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Information for Parents



It has been very cold this week. Thank you so much to the families that put names in hats and gloves - it does make life so much easier. Let's hope for the heating bills that the weather warms up soon.

Last Friday Molly and I had a lovely trip to the Wyre Forest with Larch class. We walked the Gruffalo trail, and all the children were absolutely fantastic. The weather was lovely, but cold and we enjoyed listening to the birdsong. Molly slept and snored all afternoon in my office following her walk!

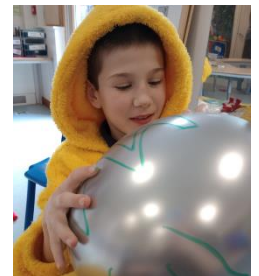
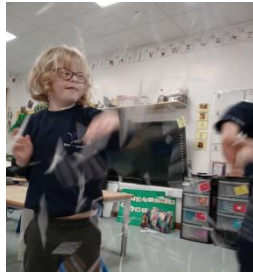
We have notified all buses and taxis a reminder of the speed limit up the school drive, and not to block the pedestrian crossing outside of the compound gate. Please keep us informed if you have any concerns about this.

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on, February 1st, March 1st, March 15th and 16th.

As of yet I do not know if any classes will be disrupted at WFS, but if they are I will try and give you as much notice as possible. The strike action is not only for more pay, but the fact that the pay rise is coming from our existing budget which is putting huge pressure on school finances. I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating. WFS remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. Rest assured I will keep you updated.

WILLOW Class

This week in Willow class we have continued to engage in our Jungle topic and have enjoyed our book *Monkey Puzzle*. Some children have worked hard on finding rhyming words and others have been practicing labelling the characters in the story! We have also been busy playing with each other and sharing, making snow with shredded paper was a firm favourite amongst all members of the class as well as balloon games too. We have also had a great time with junk modelling making some jungle animals! Great work Willow Class, we are really proud of all your hard work.



ROWAN Class

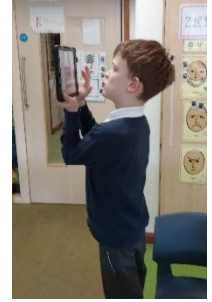


Rowan Class have been continuing their work on mapping and drawing plans, but this week it has been much harder as we have been drawing maps from memory e.g. our journey to school. The pupils have had to think carefully about all of the landmarks that they pass on the way to school, whether that is walking or coming by car or transport. We also drew a map of the journey in a story that we listened to. Everyone listened carefully making sure that they drew everything that was described in the story. At the end we compared our maps to the story map and the results were really accurate. Well done Rowan Class, it took a lot of listening and thinking to create such detailed maps.



Last week the pupils arranged photographs of the interior of the classroom to make photo montages of the classroom, with great results. Today we used the iPads to make a digital version of this collage. Each pupil had to take photographs of every area of the classroom using an iPad and then insert their images into a document, before changing the size, orientation, and position on the digital page to create a digital photograph collage. A lot of skills to learn and great patience was needed, but again the results were very pleasing. Well done, Rowan. Fantastic work as always.





ACORNS – Reception



This week Acorns have been exploring their bodies, how they move and how to keep safe. They loved climbing on the apparatus in PE! They were so brave and careful climbing up high.



Reception parents are invited into Acorns Class for a 'Valentine's' stay and play session on Friday 10th February at 1.30. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can make it.
Thank you.



YEW Class



This week we have been engaging with activities around our weekly focus story 'Owl Babies'. We listened to the story using props and visuals, we developed our cutting skills to make paper owl feathers, we followed instructions using different coloured and sized owls, we counted owl toys and matched to numerals in maths, and we made 'Owl Ice-cream' in cooking. Children also had fun exploring the ice at forest school, and we have been learning about winter in class. We have also started talking about Chinese New Year and children enjoyed making a dragon mask to use in a dragon dance.

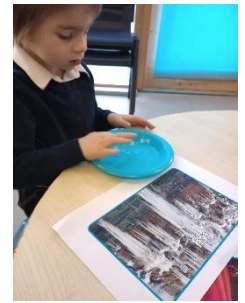
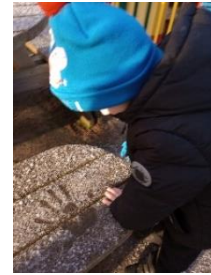




PINE Class



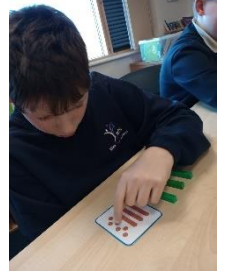
Our wish was granted, and Pine class got to experience snow!! Even if it was only a sprinkle. We explored the extra cold weather this week when going to forest school and talking about what we wear to keep us extra warm. Our story has been 'Elmer's Weather' which the children have really enjoyed especially using the props alongside. We also made our own collage and paintings of Elmer.



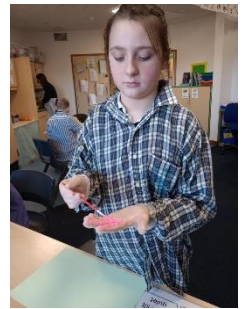
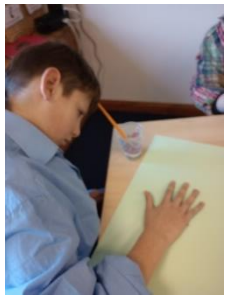
ASH Class



Ash class have been busy again this week in Maths they have been working on place value using "tens" and "ones".



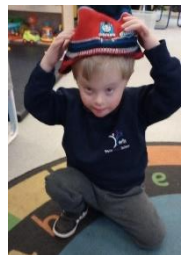
In Art they have had great fun turning their handprints into different animals.



OAK Class



Oak Class have enjoyed the launch of our new topic 'Whatever the Weather'. We have read the story 'Elmer's Weather' and 'Maisy Mouse's Wonderful Weather'. We have explored the props and dressed up in a range of clothes for different weathers, developing our independence skills. We are also very excited by the light dusting of snow that we had this week, we observed and explored the snow, making it melt with our warm hands and breaking ice with tools. We have been talking about being hot and cold and completing our daily calendar with today's weather.





SIXTH FORM News



We welcomed a visit from an ex-pupil who came to talk to sixth form pupils about his experiences at Kidderminster College. Aaron has made fantastic progress, working his way through level 1 and level 2 qualifications, and now studying Acting at level 3. Aaron says, "college is great as long as you're on the right course for you!".

ALDER Class



This half term Alder class have been working very hard during their hydrotherapy sessions. They have been working on their stretches and moving in different directions in the water. They have interacted well with their swim partners and the pool equipment. They have also worked on their communication, asking for equipment, bubbles and more. Well done Alder class.





CHERRY Class

Cherry Class have been focusing on real and pretend in literacy, starting to understand the difference between fiction and nonfiction. We have continued to look at healthy and unhealthy foods and even tried some new foods! Some of us have been working on place value in Maths and understanding the value of two-digit numbers. We also made some beautiful butterfly print art!



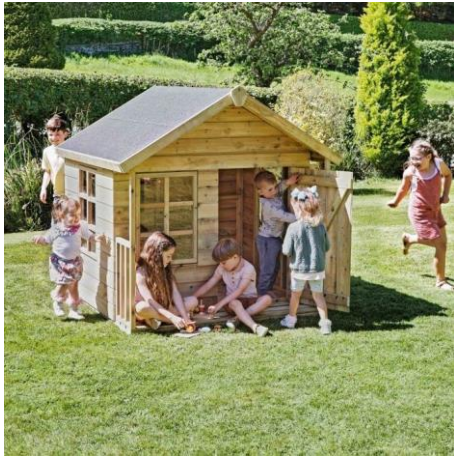
Russell House News

This week at Russell House we have been up to lots of lovely activities, we have been to youth club where we baked muffins. Tuesday half the group went swimming and the other half enjoyed a hot chocolate at Costa. Wednesday, we attended cricket. Thursday our new boarder Michael chose to go bowling and the winner is... ALEX. The other group enjoyed a pamper evening.





With a massive thank you to Councillor Leigh Whitehouse for a donation to the school, we have purchased two items for our outdoor learning space. The first one being a water wall in which pupils can pour water into gutters, using all sorts of different attachments. The second one being a small wooden playhouse which will be located in our forest school area. Thank you, Cllr Whitehouse, on behalf of all of the pupils that will spend many hours using them!



JANUARY 2023	
27	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Nursery & Reception

FEBRUARY 2023	
3	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Nursery & Reception
7	Safer Internet Day
10	EYFS – Stay & Play – 1.30pm Reception Class ‘Valentines’ Stay & Play from 1.30pm
15	Parents Evening 3.10 – 6.10 Life Beyond School Event
16	Pathway 3 – Holi Celebration at 1.30pm
20 - 24	HALF TERM

Please note: all the above dates / times are subject to change.

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e, telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you