



Wednesday 18th January

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

Key Dates

19/01/23

Year 3
Roman Workshop

24/01/23

Year 6
Holocaust
Workshop

25/01/23

Frozen
Workshops
with NHC

26/01/23

Year 6 Ash
Academic Review

27/01/23

Stay & Play
with Nursery

31/01/23

Year 6 Trip to
Tring Museum

First and foremost, a HUGE Happy New Year to you all from everyone at Roebuck Academy. We hope that you managed to have a relaxing and fun-filled festive period with family and loved ones. The break came at the perfect time and it was very much needed by staff, children and parents/carers alike. Last term was a tough one but action-packed.

Hopefully, as we approach the spring and all the wonders that brings, this term will prove even more successful.

If the Christmas period was not a positive one for you and your family, please let us know. As always, we are here to help and our amazing safeguarding and pastoral teams can access a whole range of brilliant resources and provision to support you and your children. Please contact either Mr Mari, Mrs Elson or Mrs Johnson for further information.

Acorn & Chestnut 2023!

This week in Nursery we have been exploring our new topic, 'People Who Help Us!' We were very excited to discover that our role-play area had changed into a doctor's surgery. We have been busy dressing up as doctors and nurses and learning how they help us. At RA we are Doctors and Nurses!

Oak & Willow 2023!

This week the children have been very excited about our new topic, 'Let's Explore'. We began our new topic by exploring our local area and created a mind map of what makes Stevenage special. We identified lots of places including; the football stadium, the cinema, the shops, the theatre, Marks and Spencer's, Fairlands Park and many more!

We then looked at some photographs that had been taken in and around Stevenage and tried our hardest to recognise where they were taken. We also used Google Earth to zoom into the school and different places around Stevenage. The children all enjoyed contributing to a class display of our local area and made different types of homes, shops and buildings. During our CIL time, some children have been busy writing independently about what they see in our local area. What a fun week it has been! At Roebuck we are Geographers!





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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

94.3%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Rowan
97.6%



Cedar
97.3%



Willow
97%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Rowan Class who had 97.6% attendance!



Elm & Maple

This week Year 1 have been writing exciting space stories based on the book, 'The Way Back Home'. We have explored the planets with a visit from the space dome. It was fantastic to learn all about the planets and space. We started to think about whether we would go to the moon if we got the opportunity. We have also been learning our numbers to 20 and learning how to partition them into the tens and ones. In Science we are learning about materials and have been learning about waterproof materials and looking at different fabrics under a magnifying glass. At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!



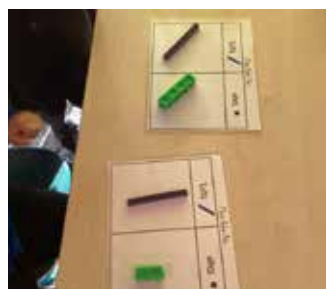
Birch & Pine

This week Year 2 have started their Geography topic on China. They started the week by finding China on the map and looking at what other countries were nearby. They learned a little about some of the landmarks of China and then enjoyed a workshop on Thursday. At their workshop, they listened to the Myth of how the animals of the Zodiac were chosen, they did a fan dance which was linked with Tai Chi and then they took part in a Chinese dragon dance before finishing with a quiz. At Roebuck Academy we are Geographers!



Cherry & Pear

Year Three are Rock Detectives and have been working hard this week. We began our learning by analysing many different types of rocks and categorising them based on their properties. To extend our learning further, we used magnifying glasses to take a closer look. Finally, we undertook observational drawings to capture our scientific enquiry and drew detailed and labelled diagrams.





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Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have settled into being back at school after the holidays successfully and are enjoying the start to our new learning topics for this half term.

In History, we began our new topic on the Ancient Egyptians by creating our own time-lines to visually represent all of the significant civilisations, events and people that we could recall from our prior learning then built on this by including some important dates related to Ancient Egypt. We found out that hieroglyphics were used for communication and writing in Ancient Egypt and used these to create our very own cartouche design depicting our names. We have also been finding out about how the pyramids were built in Ancient Egypt and are very much looking forward to our Ancient Egyptians workshop later this half term!

In Science we have relished the opportunity to experiment with sound and have enjoyed carrying out investigations into pitch, volume, continuity and repetition to create sounds with different combinations of characteristics. This topic links well with our Music learning for this half term which focuses on songs with positive messages and without a doubt, we will be using our voices to create some impressive sounds with our singing and even some rapping this half term.

In Maths we have relished new challenges related to fractions and developing our fluency in identifying and solving problems involving mixed number and improper fractions. So far we have explored, identified and converted mixed and improper fractions and this will undoubtedly stand us in good stead for our problem-solving sessions. In Literacy we have been highly engaged in our reading and writing linked to the tale of Aladdin and fantasy stories and we will be moving on to planning and writing our own fantastic versions of these tales. At RA we are Egyptologists!

Juniper & Sycamore

Wow - what a magnificent start to the Spring Term in Year 5! I only have a few lines to cram in all of the wonderful learning we have achieved so far.

We started off our Viking topic with some cooking, making Viking Stew (known as 'Krause') and Viking bread. They all performed wonderfully well and created some tasty food! Mr Alden gave it a five star rating!





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Whilst one class were cooking, the other class were trying to sell cars to each other as part of our 'Experience Day' for Literacy. Mr Downie's car got sold for £1.5 million so he is skipping happily to the bank on Monday!



PE and Music have been going really well, as we have been restarting our Cornets learning, as well as starting a new topic of Gymnastics. We have even explored using apparatus and the wall bars! The adults in Year 5 have been really pleased with the start the children have made...now we have to keep it up! At Roebuck Academy we are MasterChefs!



Ash & Elder

Year 6 have made a great start back and have certainly hit the ground running. We started our new literacy unit based on Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom. We have already had our first long writing task to describe the storm using personification and onomatopoeia. To support us in this, we created our own sound scape of a thunderstorm using body percussion (check out a video we posted on our Twitter page). We have also begun our new science unit looking at classification: what classification is using a game of class Guess Who; and why we classify. We are also looking forward to our music unit and learning to play the ukulele. At Roebuck Academy we are Writers!



School Uniform

Thank you to the majority of parents and carers who replaced uniform ready for the start of the spring term. We always want our children to be proud of their appearance and to represent and be proud of their school which means coming to school every day in the correct uniform. If there is still a piece of incorrect uniform, a member of the Admin Team or your child's class teacher will contact you to confirm when this will be addressed. Thank you for supporting the school's policy by ensuring that all children wear the correct clothing and footwear.



Contact details and information

At this time of year, we update the information we hold in school about your child so even if your child is at home we need you to support us here at school. If you have recently changed your contact numbers or details, please let our office staff know as it is important for the safety of all children that we have up to date and accurate information. Teaching staff are still in regular contact with many families and email addresses and phone details are essential.

