



Friday 24th January 2025

Bedtime Stories

A reminder that we will have bedtime stories in School for the children next Thursday, 30th January. Please can the children be back at school for 4:45pm if they would like to join in. Parents/Carers are welcome to stay if you would like to, if not, the children will be ready to be collected at 6pm. The children can wear pyjamas/night clothes and bring a small teddy with them if they would like to. We hope to see lots of you there to celebrate National Storytelling Week.

FOWPS Coffee shop and second hand uniform sale tomorrow – please see the FOWPS update below.

Ad-hoc Flu Clinics

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Class Updates

<p>Oak</p>	<p>This week in Oak class, we have been learning the sound "ow" as in cow and the children have been applying their phonics knowledge to their writing by having a go at writing simple words or sentences. Any writing that you can do at home with them would be great. Could they write 'love from' in a card or help you write a word on the shopping list? In maths we have been thinking about 5, 6 and 7 and different ways we can make the numbers. We have also been thinking about shapes and spotting different shapes around us. Ask your children to see what shapes they can spot at home. We are going to have another stay and play morning with a maths theme on Tuesday 4th February from 8.35-9. The children have been asking us when they are going to have another secret reader, so if you have a spare 15 minutes at the end of the day to pop in and read a story to the children, please let us know as we would love to have you.</p> <p>Just a couple of quick pleas - the children are loving junk modelling but we keep running out of materials so if you have any egg boxes, cereal boxes, yogurt pots etc. please could you send them in with the children. Also, if children borrow spare school clothes please could you return them so that we have them to use again when needed. We hope you have a lovely weekend and hopefully see some of you at the community coffee shop on Saturday, there will be lots of second-hand school uniform on sale too.</p>
<p>Hornbeam</p>	<p>This week has been such an exciting week in Hornbeam. On Monday we all became 'real life scientists' (as one child put it). We conducted our very own investigation. We started with a problem - Mr Neal's coffee gets cold too quickly and he needs a new cup that keeps it warmer for longer. We then set our brains in motion, designing and making new coffee cups with additional layers of thermal insulation, including tin foil, cotton wool, newspaper and bubble wrap. We made our predictions and then began the investigation, making a cup of coffee and taking the temperature at regular intervals across a 2-hour time period. Then we gathered the results and . . . were left</p>

	<p>surprised. News paper was the only material that appeared to have kept the coffee any warmer than the test cup. Well done George who was the only person (including adults) to have predicted that! However, we all did enjoy being real life scientists!</p> <p>In addition to this we have also greatly enjoyed English this week. Using the bog 'Ol Frog' as our focus text we have focussed on using the plural suffixes 's' or 'es' to nouns but most importantly looking at how and why some words rhyme. We have even begun to write our own rhyming sentences taking inspiration from the story but using animals/objects of our own to form the rhymes.</p> <p>The final exciting thing that happened this week was art. Building on our use of paint and knowledge of primary colours, this week we studied a different artist - Jackson Pollock, famous for his drip paintings. We used a range of different implements, spoons, forks, chopsticks and many more to dip into paint and allow the paint to gently drip off onto the paper. We discussed how we can use colour and shade to represent mood in pictures as well as how to make different patterns using the equipment we had.</p>
Beech	<p>Beech class have been busy researching and writing a non-chronological report about stick insects remembering to include lots of scientific vocabulary and all the correct features. Some of the stick insect eggs have hatched and we spent some time looking carefully at the baby nymphs and adult stick insects in class. In maths we have started making groups to multiply. We have just finished our unit about measuring length and height. Next, we will be looking at capacity, mass and temperature. In science this week, we learnt about microhabitats and drew diagrams and wrote facts about different invertebrates we found under a log microhabitat. In P.E, we have been developing our dribbling and passing skills as well as continuing with dance. We have been testing out various types of flying vehicles in DT and looking at how lift works to keep planes in the air.</p>
Ash	<p>In Ash Class this week, we have been looking at Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb; writing diary entries in our English lessons and thinking about what the objects found in the tomb told us about the pharaoh and Ancient Egyptian beliefs in our History lesson. In PSHE, we discussed a 'toothpaste analogy', thinking about unkind words like toothpaste; once out, we cannot put them back in the tube. We thought about how we could replace these with kind ones, and we all had some great ideas.</p> <p>We hope some parents/carers can join us for our storytelling week next week. Hopefully, you received a note about this in the children's homework folders. Wishing you a good weekend.</p>
Rowan	<p>We welcomed our Reading University PGCE student, Miss Taylor this week. She will be with us until Easter, and has spent her first few days getting to know the children and working with all of them. Please feel free to chat to her as a member of the Rowan team if you see her about.</p> <p>We are currently working on written multiplication, please ask your child to explain the methods they are expected to know. You may find it different to that which you were taught.</p> <p>In art, children have begun to look at the work of Georgia o'Keeffe, a very different artist. In science we continue with our work on living things, which crosses into habitats. We will venture out in to the woods in the village to look at local habitats and compare them with those found in the school grounds. You never know what we may find lurking under the leaves!</p>
Maple	<p>This is the week. It's finally here. The long awaited trip to Young Voices! When this newsletter comes out we'll probably be mid-rehearsal or perhaps heading out of the seating area to grab a movement break and have some dinner. We can't wait to perform for you all this evening! Outside of our trip we've continued much of our regular learning. Maths has seen us continuing our work with fractions. We've been learning to find common denominators so we can add and subtract a variety of fractions, including mixed numbers! English has seen us continuing to explore The Longest Night of Charlie Noon. We've been doing some drama, putting ourselves into the hot seat as one of our main characters. We've also been exploring some of the incredible language that Christopher Edge uses in this brilliant book.</p>

	Ukuleles has seen us practicing a song about ice cream, while in PE we've been working on all the different passes you can use in Netball. There is a tournament coming up so hopefully some of your children can represent us!
Willow	This week we have continued to explore the Isle of Joya from our class book. We have also looked at inference and how we know what the author is trying to tell us without actually physically telling us. In Maths, we have moved onto percentages and looked at the relationship between these and fractions. In Science, we explored light and how it travels. Miss Young will be joining us full-time from Monday so feel free to come and say 'Hi'. A reminder that it's Story Telling week next week so if you're able to spare 30 minutes and would like to come and share a story or two, it would be fabulous to see you.

Important dates

Saturday 25 th January	FOWPS Coffee Shop & second hand school uniform sale, Woodcote Community Centre
Thursday 30 th January	Bedtime Stories – All children, 5 – 6pm
Monday 10 th February	Parents evening
Thursday 13 th February	Parents evening
Friday 14 th February	After School Cake Sale – nut free donations appreciated
Mon 17/02 – Fri 21/02	February half term holiday
Friday 28 th February	FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan

FOWPS Update

Please remember that we have our second hand uniform sale from 9.30am - 12.30pm during our Community Coffee Shop tomorrow morning at Woodcote Community Centre. Every item is £1, card or cash payments welcome. Thank you to our wonderful bakers as there will be lots of yummy cakes to buy and eat too!

Please save the date for our next FOWPS Disco with DJ Ethan on Friday 28 February 2025. If you can help make this event possible for the children, and give an hour of your time, please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/EHBLY



[FOWPS Disco 28 Feb](#)

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