



Monday 4th March

ROEBUCK ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Key Dates

4 to 8 March
Uni of Herts Music
Students in
working with
classes

5/3/24
EYFS
Book Fair

6/3/24
KS1 Book Fair

7/3/24
World Book Day

7/3/24
KS2 Book fairs

7/3/24
Hannah Shaw
Author visiting
Roebuck

Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome back after the Half Term Holiday for what promises to be a very short but busy half term. We pride ourselves at Roebuck of providing the children with a rich curriculum, where the children are given experiences they will enjoy and remember. This week we have World Book Day as well as visits from two authors. In addition to this we are lucky to have the University Of Hertfordshire music students working with all the Key Stage 2 pupils on a musical composition, which they will be performing on Friday in an assembly.

RSA

A huge thank you to the members of the RSA who organised a wonderful Valentines Disco on the last Friday of half term. It was a wonderful occasion and the children really did seem to enjoy themselves. A massive thank you also for Mrs Lang and her Students from Oaklands College, for their time helping out. The RSA will be opening a Pop up shop for Mothers Day gifts on Friday. Please see the flyer at the end of the Newsletter for times and locations.

Staffing update

Before half term we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Herbaut and we will be saying a fond goodbye to Miss O'Reilly who will be learning us at the end of this half term, to take up a new teaching position. We will be welcoming two experienced teachers into Year 1 and Year 3, with Mrs Barton being appointed as our new Assistant headteacher and Miss Kennington, who will be taking over in Cherry class. Congratulations also to Miss Taylor who was successfully appointed as Lower Key Stage 2 Phase lead when Miss O'Reilly leaves.

Ready Steady Read

Many thanks for all of the parents and children who contributed to the Ready Steady Read sponsored event. Over £2000 was raised and has been able to provide all classes with sets of reading books for their Topics as well as other reading books for the Library. Many thanks to Mrs Bennett and Miss Williams for organising this event.

The winners of the Ready Steady Read competition were:

Leo D-Reception	Lacey C Reception
Year 1 Shayaan	Year 2-Isaac
Year 3-Isra	Year4 Elayna
Year 5-Sophia D	Year 6 Jazmin P



Key Dates

8/3/24
RSA Mothers Day
pop up stall

13/3/24
Year 5 visiting
Airbus

15/3/24
Comic relief day

18/3/24
Bridge Builders
assembly KS2

19/3/24
Bridge Builders
assembly KS1

21/3/24
Science 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

94.2%

96%

Attendance percentage we aim for every week

Attendance Awards



Ash
99.2%



Oak & Cedar
97.5%



Pear
96.7%

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 - Chestnut and Acorn

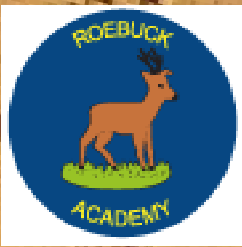
This week in Nursery we have introduced our new topic of 'Down on the Farm'. The children were very excited to find that our role play area has transformed into a farm shop with a hay bale! The children have been busy exploring the farm related activities. These included milking a cow, painting with mud, small world farm and exploring both fiction and non-fiction books to find out about life on a farm.



Reception - Oak and Willow

It has been a wild week in our Reception classes! The children have been very excited about our new topic, 'Amazing Animals'. The children were amazed to receive a letter from Shepreth Wildlife Park explaining that some wild animals had escaped from the park and were last seen heading to Roebuck Academy! We found lots of animal prints in our outdoor area and were very surprised to watch a video of wild animals stampeding through our Reception garden. We have found out about the continent of Africa and some of the wild animals that can be found in Africa. We enjoyed finding out lots of interesting facts about different African animals and all the children have contributed to a class display on animals. Their artwork looks fabulous in our classrooms. At Roebuck we are zoologists!





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Elm & Maple

Year 1 have had a fab start to the term. In Art, we have been learning all about primary and secondary colours. We enjoyed mixing primary colours together to see what new colours we could make! Our Science topic this term is all about US.. humans! We started the topic off by using the correct terminology for different parts of our bodies and we thought about our similarities and differences. We also measured to find out who had the largest/smallest hands and feet in our class! At Roebuck we are Artists AND scientists!



Birch & Pine

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the new half term. We are enjoying our new text 'The Marvellous, fluffy, squishy itty bitty'. The book is about a child who wants to buy a gift for their mum. We started the week by discussing the importance of gift giving and shared our own experiences. We then made cards for special people in our lives and decorated biscuits.

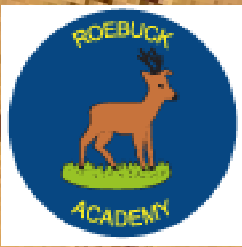


Dream catcher assemblies.

We want our children to DREAM big and know their possibilities are endless. Part of our values is to get the children to aspire to be the best they can. This includes wanting to be ambitious in the career they want to enter into. For this we need YOUR help! Do you have an exciting career you could share with the children?

Have you taken part in an adventure which has changed you for the better? Can you share key life experiences which have shaped who you are today? If you have answered yes to any of the questions above and would be happy to speak in a short assembly to share what you have to offer, please email smithc@roebuck.herts.sch.uk





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Cherry & Pear

This week, we have jumped straight back into our learning. We kick started the week with a DT project. The children used 2D and 3D shapes to create a Roman Town House. We loved getting stuck into a project that links with our previous History Topic of 'Ruthless Romans'!

Later on in the week, we became news paper reporters. We begun by exploring news paper articles and reading all the wonderful reports that 'First News' has to offer. Follow us on Twitter, to see the rest of our writing journey.

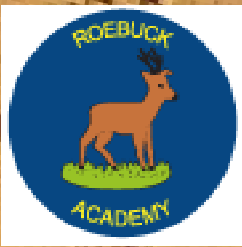


Cedar & Rowan

Year 4 have enjoyed settling back into school after the half term break. In Literacy, we have been completing our letters to a famous author and have enjoyed learning about persuasive writing techniques. We are now looking forward to planning and writing letters to our chosen authors to see if we can persuade them to visit our school to further promote reading for enjoyment at home and school!

In Art, we have been learning about how plants grown on the banks of the River Nile were used to make paper called Papyrus. We immersed ourselves in making our own 'Ancient Egyptian' style paper which we will then apply our designs to. We thoroughly enjoyed our Ancient Egyptians history workshop just before the half term break and launched into our new geography topic about the River Nile by looking at different types of maps which included the River Nile. We applied this to a team puzzle task which required us to identify features of the River Nile such as the delta, mouth and source and use this knowledge to piece together deconstructed maps. At Roebuck we are geographers!





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Juniper & Sycamore

Year 5 have had a busy start back to the half term.

In maths, we continued our topic on fractions, now looking at not just adding and subtracting, but also multiplying fractions. The pupils are geniuses!

We will also be visited every Tuesday by Herts cricket coach Matt who is going to teach us the key skills of cricket. After the first lesson we have noticed some natural talent already.

In Geography, we have also started our new topic on North America, where we used compass directions and an atlas to match up different countries to their position in relation to each other.

Ash and Elder

In mathematics, we have started using ratio and using it with measurements e.g. a recipe of 4 pizzas to 2 pizzas. In our English, we started a non-chronological report about Mount Everest. We had an Experience day where we wrote about a climber's equipment if they climbed Everest. On the 8th, we had to be in our P.E kit and do an activity: Spotty dogs; Mountain climbers; Push-ups and Star-jumps. Also, in our new computing unit we are learning about Text Adventures. We started off by following some choices to navigate through a story. We are soon going to be designing our own chosen story. We started a new Science unit this week which is about the circulatory system and we learnt about how the blood pumps around the body to our organs.

Curriculum overviews

As part of our commitment to share as much information with you, we provide a Half termly Curriculum overview of what the children will be learning in class. The link below is for the school website and gives overviews for each year groups curriculum for the second half of the Spring term.

<https://www.roebuck.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=66&action=saved>





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THE RSA PRESENTS

To the special woman in my life!

POP UP Shop

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH

NURSERY - 12PM BY THE FRONT OFFICE,
FOLLOWED BY 3PM IN THE PLAYGROUND.

£1.50

£1.00

£1.50

£1.00

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

THURSDAY 8-8:30AM
KS2

VISIT OUR LIBRARY!

RED NOSE DAY IS BACK!

3-18

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

This year, we will join thousands of people up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun, and raise money for Comic Relief

AN AFTERNOON OF BILLY FUN. THIS COULD BE... TELLING A JOKE, PERFORMING A SILLY DANCE, OR EVEN CREATING YOUR OWN NOSE!

Pupils are invited to dress from "red to toe". How far each person goes is up to them. It could be putting on some ruby slippers, a full-on lobster suit or even just a red nose—everything counts!

Library opening

A reminder that the School Library is open on Monday from 8.00 to 8.30 Mrs Legg will be there for KS1 children and parents, and on Thursday from 8.00 to 8.30 , when Mrs Heritage will be there for KS2 children and parents. Please feel free to drop in.

The December and January winner for library attendance was Poppy in Pine class, who was presented with her prize last Friday.