



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear All,

I hope you are all keeping warm and safe in the cold weather we are having. At school we love exploring outdoors and taking advantage of all the learning opportunities nature and the weather provides. There has been lots of exploring in the frost and ice this week! With this in mind, please do make sure your child has a warm coat and wellies in school. The children also need lots of layers, extra socks, hats and gloves for Forest School days so they are nice and warm for their learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class....

Pre-School – Preschool's play and learning has been based around the weather and following instructions this week. We have drawn pictures in the ice, made balance walks with our crates and played games where we have been given two/three part instructions to follow. We would like to thank Acorn class for giving us their farm background scenery - we have been playing with our farm animals all week too.

Acorn – Acorn have had an exciting week learning all about two famous explorers. We found out about Matthew Henson, the first person to reach the North Pole. The children thought of some great questions to ask him about his expeditions. Then they thought about what he would have needed to take with him when packing his rucksack. The second explorer was Steve Backshall, the television presenter who has explored over a hundred countries. The children were fascinated to watch some of his adventures kayaking down rivers and climbing mountains.

Oak - This week, Oak Class have been working hard on constructing their designs for their Viking Longships. They have practiced measuring and cutting some very tough cardboard, creating their sails, figure head and tails for the body of the ship, and their shield designs for the outside. We are hoping to add a final touch next week by adding in some oars and some Viking warriors. We have also been learning about timelines and how they work. In French, we have begun learning the numbers from 0 - 10 and practising our spelling and pronunciation. We have made a great start to PE lessons, practicing our soft ball skills ready for netball this term. In maths, we have completed our work on subtraction and will be moving on to look at division next week.

Birch – Another busy week in Birch Class! We have all missed Mr Bishop however the children are making sure they have lots of great learning to show him on his return and making an excellent effort in class. This week we have been learning all about the language of ratio in maths and finding out about how and why holidays changed during the 20th Century. We have been finding out about Billy Butlin and writing adverts for a Butlin's holiday in the 1950s.



Forest School News – It was a super windy day last Friday so we stayed out of the wood and played in the field. We still managed a fire in our drum which we cooked noodles on and had a creative time making kites. We also had a very enthusiastic game of Kubb!

Please can you send extra socks and gloves and warm clothes to keep us warm for the whole day.





Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd January - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Tuesday 24th January – Birch Class Gymnastics

Friday 27th January - Oak Class PE & Birch Class Forest School

Monday 30th January - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Tuesday 31st January – Acorn Gymnastics

Friday 3rd February - Birch Class PE & Oak Class Forest School

Monday 6th February - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE

Tuesday 7th February – Oak Gymnastics & Acorn Forest School

Friday 10th February - Oak Class PE & Birch Class Forest School

Monday 13th to Friday 17th - HALF TERM