



Monday 31st October

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Key Dates

04/11/22

Dia De Los Muertos

04/11/22

Books & Breakfast Year 3

07/11/22

Books & Breakfast Year 6

08/11/22

Books & Breakfast Year 5

09/11/22

Books & Breakfast Year 1

14/11/22

Nursery Photographs

What a wonderful first half term we have had, we've got the year off to such a great start: the children, staff and families never fail to make me feel so proud and privileged to work here. Roebuck Academy really is a very special place.

It was great to see so many of you come through the doors at parents' evening to hold discussions around your child's progress, we hope you found them useful. If there are any of you who didn't manage to make the two designated evenings, then our staff will be in touch to arrange an alternative date and time.

The second half-term in autumn is always a really busy and exciting time of the year for us with lots of events planned. Please see our events calendar on the website where you can see everything that is going on.

Finally, a big thank you from all of us at Roebuck Academy for your unwavering support over the last 7 weeks. We hope that you are all ready for an amazing lead-up to all that is Christmas!

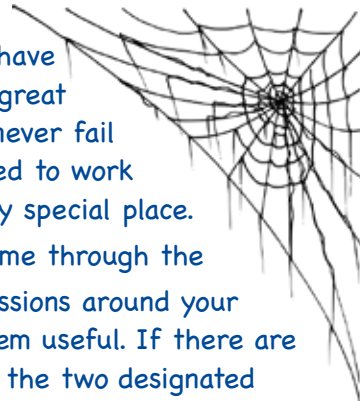
Acorn & Chestnut

Nursery have been learning about the Celebration, Diwali. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of different activities and learning about the meaning of Diwali. Some of these activities were: painting Diya lamps, drawing Rangoli patterns, exploring colours and creating Mehndi hand designs. We also read the Story 'Rama and Sita' and talked about how people might celebrate Diwali at home. At Roebuck Academy we celebrate the culture of others!

Willow & Oak

Junk Modelling!

The children have been exploring and investigating the tools and materials in the junk modelling area. We focussed on learning how to attach different materials together and learnt how to use runny glue, cello tape and masking tape. Once the children had finished making their creations, they enjoyed explaining to their peers what they had made and how they had made it. We were blown away with their amazing models. At Roebuck Academy we are Artists! Well done, Reception!





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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



Cedar
97.9%



Cherry
97.6%



Willow
95.3%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cedar Class who had 97.9% attendance!



Maple & Elm

Year 1 have begun exploring the Zones of Regulation. Jigsaw Joe helped us understand how sometimes we feel happy, sad, excited or angry and that we can ask for help if we need to. We talked about what each Zone looks like and then played a game of Bingo to see if we understood which Zone each face belonged to. We also finished our Science topic on Plant Detectives by going to the allotment and planting daffodil bulbs - hopefully they will flower in time for spring. At Roebuck Academy we are Gardeners!



Pine & Birch

Year 2 have been learning how to make bread. They had to weigh the ingredients and mix them to make a dough, and then knead it. After that, they turned their ball of dough into a hedgehog and added spikes, as well as eyes and a nose. What a lovely smell of freshly baked bread we had in the corridor outside Year 2! At Roebuck Academy we are Bakers!



Cherry & Pear

Year 3 have been 'dropping everything' and reading! We have thoroughly enjoyed spending time together and sharing books. Both Cherry and Pear class, are loving the new books within the library and in the class reading corners. At Roebuck Academy WE LOVE READING!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have had a busy couple of weeks since our last blog! Both classes had a fantastic opportunity to practise and develop digital design skills by using an App called Tinkercad to create 3D designs. In these sessions we were challenged to combine our maths, design and technology and computing skills to create a digital 3D design for a personalised keyring which will be printed on site in school using specialised 3D printing technology.





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We were really motivated by the idea that something we designed on the computers could be printed in 3D at school to make a personalised product like this and just can't wait to see them!

Our Food Technology focus in D and T lessons has complimented our history topic on the Greeks as we practised and refined our skills such as the bridge and claw and pincer grips to successfully peel, chop, slice and dice our way through lots of ingredients to make Super Greek Salads.



We also thoroughly enjoyed rounding off our history topic on the Ancient Greeks with an amazing Ancient Greeks day. We relished the opportunity to immerse ourselves in history and come to school dressed in Ancient Greek attire for the whole day!

Our day began with us entering 490 BC as residents of Athens and amid Greece being invaded. Luckily, we survived the invasion and then had the opportunity to take on typical roles found in the Athenian Agora (marketplace) at the time. We took on the roles of wax tablet makers, pottery painters, fresco painters and jewellers to name a few.



In addition to this, we had the opportunity to experience an Ancient Greek Feast and Theatre performance in the afternoon. We will certainly remember this time in history after having these wonderful learning experiences!

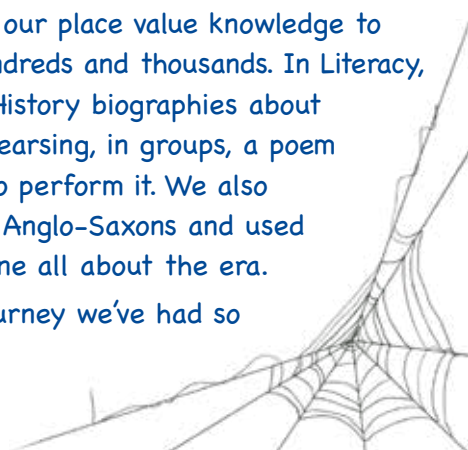
At Roebuck Academy we are Technologists!

Juniper & Sycamore

In Year 5, we have been using our place value knowledge to multiply and divide by tens, hundreds and thousands. In Literacy, we finished writing our Black History biographies about Walter Tull and have been rehearsing, in groups, a poem called 'Boneyard Rap', ready to perform it. We also concluded our topic about the Anglo-Saxons and used our learning to create a timeline all about the era.

What a wonderful learning journey we've had so far in Year 5. Well done!

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Ash & Elder

Elder and Ash class have been planning and designing their 3D mazes using TinkerCAD ready to use with our new 3D printer. TinkerCAD is a designing website specifically made for designing 3D printed projects: mazes, figures and more!



Also, we have been planning and creating a spooky horror story to read out on our very own Fright Night, a spooky yet fun evening that encourages us to read aloud our amazingly creative horror stories.

We have also conducted a Finches Investigation to figure out what type of Finches 'beak' would be good for different types of 'seeds'. We used counters, rice, red lentils and macaroni for our 'seeds' and tweezers, pegs, scissors and spoons for our 'beaks'. Using a timer, we had 30 seconds to pick up as many 'seeds' as we could (only picking up one at a time) and place it into the stomach (tray). Once our time was up, we filled in a table with numbers to show how many pieces of 'seed' each 'beak' could pick up. We wrote out our conclusion and decided that the spoon was best for nearly everything whilst the peg was the worst because it was awkward for flatter smaller items. This showed that if a finch had a beak, similar in shape to a peg, then the species would be more likely to die out than if they had a spoon-shaped beak.



At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN