



Monday 27th February

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

What a fantastic start to the 2nd half of the Spring term for all at RA! As always, learning in classrooms got off to a great start! Children were blown away with an excellent assortment of learning experiences provided in their first week. They included: Pizza preparing, Papyrus making, Lacrosse playing, Letter Writing to Pinocchio, Geographical exploration on Volcanoes...the list is endless! If you haven't heard about our amazing curriculum, head over to Twitter where you will have a real taste of everything exciting which is RA!

@academy\_roebuck.

I am always blown away by the lengths that staff go in ensuring that children are immersed in their learning - Memory Making every day so that learning is not only fun but also successful!

I was blown away last week by the beautiful singing circulating the school hall and corridors as the children practised with Mr Alden and Mrs Heritage in assembly. The children were enjoying a song by Shakira which demonstrates all that encompasses Growth Mindset. The message is clear! Don't give up - keep trying! Be prepared to make mistakes! The words resonate with our school values and remind us to keep on trying in learning even when we want to give up!

'I won't give up, no I won't give in,  
Til I reach the end and then I'll start again.  
No I won't leave, I wanna try everything,  
I wanna try everything even though I could fail.  
I'll keep on making those new mistakes,  
I'll keep on making them everyday,  
Those new mistakes.'

### Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have been learning all about Shrove Tuesday and what it means to Christians. We read the story, 'Mr Wolfs Pancakes'. Using the story, we then discussed what ingredients we would need to make our own pancakes. The children followed a simple recipe to make their own pancake and enjoyed tasting them. We used words to describe how they tasted. Some of these were 'yummy, sweet, soft and delicious!' We discussed how to be safe whilst cooking and that only adults should fry the pancakes as the pan is hot! At Roebuck we are MasterChefs!



## Key Dates

01/03/23  
Year 2  
Fantastic  
Finish

02/03/23  
EAL & SEND  
Coffee  
Morning

03/03/23  
World Book  
Day

06/03/23  
Music Week

06/03/23  
Rowan  
Fantastic  
Finish

07/03/23  
Cedar  
Fantastic  
Finish



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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

95%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

## Attendance Awards



Elm, Mape & Pear  
100%



Cherry  
96%



Rowan  
95.4%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to our RA 100% winners for attendance!



### Oak & Willow

This week in Reception we started our new topic, 'Animal Kingdom'. The animals at Shepreth Wildlife park escaped and visited Roebuck during the half term! The children watched our CCTV to find the animals stampeding across our playground! We searched our playground for signs of the animals, and we found footprints which we had to identify - which footprints belonged to who? The children had a chance to create their own animal masks to display in our classrooms. At Roebuck we are Wild Animal Explorers!



### Elm & Maple

Year 1 have had a great start to their new topic, 'Burps, Bottoms and Body Parts'. In PSHE we have begun exploring how to keep our bodies and minds healthy by sleeping, eating and exercising regularly. Our History lessons this term will be about the Scientist Alexander Fleming, so first we began exploring the dangers of germs and how far these can travel if you don't wash your hands! In Literacy we have started our new story Pinocchio, we were lucky enough to receive a phone call from him so we could ask 'why he wanted to be a real boy?' We drew round ourselves and wrote down all his answers and added some of our own reasons as well. At Roebuck Academy we are Writers!



### Birch & Pine

Year 2 have begun a new topic in Literacy called, 'If I Were in Charge of the World'. We started the week with find a shape where we had to match up the different parts of the poem to the description of it. We've also had a go at reading and comparing two different poems. We had lots of ideas of what we would do if we were in charge of the world! At Roebuck we are Poets!





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### Cherry & Pear

To kick start off the half term, Year 3 took on the challenge to make pizza. They had to use a range of cooking skills such as; rolling, grating, spreading and chopping. The children read and followed instructions very closely. At Roebuck we are Fantastic Chefs!



### Cedar & Rowan

It has been a busy start to the half term in Year 4. Last half term, we did lots of work investigating the style, pattern and characteristics of Ancient Egyptian Art. This week we started making our own scrolls by creating a modern-day version of papyrus style paper. We did this by dipping strips of brown paper in watered down PVA glue. After removing most of the glue, we laid the paper in a vertical direction. We then repeated the process but this time placed the paper in a horizontal direction. We had to make sure the strips overlapped so that we created a solid surface. It was a messy process but great fun.



We left our paper to dry over night and then carefully copied our scroll designs from our sketchbooks onto the paper we had made. Once we were happy with the design, we used water colour paint and poster paint to add colour to our designs. We thought carefully about the colours we used as we needed to take into consideration the colours that would have been available in Ancient Egyptian times. At Roebuck we are Egyptian scroll makers.



### Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have made a positive start to Spring 2, jumping straight in with decimal numbers. They were tasked with creating a range of numbers using dienes blocks, even making their own animals and working out the value of each one!



Year 5 have also been studying an exciting new PE unit this half term - Lacrosse! The children were given a taster session by Katie, a GB player, before completing their first PE lesson this week. At Roebuck Academy, we are Athletes!



### Ash & Elder

At the end of last half term Year 6, along with the rest of the school, had a scrapbook day where we planned and made our own scrapbook designs based on a book of our choosing: we had lots of fun and the results were incredible.





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We have settled back quickly this half term and started the week by learning about our new writing unit, which is all about Mount Everest, where we will be writing our own non-chronological reports. We started off with some research about the 'goddess of the sky' and have begun to write our own introduction and paragraphs about how it was formed. Another new unit we have been introduced to was our Science unit all about the body and we started by recalling the different systems that make our body work. In art, we learnt about what still life is and how it brings together a whole range of art techniques and focuses: texture, shape, light.





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