



Tuesday 31st January

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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## It's almost February!

### Key Dates

**06/02/23**

Nursery  
Workshop  
- Little City

**06/02/23**

Rowan Class  
Fantastic Finish

**07/02/23**

Reception  
Books & Blankets

**08/02/23**

Year 4  
Egyptian  
Workshop

**09/02/23**

Year 5 Trip  
- Airbus

**10/02/23**

End of Term  
- 3:15pm

This year we have continued to shine a spotlight on our immersive curriculum. As always, we will be aiming to bring you as much curriculum news as possible throughout the rest of the year.

Our children are always so proud of their learning; and what better way to share their special moments and achievements than through our newsletter and social media! We want our children to have no limits to what their ambitions are and to live by our core values. We all believe that, "If you can DREAM it, you can ACHIEVE it!" We see our newsletter as a great way of showcasing all of the fabulous work we do across all curriculum areas. This week has been another fantastic week at our GREAT school. We have seen so many examples of outstanding work in all areas of the curriculum from our amazing children; some of which are featured in our newsletter and social media. Head over to our Twitter Feed to have a sneaky look... @academy\_roebuck

#### Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children were very excited to learn about Chinese culture and take part in activities to celebrate the year of the Rabbit. We enjoyed tasting prawn crackers during snack time, making lanterns and practised using chopsticks to pick up noodles. In Nursery we are Explorers!

#### Oak & Willow

This week in Reception, we have been very excited to learn about the Lunar New Year and welcomed in The Year of the Rabbit. On Monday, we had an experience day where we took part in lots of different activities based on the Lunar New Year. The children learned dance moves using features of the Lunar New Year such as fans, fireworks and lanterns. The children were very creative and made their own lanterns which they decorated and put up in our classrooms. We also learned about the different types of food eaten in China and throughout the week the children made their very own noodle stir fry. In Reception we are MasterChefs!

#### Elm & Maple

Year 1 have had an incredibly busy week! We have been on a rollercoaster, played in the snow on the coldest planet, cleaned up the oceans and dived into books!





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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

94%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

### Attendance Awards



Sycamore  
98.1%



Cherry  
98%



Pear  
97.6%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Sycamore Class who had 98.1% attendance!



We enjoyed a visit from the Reading Rangers from Mariotts School to help us with our reading!

We have been creating persuasive leaflets to encourage children to come to our Ice Planet and enjoy our new rides. To do this we enjoyed playing with ice bombs, using the snow machine and enjoyed a VR experience on a rollercoaster!

The Frozen workshop was fantastic. We managed to clean up the oceans, create food for bees and recycle lots of rubbish.

We also explored an alien spaceship crash and wrote some incredible stories about meeting a friendly alien!

What a wonderful couple of weeks! In Year 1 we are Explorers!

#### Birch & Pine

In Literacy this week we started our new topic of The Magic Paintbrush, which links with our topic of China. We watched a video and looked at pictures of Chinese flowers, boats, buildings, animals of the Zodiac and some Chinese writing. Next, we tried to recreate these pictures in our "sand" just like Shen did in the story. In Year 2 we are Creation Engineers!

#### Cherry & Pear

Year Three were fortunate enough to step into the times of the Ruthless Romans last week. We enjoyed an immersive day of learning about Roman battle armour where we even got to try some on and handle it up close. Then, we planned, designed and decorated traditional shields inspired by Roman mosaics and patterns. In the afternoon, we tasted Roman food such as: olives, cheese, grapes and bread (peacock brains were not on the menu unfortunately). As well as this, we experienced what it was like to create the 'tortoise' formation in the battlefield - our teamwork and sticking together protected us well from flying objects and battle opponents! In Year 3 we are Ruthless Romans!





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### Cedar & Rowan

It has been another busy week in Year 4! During Science, we have been finding out how sounds travel. We carried out experiments to explore this. One included using string telephones which allowed us to find out that when the string was tight the sound travelled better.

In PSHE, we have started our Brain Buddies sessions during which we started talking about our emotions and how we can deal with them. We focused on 'emotion surfing' which focuses on using waves to think about our emotions. The wave will be high, but it won't last - the emotion will pass. We used the words - It's okay. It will pass. I'm okay - to focus our minds and help.

In our Computing sessions, we created two dimensional shapes using Logo commands.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to take part in a workshop run by North Hertfordshire College. The session had a Frozen theme and had a focus on saving the environment and the importance of keeping fit. We all had a great time completing the activities.

Another fun afternoon involved each class becoming detectives. Our task was to find out how Tutankhamun died. We knew that he was 19 when he died but there were three different theories as to how he died - accident, illness or murder! We enjoyed using the evidence and making connections between them before coming up with conclusions. In Year 4, we are Detectives!



### Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have been working hard on percentages of amounts in Maths this half term. They have begun drawing bar models to support their understanding and have even learnt a song that Mrs Norman taught them! Mr Downie also made a creative 'spinners' lesson, where the children were given the opportunity to generate their own word problems to solve. One child had to work out 45% of 1200 footballs! Wow! In Year 5 we are Mathematicians!

### Ash & Elder

Another amazing week in Year 6, full of fun activities and new experiences! We had our Holocaust workshop with two amazing teachers from Thomas Alleyne's - who taught us the history of the Holocaust and what happened during this horrifying event. We learned over 6 million Jews were killed due to their religion, race & beliefs.





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We have started a new unit in Literacy on persuasive speeches – mainly learning about Greta Thunberg and how she has the passion to try and save our beautiful world. In addition, we are currently making posters about the topic Greta was trying to explain– Climate Change. A challenge is currently making its way around the school: we have been challenged by Ms Young to draw a realistic tiger for last year’s astrological animal for the Chinese New Year, The Tiger (a symbol of dignity, ferocity, sternness and energy). Another piece of art we have begun is titled, ‘The Great Wave’, where we will be using cross-hatching to fill our designs. Finally, in Maths, we have been learning about the nets of cubes, 3D shapes and their properties and working extremely hard on our arithmetic scores. At Roebuck we are Creative!



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