

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

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### **Key Dates**

**21/03/23** Year 1 Fantastic Finish

22/03/23 Year 5 Fantastic Finish

23/03/23
Mingle with your Mentor

23/03/23 Mother's Day Assembly

24/03/23 GB Athlete Visiting

24/03/23 Nursery Stay & Play

### Welcome from the Headteacher



## WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS 2023

What an amazing time staff and children had celebrating World Book Day 2023! or should we say, WORLD THING DAY! We have continued over the past few weeks to endorse our love of everything that is Reading by exposing our children to even more high-quality reading texts as well as a number of focus days centred upon reading. As well as dressing up as 505 things, there have also been a range of other activities on offer. Children created their own Scrapbook pages, shared their own favourite books as well as planning and making some book themed Scarecrows for our school allotment areas. All in all, children had a booktastical time! Developing reading for pleasure continues to be one of our main priorities at RA and celebrating this special day is just one way we help foster a genuine love for reading! If you'd like to enhance what we offer by continuing the celebration at home, please visit the World Book Day website: www.worldbookday.com, it's packed full of activities and ideas for families to enjoy! Check out our Twitter feed for more fabulous photos of our celebration THING DAY @academy\_roebuck

At Roebuck Academy we are Readers!



#### BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

All things 'Science' quite rightly dominates this week's newsletter as this week, we celebrated British Science Week in true RA style. Mrs Jarman with the support from Mrs Jackson and Mr Downie, have well and truly brought Science alive this week as our children have delved deep into the wonderful world of Biscuits! All Year Groups across the school explored a different significant aspect of biscuits and produced work to contribute to a whole-school themed day of, Which is the Best Dunker!

At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!

I am always truly blown away by the wide range of learning opportunities on offer at RA! The children are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated team, who work tirelessly organising a 'Sticky Learning' curriculum to ensure as much enrichment as possible! What a Team!



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### More Key Dates

28/03/23
Rock Steady
Concert
Parents only

**29/03/23** KS2 Quidditch Day

30/03/23 EAL Coffee Morning

30/03/23 Year 3 Fantastic Finish

31/03/23
End of
Spring Term

17/04/23
Start of
Summer Term

#### Acorn & Chestnut

This week in Nursery we have taken part in a Science experiment for science day. We all followed a recipe to make our own Gingerbread men and tested to see what happened to them when we put them into water. The children predicted that they might fall apart when wet.

We put the Gingerbread men in the water and as predicted they became all soggy, the water became murky and they fell apart. Luckily, all the children had made two Gingerbread men, so they still had one left to decorate and eat.

In Nursery we are Scientists!

#### Oak & Willow

This week in Reception is Science week. The children took part in a Science experiment where we placed gingerbread men into different substances and the children observed how they changed over time. The substances included: cooking oil, vinegar, water and milk. The children made a prediction about what would happen to the gingerbread men in each substance. We measured our substances to pour over the gingerbread men. Using a timer, we made observations every ten minutes and recorded the results. The children were very excited to watch the changes over time.

In Reception we are Scientists!

#### Elm & Maple

This week in Year 1 we have been busy writing our own Pinocchio stories. We have also been watching bread develop mould in the name of science! We know that Alexander Flemming made a life changing discovery due to this accidental finding. We have also been learning about measures and have been practising using standard and non-standard measures to measure size and mass. We enjoyed the pantomime and today we are celebrating Science Week with a biscuit investigation. What a busy week!

In Year One we are Story Writers!

#### Birch & Pine

On Wednesday 1st March, Year 2 held their Fantastic Finish workshop. Children enjoyed showing their parents and carers what they had been learning about in Geography last half term. The children carried out a variety of arts and crafts such as making lanterns, origami animals, lucky envelopes and Chinese writing and numbers.

In Year Two we are Geographers!



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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

95%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

#### Attendance Awards







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Cedar 99.6%

Pear 98.3%

Cherry

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cedar Class who had 99.6% attendance!



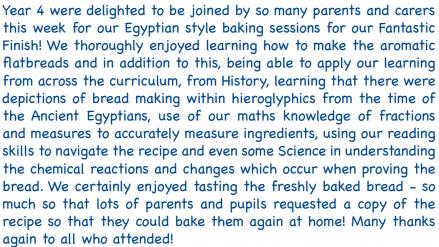
#### Cherry & Pear

This week, Year 3 have been developing their musical talents. We rocked out and sang 'Don't stop believing'. Then we added in the additional challenge of playing the glockenspiels focusing on the notes F G A. Later on in the week, we had the opportunity to take part in a musical workshop with students from the University of Hertfordshire. We learnt songs about the different continents of the world. We enjoyed learning new songs and putting a sequence of dance moves together and then sharing this within a whole school performance.

In Year Three we are Musicians!



#### Cedar & Rowan



In addition to all of this, we have been enjoying experimenting with making music in computing, broadening our bank of strategies for mindfulness and have been refining our map work skills in Geography by completing puzzles and utilising digital reference tools such as Digimaps to answer true or false questions about the River Nile.

In Year Four we are Egyptologists!













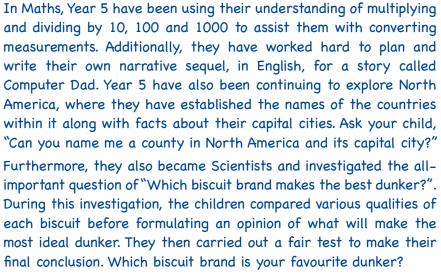
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#### Juniper & Sycamore

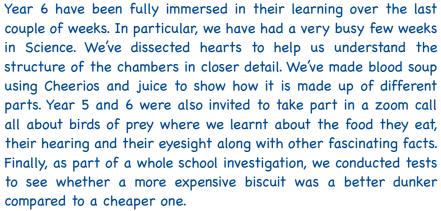






#### In Year Five we are Biscuit Dunkers!

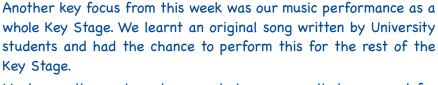
















Most recently, we have been analysing a poem that was used for the 2014 Winter Olympics campaign titled 'The Dreadful Menace'. We have enjoyed looking at the use of personification and creating our own ideas to construct a collaborative group poem all about winter. In Year Six we are Biologists!



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