



ROEBUCK ACADEMY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 6th October 2025

Celebrating another special week at our great school!

Key dates

22/9/25
Bridge Builders
assembly KS2

6/10/25
KS2 and KS1
Harvest festival

6/10/25
Year 5 Mini Police

8/10/25
Year 3 Celtic
Harmony

8/10/25
Y5 and 6 Football
festival

Welcome from the Headteacher

It has been a very busy two weeks with lots going on in school. The children have enjoyed a variety of learning opportunities with Year 4 enjoying their Viking workshop, Year 2 enjoying campfires in creature corner and Year 6 attending PGL at Osmington Bay in Dorset. The children had a great time with wonderful weather and I was so proud of not only their attitude and behaviour while away, but also the determination and resilience shown when trying new things. They were a pleasure to take away. A huge thank you also must go to the Year 6 team of Mr Steedman, Miss McSorley Miss Fraser and Mrs Heritage who gave up their time to ensure the trip ran smoothly.

Harvest

By the time you receive the newsletter, we will have celebrated Harvest festival with Reverend Kate conducting assemblies for KS1 and KS2. The kind donations sent in will be given to a local charity Stevenage Vineyard Foodshed, which provides support for local families. Many thanks for any donations made.

EAL Coffee morning

Thursday 23rd October will see the first EAL coffee morning hosted by Mrs Mechalewska in Buccaneers from 9.00am. Please feel free to drop in.

MacMillan Coffee afternoon

Many thanks to Mrs Toal and Mrs Kinsella who organised and ran the Coffee McMillan afternoon a couple of weeks ago - £308 was raised from the cake sale and this will be passed onto the charity. A big thank you to the families who supplied cakes.

9/10/25
KS1 Crystal Maze
festival

10/10/25
World mental
health day- wear
Yellow

15/10/25
Table tennis
festival

20/10/25
Y5 Viking day

22/10/25
Y6 Fit Kidz
rowing

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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

95.9%

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Attendance percentage we aim for every week

School attendance



Pine 97.7%



Juniper 97.6%



Cedar 97.1%

The winning class(es) will receive an additional playtime this week as a reward. Well done to Pine Class who had 97.7% attendance!

Nursery Chestnut and Acorn

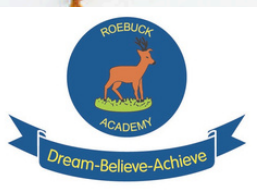
This week in nursery we have been learning all about ourselves and how marvellous and different we are!

We have been busy painting and drawing self-portraits, making faces out of natural objects and using loose parts to create funny faces. Well done to all the Nursery children for knowing just how special you are!

Reception Oak and Willow

Reception have been exploring Creature Corner as part of our Forest School sessions. Working in pairs the children went to the forest to collect natural items. Using playdough as the body the children used twigs to create the spikes and the stones for eyes and noses. At Roebuck we are artists.





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Year 1 Elm and Maple

Welcome to October!! September has been a busy and wonderful month of learning.....In Maths, the children have been focussing on numbers to 10, ordering, comparing, writing and recognising both the digits and words such as 8 - eight. This week, we have focussed on reading & writing our own simple poem on colours to coincide with National Poetry Day. In Science, we used our sense of sight & hearing to find signs of autumn. As part of our learning about autumn, we would love the children to collect some "autumn treasures" on a family walk. These could include things like colourful leaves, conkers, acorns, pine cones or interesting twigs. Please bring the treasures into school in a small bag or box so we can explore and talk about them in class. This will help the children notice the changes in the seasons and share their discoveries with friends.

In Geography, the children have been fascinated by 'Google Earth' looking at the world, countries & United Kingdom. Using an ariel map of Stevenage, the children located a park, the town centre and of course Roebuck Academy. Please take the time to go onto 'X' where we will post learning on a daily/weekly basis. We continue to look forward to sharing our fun-filled learning with you.

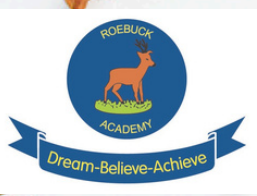
Year 2 Birch and Pine

Year 2 have been very busy exploring our exciting topic: The Great Fire of London. We gathered around a campfire to toast marshmallows, built Tudor houses in DT, and baked bread just like Thomas Farriner in his bakery on Pudding Lane.

In Literacy, We have been writing diary entries just like Samuel Pepys to order the events of the great fire. As part of National Poetry Week, we explored the poem 'My Magic Telescope' by Sean Taylor. Inspired by the poem, we made our own telescopes and used our imaginations to write poems about the magical things we could see through them.

It's been an exciting few weeks full of creativity, imagination and discovery for Year 2!





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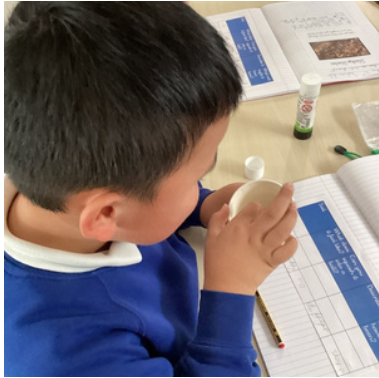
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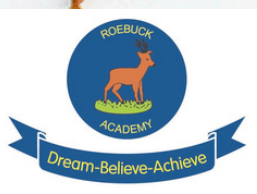
Year 3 Cherry and Pear

This week in Year 3, we have been investigating and identifying different types of soil in Science. In art, we have been exploring natural paints and used these to create pictures of animals that would have been painted on the cave walls during the Stone Age. We had fun creating different 'I can hear with my little ear' poems during National Poetry Day.

Year 4 Rowan and Cedar

In Year 4 we had an exciting time at our history workshop immersing ourselves in the life and times of the Anglo Saxons. In the morning we re-enacted what it would've been like to live and work in an Anglo Saxon village and in the afternoon we all became archaeologists tasked with using special techniques to uncover artefacts which told us even more about Anglo Saxon life.





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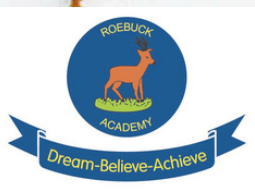
We have finished our first unit in maths all about Place Value and rounding using number lines and Place Value charts. This week we are moving on to addition and subtraction of larger numbers. In the afternoons we have been learning about the Vikings! In groups, we made a timeline using 2 sheets of A3 paper and using a ruler we drew a line to represent the years and time period. We then ordered events and arranged them on our timeline. In literacy we have been planning and writing our first independent write. We are writing a persuasive letter to our favourite football teams or to Mr Mari to ask them to only use Fairtrade footballs. On Tuesday it was National Poetry Day so we celebrated by having a workshop and exploring lots of different poems. We even wrote our own one based on Remembrance. We had a visit from the police as part of an 8 week unit all about what the police do and how we can be safe. We appointed our own sergeants for our team and have been set the challenge of learning how to spell our names using the phonetic alphabet. Lastly, in PE we have been doing gymnastics. We have been doing 1 point, 2 point, 3 point and 4 point balances (eg. a bridge is a 4 point balance and splits with no hands touching the floor is a 3 point balance).

Written by Poppy Edgar and Logan Powell!

Year 6 Ash and Elder

Last week Year 6 spent the week at Osmington Bay in Weymouth. In what was a very full timetable of events, the children enjoyed a range of rope based activities that challenged them to overcome heights, fears and work together to achieve their goals. Highlights for the children included the giant swing, Zip wire abseiling and raft building down at the Portland sailing academy. The children also enjoyed a variety of evening entertainments including campfire, balloon splash and the disco. The staff were really impressed by the great way in which the children





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approached the challenges thrown at them and how well they coped with being away from their families.



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RSA

The first event is in the diary for Friday 7th November, with a school disco organised. Events like this can only go ahead if there are parents willing to volunteer to supervise the children for each of the sessions. Please can you let the office or your class teacher know if you are able to help out for one or more of the sessions. Please see flyer below for session times.

 You're Invited to a
RSA
DISCO

FRIDAY **7TH**
NOVEMBER

- * 2.15pm - 3pm - Nursery & Reception
- * 3.15pm - 4.15pm - Years 1 & 2
- * 4.30pm - 5.30pm - Years 3 & 4
- * 5.45pm - 6.45pm - Years 5 & 6

£2.00 for Nursery & Reception
£4.00 for KS1 & KS2
includes a drink.
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH SCHOOL GATEWAY



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JAZZY JAR COMPETITION!

Children of Roebuck Academy,

The RSA invites you to grab a jar from home, decorate it in a winter design (the more creative the better).

Fill it with sweets or treats & bring it to school on Friday 28th November.

Keep an eye out, as these jars will feature on a fun stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December.

There will be a prize for the best design for EYFS, KS1, Lower & Upper KS2

The RSA thank you for your ongoing support.

