our next Friends meeting is Tuesday 21st May, 7.30pm at Riverside Farm. We will be planning our Summer Festival in more detail so if you feel you have any skills to offer or have good fundraising ideas please come along! We will also need some volunteers on the day of the fair (Sat 6th July) so please get in touch if you could offer some of your time. Alternatively, if anyone has raffle prizes they could donate or source, that would also be helpful!

IMPORTANT DATES

W/c 12 th May	Year 6 SATs
Thursday 23 rd May	Finish for half term
Thursday 23 rd May	Tuck Shop after school
Friday 24 th May & Monday 3 rd June	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Tuesday 4 th June	Return to school
Thursday 6 th June	First Sycamore Swimming Lesson
Thursday 20 th June, 1pm	Sports Day (TBC)