



ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Keeping you up-to-date
with what's going on!

Thursday 22nd July 2021

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that the final newsletter of this academic year finds you all safe and well.

As the academic year draws to an end, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer break. This academic year, along with 2020, has certainly been very different to the one planned and will certainly be recorded as such in history books! Although this has been an extremely difficult and challenging year, I have been incredibly proud and amazed at what we have achieved as a school and community. We have been able to pull together and find opportunity and positivity in such challenging times. I am very proud to be the Headteacher at Roebuck Academy. I would like to thank you for your continued support and patience over the last few months and dealing with the many changes that have happened, including the closure of bubbles. It has been a tough time for everyone and I am extremely grateful to you all. Your kind words, emails and messages of encouragement have helped us all when we needed it!

Over the summer holidays, have fun with your family and friends, enjoy the time together and we look forward to seeing the children back at school for the beginning of the Autumn term on Monday, 6th September!

Nursery - Acorn and Chestnut

For Nursery's Geography week we have been exploring our outside area and looking at the environment around us. We started the week with reading a book all about different mini beasts and then we went on a bug hunt. We found lots of different creatures including woodlice, spiders and a snail.

We also learned all about British birds such as the robin, woodpecker and blue tit. We thought about what they need to survive and then made our very own bird feeders using a pine cone, lard and bird seed.

We also looked at some pictures of some natural art which was made using different natural objects such as leaves, stones and sticks. Then we had a go at making some ourselves.





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We used our senses to go on a senses walk and looked through a 'viewfinder'. We talked about what we could see and described things in our environment.

We finished our very busy week with a 'teddy bear's picnic'. We got to decorate a biscuit and then ate them in our outdoor area with our teddies. At Roebuck, we are Scientists.

Reception - Geography Week

What a wonderful world!

This week, across the school, it has been Geography Week. In Reception, we have learnt about the different types of houses that we live in. We created a mind map about what makes Stevenage special; the football stadium, the cinema, the shops, the theatre and Fairlands Park, to name a few. We then looked at some photographs that had been taken in and around Stevenage. Later in the week we looked at the features of our country, we watched some videos showing the birds eye view of coastal regions, cities and the lake district. We talked about what we could see and about the similarities and differences there were between each of the areas. We also used Google Earth to zoom into the school and different places across the UK. We even zoomed into Africa and noticed how the land and features were very different to the UK. On Thursday we had an extra special treat of a camping adventure on the school field. We were able to go into a tent with a friend, we sat around a camp-fire singing songs and reading stories. Mrs Solomon and Mrs Prosser toasted marshmallows for us to eat. What a fun week it has been! At Roebuck, we are Geographers!

Year 1 Elm & Maple

This week year 1 enjoyed 'camping out' on the school field! We were SO excited to read our books inside the tents... some of us even pretended to have a little sleep zzzzzz. We then roasted marshmallows on the fire which tasted delicious! We learned how to keep safe whilst camping and now lots of us would like to go with our families. For the rest of Geography week, we have been learning about different types of weather. At Roebuck, we are Meteorologists!

Year 2 Birch & Pine

What a creative and action packed few weeks in Year 2. We will start off by congratulating Kayden on his Headteacher's Award! We are so proud of you Kayden!





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In Year 2, we have been learning how to sew. We began by using a template and cutting our fabric to size, we then had to secure our pieces of fabric using a running stitch. Our final product was a small pouch to store our treasures!

We are fully immersed in Maps and Geography this week and absolutely loved our camp-fire experience with marshmallows and hot chocolate. We have used an atlas and maps to plan a route and to find different place across the UK. We have also conducted a science experiment to show the importance of hand washing using pepper and washing up liquid! At Roebuck, we are Map Makers!



Year 3 Cherry & Pear

Over the last two weeks, Year 3 have been focusing on Roger McGough the poet. We have been looking at his poetry book called 'Poetry Pie'. We looked at various different poems and even had the opportunity to perform some. We performed 'School for Ghouls'. We focused on the meaning of the words and the expression we used when performing. We went outside and used one of the tents as our performance space! At Roebuck, we are Poets!



Year 4 Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have had a fantastic week this week. We kicked off with a camouflage day to immerse ourselves in all things Geography. Our focus for our afternoon work was the water cycle and we created weather plates to show the repeated, continuous cycle. If that wasn't already great fun, we had an afternoon camp out on the field where we cosied up with hot chocolates, marshmallows around the camp-fire and blissful reading time in tents. At Roebuck, we are Geographers!



Year 5 Juniper & Sycamore

This week Year 5 have been continuing with their topic about plastic pollution as part of Geography week. They have been busy writing a persuasive pitch to try to convince Ms Young that we should be a 'single use plastic' free school. There are some very strong arguments so we feel she will be convinced!



During the afternoons, we have been delving deeper into the topic. We carried out experiments with elastic bands to see how difficult it is for wildlife to remove plastic from the beaks and necks if they get caught up in plastic that has made its way into the environment. The children then made use of the facts they had researched in literacy as well as their findings from the experiment to produce posters to encourage people to not use single use plastic and be more careful when disposing of it.





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In addition to this, Year 5 have learnt about the recycling process and produced flow diagrams to explain what happens. They have learnt that although recycling is great it is not the best option and refusing to accept and use the 'big 4' (plastic drinking straws, plastic cups, take away hot drinks cups and lids and single use plastic bottles) has a bigger impact on helping the environment and making our world a better place for the future.



On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 explored the camp on the field. They spent time chilling in the tents and then toasted marshmallows over the fire and drank hot chocolate. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the experience. At Roebuck, we are Environmentalists!



Year 6 Elder

Our final blog of the year and our final blog as Year 6s. What a roller-coaster time the children have had over the last couple of years and what amazing resilience they have shown. They have all been demonstrating the roebuck value of determination during this pandemic. And these last few weeks have been no different: we had a wonderful Geography day where we learnt about grid references and modern mapping using 'What3Words' to locate areas around the school; we created art inspired by street art from the Bellavista region of Chile; created carnival masks for our South American day; ate a traditional Brazilian chocolate sweet; and enjoyed a sing song and a marshmallow round a camp-fire all to celebrate Geography week.



It was also wonderful to see so many of the children come along to the prom to celebrate their time here at Roebuck; lots of smartly dressed young children who had such an amazing time and a credit to you and the school. As we near the end of the final chapter for this wonderful cohort, I would like to thank them for all their contributions throughout the year, the teamwork they have shown and the wonderful young individuals they have all become. At Roebuck, in Year 6, we are Superstars.

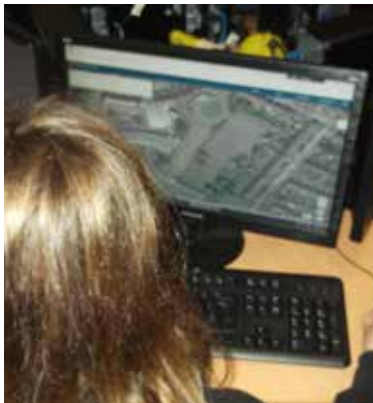
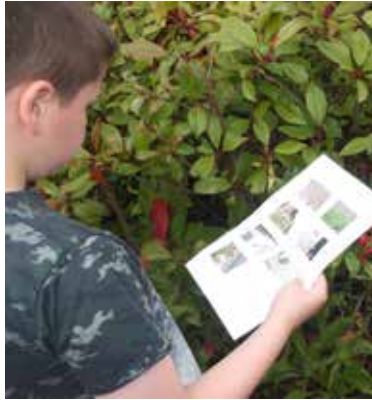




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