



Monday 29th January

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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at our great school!

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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly may I say a huge thank you to all those who have sent their best wishes. I am feeling much better and am recovering well and will be building up my time in school over the next week. I must thank the Leadership team of the school and especially Mrs Toal who have managed the school in my absence.

School Dinners

Please make sure that you are ordering your child's school dinners. Each day there are on average 30 school dinners that are not ordered through the ordering system. If your child has no pre order they will be provided with a school meal but not necessarily the one they want. The catering staff are unable to cook extra meals once they have a child without a meal in front of them.

Encouragement of reading at home

At Roebuck we realise the importance of reading both in school and at home. We provide the children with the opportunity to read for pleasure, whether it be during our Hooked on books sessions, when we read books for pleasure to the children or when we visit the school library. If you are able to, please try and spend 5 to 10 minutes reading or sharing a book to your child.

Miss Jakeman

Congratulations go to Miss Jakeman who was married during the Christmas holidays. She will not be taking her married name yet but will in the new academic year, when she will be Mrs Fair.

Library opening

The Literacy team, with the help of Mrs Bennett, have spent a lot of time making improvements to the school Library. We have decided to open the Library on two mornings to parents and children. On Monday from 8.00 to 8.30 Mrs Legg will be there for KS1 children and parents, while on Thursday from 8.00 to 8.30 Mrs Heritage will be there for KS2 children and parents. Please feel free to drop in .

Condolences

As many of you are aware the Mitchell family had a bereavement in the new year. Our sincere condolences go out to Mrs Mitchell and her family. We have been made aware of a GoFundMe page for the family, <https://gofund.me/e90c5236>.

Key Dates

29/1/24

Mingle with your mentor for Year 6 children

29/1/24

Wear your Pyjamas to School- national story telling week.

29/1/24 and 31/1/24

Ready, Steady Read assemblies

30/1/24

Year 2 Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop

2/2/24

Year 1 Space Dome

5/2/24

E Safety Week

Key Dates

5/2/24 Bridge Builders assembly KS2

6/2/24

Bridge Builders assembly KS1

6/2/24

EYFS Coffee morning for parent workshops

12/2/24 and 13/2/24

Nursery parent Consultation afternoon

14/2/24

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Parent Consultations

15/2/24

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16/2/24

RSA Valentine Disco



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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

93.3%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Sycamore
98.3%



Willow
97.9%



Elm
97%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pine Class who had 95.7% attendance!

Nursery

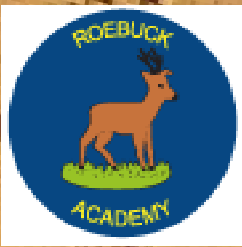
This week in Nursery we have been learning all about firefighters and how they help the community. We have been making fire pictures, retelling stories using props, putting out fires using spray bottles and we have created our own firefighter badges.



Reception Oak and Willow

This week the children have been exploring London through the text, 'All aboard the London Bus!' Each day the children have role played boarding a London bus, including having their ticket punched by the conductor and travelling to a different part of London. The children have enjoyed exploring Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, The Underground, London Bridge and finally The Tower of London to see the crown jewels. As part of our learning the children have created their own London Bus and wrote independent sentences about travelling on a London Bus, remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops! Well done, Reception. At Roebuck we are writers!





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Elm & Maple

This week in Year 1 we have been very busy finding out all about the first astronaut on the moon, Neil Armstrong. We have also been looking at number sequences using more and less. In phonics we have been learning about some of the ways to make an I sound using Yellow-I to help us.

In science we asked ourselves the question, Why do fish not have fingers? We held and looked at the fish under the magnifying glass to see all of the parts. We discussed how fish live and breathe under water and compared them to other animals. We discovered that not many children in year 1 have held or been this close to a fish before. We really enjoyed being scientists.



Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had another excellent two weeks. We have been enjoying our hooked on books sessions and have been exploring both fiction and non fiction texts. We have been using the text to find evidence to answer tricky comprehension questions and have been working well together. In Science, we used spinners to match materials and objects, we had to use our reasoning skills to why certain objects needed certain materials to work. In Maths, we have continued to master number. We have been exploring how number bonds can help us add larger numbers! We have also been taking part in lots of reading for pleasure. We love our library sessions and love talking about books!





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Cherry & Pear

Year 3 have had a fantastic day stepping back into Roman history. The children have been engaging in archaeological fact finding, craftsmanship and absorbing realms of historical information to move our learning forward.



Cedar & Rowan

In Year 4 we have started our new writing unit on playscripts and engaged enthusiastically in our experience day, by taking a virtual tour of the setting of our playscript and performing the script to bring it to life. We are looking forward to developing our playscript writing skills and applying this to our own creations.



We have had great fun exploring how sound is made and carried out investigations using cup and string telephones to see how the length and tension of the string affected the sound heard.

We have enjoyed learning more about Ancient Egypt including how hieroglyphs were used in communication and applied this knowledge by creating our own cartouches. We have been learning about Ancient Egyptian art and will be combining learning about the features and techniques to create our own Ancient Egyptian scrolls.



Juniper & Sycamore

Over the last 2 weeks, Year 5 have been visited by Stevenage FC who have been coming in and teaching the children about healthy lifestyles and the positive impact of exercise on our bodies. As well as in class lessons they have also ran a number of practical PE lessons as well encouraging our children to try and be as active as possible and reduce our screen time at home.



We have also recently finished our independent writing in literacy where children across the year group wrote lovely stories based on the short movie and picture book 'the Varmints'





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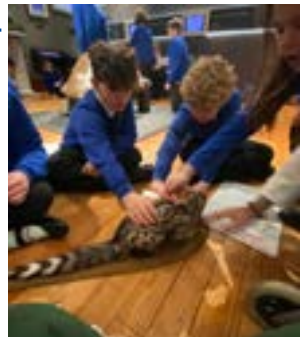
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Ash and Elder

To finish our previous unit - Evolution - we headed to the Tring museum. We saw many animals of different kinds: rhinos, elephants and loads more. We have started a new geography unit which is all about the UK and Northern Ireland and have started learning about counties. During a Dreamcatcher assembly, people from Axis Communications came in to show us their presentation about Martin Grent (the founder), about what their cameras were for and we saw a live feed from a camera in Sweden!

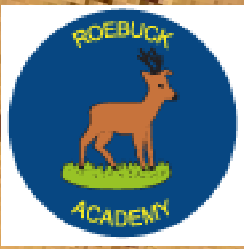
We have started using spreadsheets in our new computing unit for calculations. For art we are doing Still Life which is the art of drawing inanimate objects in 3-D. You may know some of the artists we studied: Andy Warhol, Caravaggio and Jean Siméon Chardin. In English, as part of our experience day, we handled different things from the beach (which Miss Legg kindly loaded in her car for us from the beach) to describe for our independent writing 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.



Sports Update

Since the last update we have taken part in the KS1 Balance festival. A group of year 2 children went to Barnwell to take part in a range of activities including throwing, running, jumping and kicking.

Year 4 took part in Bikeability with 37 children taking part and completing the level 1 course. Well done to everyone involved.



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Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation evenings are set for the week beginning the 12th February. This is a good opportunity to catch up on how your child is doing in school. Nursery classes have a sign up sheet on their doors for the Monday and Tuesday, whereas EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will have appointments that can be booked on school cloud. These meetings are on Wednesday 14th(3.30 to 5.30pm) and Thursday 15th(3.30 to 6.50 pm.) of February. Please log onto School cloud to book an appointment for your child (link to be sent out by email shortly).

THE RSA PRESENTS
A
**Valentine's
Disco**

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

- *2.15PM - 3.15PM - NURSERY & RECEPTION.
- *3.15PM - 4.15PM - YEARS 1 & 2
- *4.30PM - 5.30PM - YEARS 3 & 4
- *5.45PM - 6.45PM- YEARS 5 & 6

£1 DONATION FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION
£3 FOR KS1 & KS2
INCLUDES DRINKS, SWEETS & SNACK.
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH SCHOOL GATEWAY.

WHEN:
MONDAY 8-8:30AM
EYFS AND KS1
THURSDAY 8-8:30AM
KS2

**VISIT OUR
LIBRARY!**

RSA Valentines Disco is planned for the 16th of February. Tickets are still on sale through School Gateway.