



Monday 19th June

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week
at our great school!

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are already in June and almost at the end of the academic year! In this final half-term of the year, life at Roebuck Academy clearly shows no sign of slowing down with the school calendar looking very much full of exciting events and an array of lovely activities! Please take time to read this week's newsletter as it continues to showcase the varied and enriching curriculum taking place in the school as well as highlighting the amazing work of our children and teaching staff. I hope that you and your children are looking forward to the next few months at Roebuck Academy.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers again for events such as: Sports Day, the Year 6 Summer Production, New to Reception Picnic and an assortment of trips and events. Please try and join us for as many as you can.

Acorn & Chestnut

This term in Nursery we have been introduced to our new topic of 'The Seaside'. We have been reading a variety of information books and stories about the seaside. The children have been sharing their experiences about the seaside and have been recalling events from when they have been on holiday. We have discussed what animals live in the sea. We have explored our new Beach Cafe in the role play area and have created our own beach pictures. At Roebuck Academy we love to be beside the Seaside!

Oak & Willow

This term in Reception the children have been introduced to our new exciting topic 'Marvellous Me!' The children have shared with one another images of themselves as a baby and enjoyed guessing who the baby photo belongs to. We have discussed the human life cycle and reflected on how each of us has changed since we were a baby. We also drew self-portraits and wrote sentences about how we have changed since we were born. These are all proudly on display in our classrooms.

Another highlight this week has been the delivery of our own caterpillars. We are very excited to learn about the life-cycle of a butterfly and watch the change first hand. What a super busy week it has been! In Reception we are Super learners!



Key Dates

20/06/23

New to
Nursery
meeting

22/06/23

New to
Reception
meeting

26/06/23

Year 6
Graduation
Photos

27/06/23

Nursery Trip
to Standalone
Farm

30/06/23

Year 1 Trip to
Paradise
Wildlife Park

05/07/23

Year 6
Production



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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

93%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Elm
99.3%



Pear
97.5%



Maple
95.7%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Rowan Class who had 99.2% attendance!



Elm & Maple

Year 1 have had a great beginning to the term, starting our new topic Animal Antics! In Geography we have used an Atlas to learn where the seven continents of the world are. We began to explore Africa and eventually found Kenya, a country we will be learning lots about as we go on a Safari tour. In Science we continued to build on our knowledge of animals and drew pictures of our pets at home. To finish our first week, we had great fun dressing up for our Monster Phonics day. We spent the day playing lots of phonics games and greatly enjoyed our visit from Green Froggy! In Year 1 we are Phonics Experts!



Birch & Pine

This term, Year 2 began their new Literacy topic of The Marvellous, Fluffy, Squishy, Itty-Bitty. In the first lesson they thought about people they care about and how they could show it. Next, they decorated a cake and wrote a note for that person. In the third lesson of the week, it was time for another experience day where they watched a behind the scenes video of a bakery, discussed what you could buy there and then came the best bit - trying some of the foods. They finished this week with a Monster Phonics Day where they dressed up as one of the monsters. They attended a workshop with Mrs Herbaut where they played lots of phonics games. What a busy, but fun week! At Roebuck Academy we are Cake Makers!



Cherry & Pear

Year Three have been writing spooky suspense stories in their Literacy lessons. Our story has begun with something hiding inside the walls! To get into the mindset of a scary story, our experience day allowed us to feel the emotions of our character, Lucy, in the story. We noticed our heart rates raised and pulsed significantly when being scared. At Roebuck Academy we are Story Writers!





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Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have had a busy start to the half term. We have been having one last push to learn our times tables facts ready for our MTC test over the next few weeks.

In Art, we have been using tints and shades to experiment with 3D effects. We used a grid to draw an apple and then used water colours to create our painting.

In Science, we have been learning all about our teeth and the purpose of each type. It has been interesting finding out how our teeth change as we grow and when different teeth come through.

In Geography, we have started our new topic - 'Peculiar Plants' and have enjoyed finding out about the different plants that grow around the world. We have found out that different plants are able to survive in different biomes. We discovered that the Darth Vader flower grows in Brazil, South America and the Black Bat flower grows in China, Asia. At Roebuck Academy we are testing our Growth Mindsets!

Juniper & Sycamore

This term, Year 5 began their exhilarating topic all about 'Our Extreme Earth', where they discussed the vast differences of climates on Earth, in preparation to help them understand natural disasters that sometimes occur and why they happen.

Additionally, they planned and wrote balanced arguments linking to last half term's Victorian history unit, which included arguments for and against children working in workhouses. Ask your child, "What's a positive and negative about workhouses during the Victorian era?".

In Maths, Year 5 have been persevering to multiply improper and mixed number fractions by whole numbers. Ask your child, "What happens to the denominator when multiplying a fraction?". So far, a really great start to the final half term - Well done! At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!

Elder & Ash

Year 6 have had a busy week after the recent half-term and we have been working very hard to get everything done! Here is a summary of everything we have done:





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We have been extremely busy rehearsing for our end-of-year play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream", making sure we know all our lyrics and lines. At the same time, we have been working on the Mayans during history as well as Light during science - doing investigations to immerse in the lessons.



In English, we are writing about the Phillip Pullman book, "The Firework-maker's daughter," to advance our use of dialogue and varied punctuation. We have additionally done some creative writing based on a video and written a diary entry.

Our Maths Enterprise project has also been coming along as the students use their economic knowledge to make and sell a product of their choice (Using only £5).



In conclusion, our first week back has been a success and we hope year 6 will collectively work harder to overcome our last term at Roebuck Academy! At Roebuck Academy we are Performers!



Thursday 8th June 2023



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