

Wednesday 3rd May

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Headteacher

What a great start to the Summer Term. It has been lovely to see all the children returning to school - bright, happy, ready to learn and looking smart in their uniforms. Children are settled, happy and enjoying learning in all of their lessons! We couldn't ask for more! We are certainly looking forward to the rest of the term ahead and working towards achieving our school value of ALTOGETHER.

Acorn & Chestnut

This week we have started our new topic of 'The Secret Garden'. The children have been busy getting the nursery garden ready for planting. We have also been exploring our new role-play area which has changed into a garden centre. To introduce our topic, we have been reading the story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and have created our own beanstalks from this. We look forward to planting some seeds this half term and observing how they change. At Roebuck Academy we are Horticulturists!

Oak & Willow

In Reception we have started to think about our new exciting topic for this half term called, 'Splash!'

We kicked off our new topic by learning all about water, how we use it, where you would find it and how you can travel on it. We decided to focus our learning on finding out about different sea creatures. We loved watching different video clips of amazing sea creatures and used non-fiction books to find out about different sea creatures. The children then put their artistic skills to work by creating their own individual sea creature which we added to our class display. At Roebuck Academy we are Artists!

Elm & Maple

What an amazing start Year 1 have had this term as they were plunged into learning all about Pirates! Pirate Pete left the children a map with clues around the school so they could find his treasure. The children dressed up in hats and eye patches and had a swashbuckling sword fight with Mr Moran! Finally, using all of their design and technology skills, the children created pirate ships that were able to sail the seven seas. A few ships were lost along the way, but the children had great fun! They are so excited to learn more over the coming weeks about their favourite Pirate Grace O'Malley. At Roebuck Academy we are Pirates! Arrrrrrrr!



Key Dates

05/05/23

Coronation Celebrations in school

08/05/23

King Charles III Coronation

09/05/23

Year 6 SATs commence

11/05/23

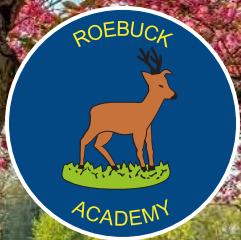
Year 3 Tag Rugby Festival

18/05/23

Year 5 Trip to Hitchin Victorian Museum

21/05/23

Year 6 Residential PGL



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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

93.1%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Cedar
99.2%



Ash
97.2%



Elm
94.7%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Cedar Class who had 99.2% attendance!

Birch & Pine

The beginning of the Summer Term saw Year 2 travelling to the Tower of London. Children visited The Tower of London as an exciting start to their new History topic, which is all about Kings and Queens. They were able to learn about how The Tower of London has been used as a Palace, a Fortress and a Prison. Children discovered this as they walked around in their groups. The children participated in a workshop where they learned about being a knight, including what dancing was like in the 1300s. They also worked together to protect the "Crown Jewels." At Roebuck Academy we are Historians.

Cherry & Pear

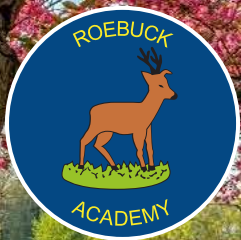
Wow, what a busy start to the Summer term. This term we have delved into our new topics of Rocks, Tudors and our new Literacy writing of a Twisted Tale. We have also had the opportunity to take part in some additional PE. We thoroughly enjoyed working on our fitness during 'Action Matz' as well as working in teams. We had to communicate, show resilience and most of all have fun! At Roebuck Academy we try our best in all areas of our learning!

Cedar & Rowan

Year Four have made a cracking start to being back at school. We have had great fun combining our Science and Design Technology learning where we have been constructing torches which include electrical circuits and our very own hand made switches to turn the torches off and on.

Our new Computing topic is 'Effective Searching'. After some practise, we applied these skills when using the chrome books to carry out some fantastic research on whales as part of our new Literacy unit based on the text, 'The Whale' and are looking forward to writing some amazing adventure stories linked to this.





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We have enjoyed using games to develop and apply our knowledge on comparing decimals and are looking forward to extending this to rounding and solving problems involving decimals. At Roebuck Academy we are Scientists!

Juniper & Sycamore

What a great start to the Summer Term! Year 5 began learning about their new topic, The Vile Victorians, where they explored Queen Victoria and created a fact file all about her. Ask your child, "What do you know about Queen Victoria?"

Additionally, Year 5 have started a new unit in Maths, which is all about angles, and are becoming experts at naming and measuring them (using a protractor). In Literacy, they have become immersed in a narrative called, 'I believe in Unicorns', by Michael Morpurgo, and have been writing from Tomas' perspective.

Year 5 were also in awe of the inspirational speaker that they had, called Bart Gee, who carried out a workshop with them so they could experience the challenge of everyday activities with a disability.

At Roebuck Academy we are Inclusive!

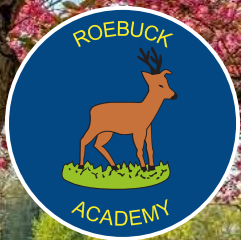
Ash & Elder

More fun weeks for the Year 6s, full of new learning curves and fun experiences! In particular, our subject on still life has ended! With all of the sweets finally painted, the finer detail with charcoal and watercolour paint has been ticked off. Now with Still life completed, a new series of lessons are coming up: Artist's Appreciation in Elder class while Ash are swimming!

Before we left for Easter break, we had a very enjoyable time, and it was National Quidditch Day. Firstly, we were sorted into our Hogwarts Houses according to our school house. Later in the afternoon, we had our Quidditch session, which consisted of different roles: the Beater; the person who throws the bludgers to stop the chasers from scoring the Quaffle in the hoops, the Seeker; the person to try and catch the snitch, the Chaser; who tries to score points and the Keepers who stops scores from the other team.

As well as Sporting lessons, Literacy has changed as well! We have moved on from 'The Dreadful Menace' poetry unit to Shakespeare, where we have begun learning about the unspeakable play 'Macbeth'. This is based on a war between Scotland and Norway, and a man called Macbeth who is destined to be king, dictated by three witches.





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Additionally, we also connected some drama to our work to help us to understand the plot.



In Science this term we have started our new unit on 'Light'. We discovered that light is not white, and that it is actually multi-coloured (or rainbow). Also, we found out that it goes so fast that it seems to be white, but also that it bounces off of an object and reflects into our eyes, and that is how we see what we look at! We are very excited by our new units and look forward to some more fantastic work in the coming weeks ahead. At Roebuck Academy we are Thespians!

