



Wednesday 9th November

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Key Dates

10/11/22

Scooter
Champion
Workshop Y6

14/11/22

Books, Blankets
& Breakfast Y2

14/11/22

Odd Socks Day
2022

15/11/22

Books, Blankets
& Breakfast Y4

17/11/22

EAL Coffee
Morning

18/11/22

Children
In Need

Once again this term, we have experienced a great start back to school. The children were very excited to be back at school and immersed in their new topic learning for the weeks ahead. As always, our children and teaching staff have been very busy planning and designing a plethora of fun-filled and hands-on learning activities. This is to ensure that the curriculum is as relevant, meaningful and as engaging as possible.

This term, we have also introduced our children to our new school value for the next seven weeks which is RESPECT. This was launched in our assemblies. Our work on RESPECT began just before half-term and will continue to focus on diversity within our school, as well as our local community. We will continue to explore the diversity and heritage of our families throughout the school year; always seeking to improve our pupil understanding, tolerance and respect.

Our learning and focus on RESPECT will continue as we focus our attention on our whole school themed days over the coming weeks including; Children in Need, Odd Socks Day and Remembrance Day.

Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have had a Spooktacular time!

We have been reading, 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We have been dressing up as the story characters and retelling the story using props and actions.

During Child Initiated Learning (CIL) we have been taking part in lots of exciting activities including: hunting for numbers in Spider webs, investigating pumpkins and making our own magic potions. At Roebuck Academy we are Spooktacular!

Oak & Willow

A highlight this week has been learning about Bonfire Night and when it is celebrated. We learnt that we celebrate Bonfire Night because in 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes and his friends forged a plan against the English government and the Houses of Parliament, along with King James 1. We celebrate using fireworks. This is to remember that his plot failed. We made our own firework pictures and challenged ourselves to use our phonics to write 'explosive' words like 'bang, fizz, twirl and pop'. In Reception we are Writers!





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It is really important that each child reaches our school attendance target of 96%. Please make sure your child is in school and on time everyday!

Our whole school attendance figure for this week

94%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Sycamore
100%



Cherry
97.8%



Oak
97.1%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Sycamore Class who had 97.3% attendance!



Elm & Maple

To start our new topic on Heroes, Year 1 have been learning about the amazing athlete Florence Joyner. We have been learning all about how she was an American track and field athlete whose world record still stands today! Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about lots of heroes in our community and are looking forward to meeting some of them. At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!



Pine & Birch

Our new topic in Science is about animals and their habitats so this week, Zoolab visited and brought an array of different animals to share with us. They brought a snake, a tarantula, a gecko and a rat. We found out lots about each animal, such as what it eats, where in the world it could be found as well as interesting facts about each animal. Some of us were very brave and held or touched some of the animals. We asked some interesting questions too. At Roebuck Academy we are Zoologists!



Cherry & Pear

To kick start off our new Science Topic, Year 3 were exploring a range of magnets and materials. We thought about what makes a material attract to a magnet which as a result can cause the object to move. We thought about different forces and how they can be used to help to make things move. At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 kicked off the new half term in creative style with a D&T Day! We followed our designs which included aerial and elevation views to create an array of pavilions for a range of purposes and audiences.





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We were challenged to use tools and materials safely to create a free-standing structure which matched our designs. In addition to this, we were tasked with creating cladding (coverings) using techniques such as folding, weaving, and piercing. We realised that designers often face problems when constructing their designs from drawings and therefore need to show lots of resilience, determination, and growth mindset to achieve their goals. We had a great time constructing our designs and the comment, "This is the best day ever!" from Thomas in Rowan just summed this up! At Roebuck Academy we are Architects!



Juniper & Sycamore

'Watery' Learning in Year 5?

This week, we began our new topic called 'Water World', where we carried out our own research to find out more about bodies of water that can be found on our planet. After, we dove in deeper to discover if they were fresh or salt water. Ask your child, "What bodies of water are there in our local area? Are they salt or fresh water?"

In Maths, we have started to use BODMAS to help us order operations. Ask your child, "What order would you solve $80-3 \times 3+15$ in?"

In English, we are currently writing a narrative based on the story 'Gorilla'. Within our writing, we have been using expanded noun phrases, similes, fronted adverbials and a range of sentence types. Ask your child, "What are the three sentence types? Tell me about them!"

In PSHE, we had respectful conversations to aid our understanding of different cultures, where we compared the differences and similarities between our own cultures.

What a great start to the half term. Well done! At Roebuck Academy we are Geographers!

Ash & Elder

Do you dare to read?...

In Year 6, we hosted our very own FRIGHT NIGHT! During this event, the children read their own horror stories to their parents, grandparents and siblings. They had to think about how they would perform to create a scary atmosphere as well as ensuring what they were saying was clear. Thank you to all parents that attended - we hope you enjoyed listening to the scary stories and that you weren't too scared! At Roebuck Academy, we are Authors!





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Dia de los Muertos - Day of the Dead

Roebuck Academy showed our love of everything Spanish with our own celebration of 'Dia de los Muertos' (Day of the Dead) as an alternative to Halloween! The Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of November. It originated and is mostly observed in Mexico but also in other places around the world, especially by people of Mexican heritage. On Friday 4th November, the children arrived at school in their costumes. They looked fabulous! In addition to our fancy-dress day, children were also excited to participate in the best costume of the day competition organised by the RSA. Our winners were announced in our celebration assembly and will receive a prize from the RSA.



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Latest Addition to the Roebuck Academy Family

Congratulations to Mrs Longhurst and her husband on welcoming their daughter. She made her appearance into the world on Tuesday 2nd November, weighing 6lb 5oz. As you can imagine, they are absolutely besotted with their new bundle of joy.

