



# ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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week at our great school!

Tuesday 10th November

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## Welcome from the Headteacher

WELCOME BACK to a very wet November! Regardless of the miserable weather, we have experienced a great first week back after half-term. As always, our children and teaching staff have been very busy with an array of fun-filled and hands-on learning activities prepared and planned for our children. This is to ensure that the curriculum is as relevant 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 a live assembly with Pear Class as an audience who all participated very well! 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.

This week, we continued to focus our attention on learning that we began in BLACK HISTORY month. Children continued to learn all about the work of famous Black Artists, as well as learn traditional and modern Black African and Diwali dance routines. Learning culminated in an amazing display of children's art work which celebrates Black heritage.

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.

### Year Nursery - Acorn and Chestnut

Nursery have had an exciting first week back after half term. We have been busy learning all about fireworks and celebrations. We have been watching and listening to fireworks and describing what they sound like. The children have been making their very own fireworks using an assortment of different materials including making marks in coloured sand as well as using chalk and paint to make firework pictures. At Roebuck Academy we are Artists!

### Year Reception - Oak and Willow

Science Fun! The Magic Porridge Pot!!

This week in Literacy we have been reading the story, 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. Before sharing the story with the children on Monday, we showed them a little experiment. The children made predictions about what might happen when we mixed together some vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. The children then used their knowledge of what happened in the experiment to predict what might happen in the story. At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!



## Key Dates

09/11/20  
Remembrance  
Assembly with  
Rev Kate

13/11/20  
Children  
In Need  
Spotacular

16/11/20  
Odd Socks  
Day

19/11/20  
Diwali  
Workshop  
for EYFS

15/12/20  
Christmas  
Dinner

17/12/20  
Last Day  
of Term



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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

97.3%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

### Attendance Awards



Cherry  
99.7%



Cedar  
99.3%



Sycamore  
99%

The winning class will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward.

#### Year One - Elm and Maple

Calling all Superheroes!!!!

We flew into the second half of Autumn term with a Superhero day on Monday 2nd November.

Everyone looked amazing and we cleverly used the excitement to create some wonderful literacy prompts for this weeks lessons on question writing and using amazing adjectives.

Our learning this term is going to be 'SUPER!' At Roebuck Academy we are Superheroes!

#### Year Two - Pine and Birch

This week, Year 2 have been busy learning about our new topic, the Titanic. We have been discussing and writing about how you can recount a journey or event, whilst also discussing how our senses can be pivotal in describing these.

In History, we also looked at the amenities on the Titanic and the differences between the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class tickets that people bought.

In Maths, we have been developing our skills of adding 3 single digit numbers. We have been investigating the different models we can use to help develop these skills.

In Science, we have continued to look at different materials and how materials of the same properties can look and feel varied, whilst also carrying out different purposes.

In Art, we made poppies using different mediums and will continue with more Remembrance Day activities next week.

We also got to take part in a Diwali dance workshop helping us to learn more about the festival of Diwali. At Roebuck Academy we are Historians!





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In English, we are looking at the film called, 'Blue Umbrella'. This tells a story of a blue umbrella who gets lost in a storm but is saved by a red umbrella. The story is set in New York while a thunderstorm is happening.

We used our very own body-parts as well as an array of instruments to create a soundscape of the storm. We filmed the end result and showed the children the effect of it. Ask your children to teach you how to create one of your very own!

## Year 4 Cedar and Rowan Class

Year Four were lucky enough to be visited by 'The Magnard Ensemble' this week for a musical performance like no other. As it's not possible to visit anywhere with current circumstances, the chamber music was brought to us.

The children had the chance to listen to a range of different pieces played through instruments including the famous Harry Potter soundtrack and the Wallace and Gromit theme tune. The instruments included: a flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, piccolo and bassoon. Members of the ensemble demonstrated to children what their instruments could do, ranging from a high pitch to a low pitch using keys and their lungs! At Roebuck we love music!

## Year Five - Juniper and Sycamore Class

The children were treated to a wonderful performance from a 'wind instrument quintet' consisting of a wide range of musical instruments from classical backgrounds. Each adult shared insightful information about their chosen instrument and even showed the children some cool tricks in the process!

Hopefully, the children will be inspired to pick up an instrument in the future and learn how to play. At Roebuck Academy we appreciate classical music!

## Odd Socks Day

Roebuck Academy is supporting Anti-Bullying Week!

Next week, the children will be learning about the importance of Odd Socks Day and discussing different ways we can make our school a happier and safer place for everyone.

On Monday the 16th November, we will also be holding an Odd Sock Day. All children and adults are invited to wear colourful odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique and to celebrate the importance of individuality.





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## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AT ROEBUCK ACADEMY IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!

### Year Six - Elder Class

Year 6 have been exposed to some fantastic opportunities over the last few weeks: musical renditions by a woodwind quintet, dance choreography, and abstract art.

Before half term, Year 6, along with some other classes, had the opportunity to take part in a Halloween dance workshop run by Warriorz Performing Arts Academy. The children were all dressed up in their Halloween costumes and performed a routine to Michael Jackson's Thriller. It was such a joy to watch and the children clearly loved every minute of it!

We also completed some Artwork based on the work of Corey Barksdale for Black History Month using oil pastels.

In addition, the class have shared my excitement about our latest literacy unit which is based around news reports. We have taken the well-known Fairy Tale Goldilocks and begun to write our own article about it: looking at the crimes that Goldilocks may have committed and a range of high-level vocabulary for the feelings that the bears may have experienced from this traumatic ordeal.

Year 6 have made a positive start to the week and we look forward to another great half term of learning. At Roebuck Academy we are Fabulous!

### Children in Need - Friday 13th November 2020

It is that time of year again and on Friday 13th November, we will be celebrating Children in Need as a whole-school. The children are encouraged to come into school wearing non-school uniform (preferably something spotty and yellow) to mark the day and bring a voluntary donation of £1, which will support the Child in Need initiative. The day will be packed full of exciting activities for the children to enjoy!





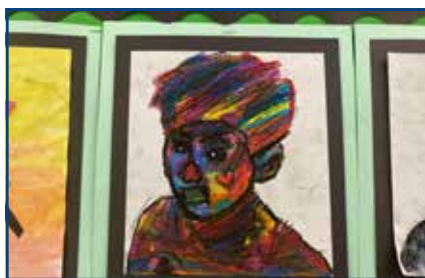
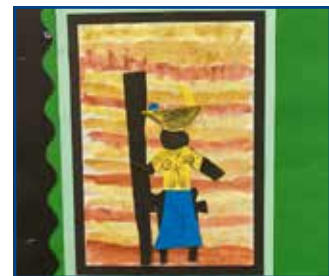
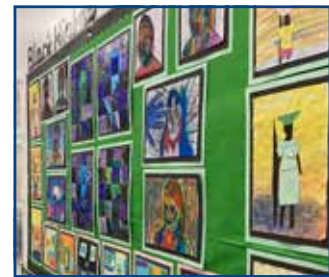
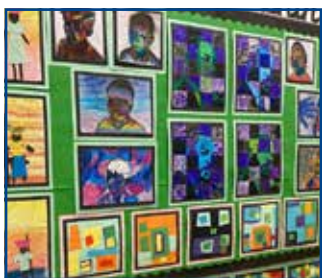
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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is marked annually across the country in October and celebrates individuals and events that have shaped the black generations and the world we live in. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contributed to and helped to form our society we live in today. The overarching message is about equality and the importance of treating people equally, regardless of the colour of their skin.





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