



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear All,

The sun has been shining more this week and we have been enjoying our outdoor play building more things out of our blocks, planks and tyres. This type of equipment enables our children to be creative and really use their imaginations and we would love to expand this further with more planks and small plastic crates. If you are able to help us with any short, sanded planks or crates similar to this we would be very grateful!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sacre – Executive Headteacher



## This week in class....

**Pre-School** – Preschool have practiced another Little Wandle sound game this week and have been able to hear the individual sounds in an animal name and then reply by making the sound the animal makes e.g. d.o.g - woof. We have used our spatial awareness and problem-solving skills to complete many puzzles and have done lots of cutting and sticking too. The children produce a large amount of artwork during a week but do not always place value on it so, in an attempt to show them how proud we are of what they produce, we have introduced some picture frames around the room so that we can frame and display their work. If your child invites you in to take a look at what they have made, please do take a look. The children were also delighted this week to receive a large box from the school and have used it as a den and cave as well as pretending it was a parcel from the Zoo (Dear Zoo) and they were the animal being sent.

**Acorn** – Acorn class had a fantastic time at gymnastics this week. The children had a chance to use lots of equipment including the beam and bars. They started with a warm up and some games and it was noticeable how most children were able to listen to instructions and follow them accurately. All children put 100% effort into the session and had great fun. For the rest of the week in RE we have been thinking of our special places where we have lots of great memories. For topic work, the children have learnt about two new explorers: Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart. We have compared and contrasted different explorer's expeditions and the children have chosen their favourite explorer so far and explained their choices.

**Oak** - In Topic this week, Oak Class have been working on improving their longhouse advert, using examples of persuasive language, and have now begun their neat copy. We may have some future estate agents in our midst! We also considered the question 'How great was Alfred the Great?' and used a graph to arrange some of the events in his life, deciding how great the events were. In maths, we have been learning about ways to represent data, including tally charts, pictograms and tables. We have learned how to read different data representations and to interpret the diagrams. In French, we have been practising the numbers from 0 - 20 and have learned how to ask how old we are and answer the question. Feel free to practise more at home! Quel âge as-tu? J'ai ..... ans.

**Birch** – In Birch class this week we have been doing lots of learning converting fractions into decimals and vice versa. We have been looking at tenths, hundredths and thousandths and learning how to count in between whole numbers. On Wednesday we spent the day with Oak class looking at a Henri Rousseau painting called "Surprised." We learnt all about the painting and used the painting as inspiration for our learning throughout the day. The children wrote poetry, stories and descriptions and we made some impressive jungle themed collages.



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## Forest School News

Last week we enjoyed lighting the fire and tucked into some tasty chocolate porridge. There was amazing team work building the tool table/potion station. We did loads of listening games, hunting down the sound keys across the woods!

## Paediatric First Aid Course

The date for the paediatric first aid course at Trimmingham Village Hall has been confirmed for **April 16<sup>th</sup>**. The course is being run by Orbital Safety Training and is a great opportunity to learn all things First Aid!

There are still a couple of spaces left if you would like to take part. Please contact Jo at [jobellfreelance@gmail.com](mailto:jobellfreelance@gmail.com) or email the school office for more information





## Diary Dates

**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****

**Monday 20th February - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE**

**Wednesday 22nd February – **Acorn trip to the Time and Tide Museum****

**Friday 24th February – Birch Class PE & Oak Forest School**

**Monday 27th February - Oak Class Swimming & Acorn PE**

**Thursday 2nd March – **World Book Day!****

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

**Coming up – Family Learning Afternoon, Science Week & Birch Class Community Cafe**