



Tuesday 6th December

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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Welcome from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of the term and begin the Christmas season, we want to keep you up to date with everything that is happening inside our Wonderful School!

Acorn & Chestnut

We have had a fantastic week in Nursery. Christmas has arrived along with our class elves! Their names are Tinsel Toes and Pickles! They left us a letter to say that they were here to keep a special eye on us. They want to see us being kind, trying our best and following our class expectations. We are all looking forward to seeing what the elves get up to next! At Roebuck we are Respectful!

Oak & Willow

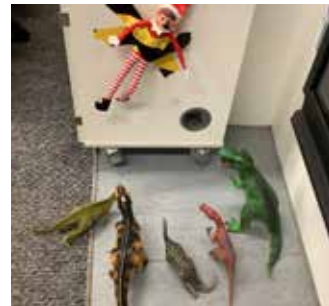
This week in Literacy, we have been reading 'Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk'. Grandma Fantastic has been giving the children some tricky words, but the children have been using their robot arms to sound them out! We have been describing the taste of jellybeans and we were even able to taste them to provide us with ideas. The children came up with words like, 'sticky, sweet, taste, yummy, gooey'. We based our Art lesson on the Literacy book of the week and made our very own beanstalk. The children were brilliant at following instructions and were really pleased with their beanstalk artwork. At Roebuck we are Artists!

Elm & Maple

What a busy few weeks Year 1 have had! We had our Hero day, dressing up as; doctors, nurses, vets and other people in the community that we are proud to represent! Sensei Angus also popped along to teach Karate - we learnt how to show respect by bowing correctly, counting to 10 in Japanese and how each move in Karate can be used to defend yourself. Later in the week we had a visit from North Herts College students. They taught us what plants need to grow and took us down to the school allotment to sew some seeds and bulbs. At Roebuck we are Gardeners!

Birch & Pine

Year 2 attended Bridge Builders, The Christmas Journey, this week. They heard the story of the first Christmas and moved around the church hearing from different people who were there at the time - Anna and Simeon, The Shepherds, The Magi and Mary and Joseph. At each station the children listened then had a short activity to complete. At Roebuck we are Respectful of religious festivals!



Key Dates

07/12/22

Nursery Nativity
10:00am

07/12/22

KS1 Carols
Around the Tree
2:15pm

08/12/22

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2:15pm

13/12/22

Reception
Production
10:00am

14/12/22

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16/12/22

Christmas
Party Day



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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

92.5%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Birch
95.5%



Sycamore
95%



Pear/Cedar
94.8%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Birch Class who had 95.5% attendance!



Cherry & Pear

In Year 3 we are Artists! We studied the artists Maud Purdy and Max Ernst and took inspiration for our own floral frottage pieces of art. We used a range of textures to create rubbings and identified what textures and patterns each material made. We then used the rubbings to create a botanical piece of art!



Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have been learning about coding in computing. We have been challenged to create our own coding blocks to create different effects. This week, we linked these to our work on habitats in Science by creating a sequence which would return a lost animal to its natural habitat. Once mastered, we will combine and apply a range of elements to create our own digital games.



In Literacy, we enjoyed interviewing one another and writing balanced arguments in response to the question 'Should children wear non-uniform to school every day?' We have learned how to present our ideas effectively to inform and engage the reader and have been able to explore and refine our use of formal and technical vocabulary.



In music, we have enjoyed playing the glockenspiels as a solo, in small groups and as a whole class. We have been practising reading musical notation and have progressed from accompanying a few bars to a whole song!

In Art this week, we were inspired by the work of Henri Matisse and in particular a piece called 'The Circus' in which he used paper cut outs to create a collaged composition. Matisse called this 'drawing with scissors'. We applied this technique to our own compositions in which we explored proportion, overlapping, interlocking elements and aspects of tone. At Roebuck we are Artists!





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Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have been busy in the classroom once again, trying their hand at Cornets with Mr Robinson! The children have mastered the first few notes and are playing along to a backing track. Also, Year 5 have been using manipulatives in Maths to explore the link between fraction and division. They're now exploring how this can represent decimal numbers. Oh, and we can't forget the Year 5 teachers deciding to show a practical demonstration of the digestive system using tights, banana, orange juice and cream crackers! Check out the expressions in Juniper! At Roebuck we are Scientists!



Ash & Elder

What have we been doing in Year 6 this week? Last Friday, we took part in a Boxing Workshop where we learnt how to dodge, block and attack! We learnt to work against each other and found out what boxers do!



We were also joined by the Magnard Ensemble, who taught us about the Woodwind instruments that the group had brought with them: they told us about their instruments, played some songs and even tricked us into clapping on one of them - making us think that the song was finished when it wasn't (they managed to do this three times before the song ended).



In Literacy, we have moved onto a Biography unit. We are currently writing a Biography on David Attenborough and what he has done throughout his life up until now. After we have completed this we are planning to write an independent piece on a choice of three famous individuals. At Roebuck we are Biographers!





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