



Dear All,

Friday 22nd September 2023

Whilst it was only two weeks ago I sent a message about sun cream and sun hats sadly the autumn weather has now hit bringing with it quite a lot of rain! Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat (and ideally waterproof trousers) in school on their pegs.

Have a lovely (hopefully dry!) weekend

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Deputy Headteacher

This week in class...

Preschool - Role-play, threading and hide-and-seek have been very popular in preschool this week as well as playing with shapes. We have also been happy to have Acorn class visit us and to share our favourite games with them. Our Little Wandle activity this week helped us to recognise t, b and c sounds at the beginning of words.

Acorn - This week Acorn class was flooded so we all had to relocate to other parts of the school while the classroom dries out. We have spent some time at Pre-School playing, singing and listening to stories. We have also been in the Nurture room doing our usual phonics and maths lessons. This week we have been using numicon to help us work out one more and one less than a number. We have also been practising our handwriting, trying to get letters sitting in the right place. In their sketchbooks the children have been learning how to draw scales on a dragon and draw dragon eyes. It was quite a challenge and the children had to look really closely and describe what they noticed before starting to draw. We hope to be back in our classroom next week sometime.

Oak - This week in Oak class we have been very busy using descriptive language to help us describe a wolf, describe a wolf trap and to describe the wolves cave. As a group of problem solvers we further needed to support Mrs Pig over her worry about a wolf lurking around the island. We decided to make wanted posters and place them around the village to help the 'good' fairy tale characters know what the wolf looked like. However, this didn't seem to get the wolf out so we decided we might need to trap the wolf to find out what was going on. The children designed their wolf trap and placed it down. We patiently waited until the wolf was caught and we soon found out through CCTV that the wolf was actually worried that she wouldn't be able to get home to her pups. This changed the problem solvers' minds and we decided to let the wolf go and investigate the wolves home. We got our mountain gear ready and trekked up mountains and through forests until we found the wolves cave. We described what the cave looked like, especially the outside of the cave as there were lots of bones. The story continues into next week thinking about how we can help both the wolves and Mrs Pig. In maths, the children have been learning how to represent two and three digit numbers and learning about place value. We have been partitioning numbers to show our understanding of a number. We also had our half term lesson about Online Safety and thought about avatars can be anyone online and we shouldn't make assumptions that we know that person as it could be anyone. We spoke about the importance of not sharing any personal information online and how we must speak to a trusted adult if we see anything we are unsure about. Lastly, the children had a fantastic time at Gymnastics this week and were a credit to the school. They really shone showing their gymnastic skills.

Birch - This week in Birch class we have been thinking about how we group and classify animals according to their similarities and differences. We found out about the groundbreaking life of Maria Sybilla Merian. She travelled the world making beautiful and accurate drawings of the animals she saw, and helped people to understand how those animals fit into their ecosystem. We have continued working on place value including using number lines in maths, and are working with number numbers to a one thousand/ one million. We have also planned a presentation to give to Skylarks class next week. They have been inspired by our previous community cafe's and would like help in setting up their own.



The Flood!

As some of you may know Acorn classroom got a little bit flooded this week! Luckily we had some willing volunteers to help mop!



Thank you to everyone this week for helping Acorn out whilst their classroom is being dried out. We hope to be able to be back in the classroom soon.



Nature Club

The weather the first week back in Nature Club was very wet so we stayed inside and discussed our long term plans to make a mosaic in the school. We talked about our school values and how we would incorporate them into our design. We also started discussing designs for our new bug hotel. As it was a little better this week we were able to get busy tearing down our old bug hotel to make way the new one we plan to build. We used our special magnifying pots to catch the bugs we saw and looked at the variety of insects we had collected at the end. We also got busy weeding and tidying in preparation for planting out our winter veggies.

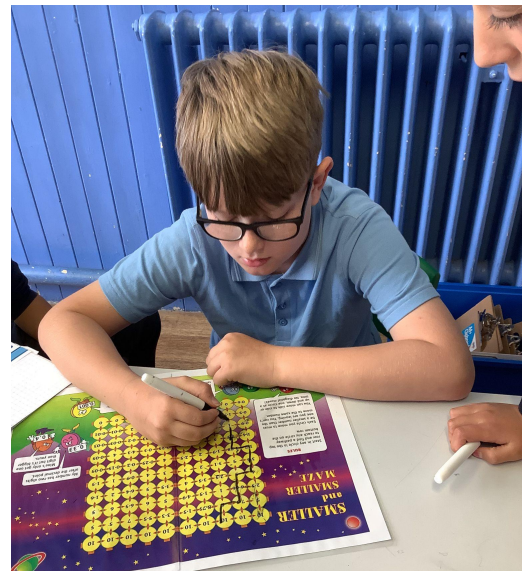
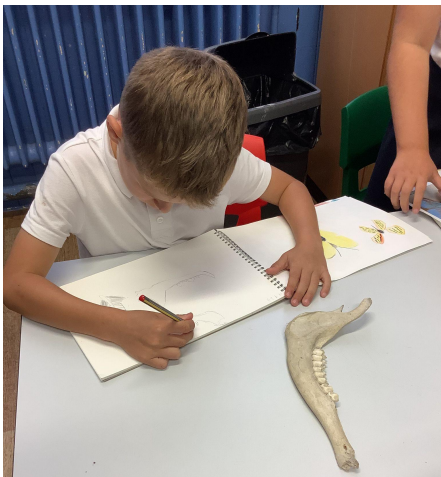
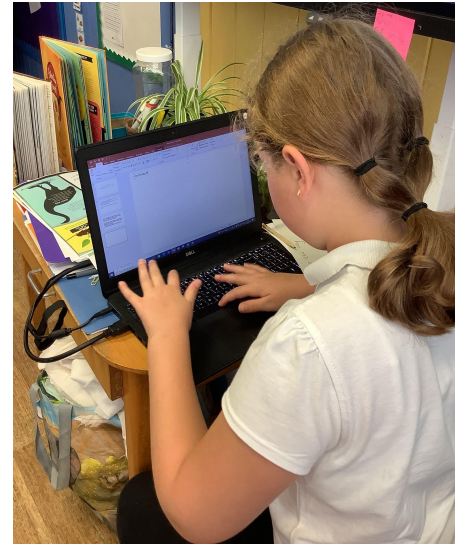
Lunchboxes

Please can parents be mindful when making your child's packed lunch that we do not allow sweets or chocolate bars at school. Treats are lovely but they are best left to be eaten at home.

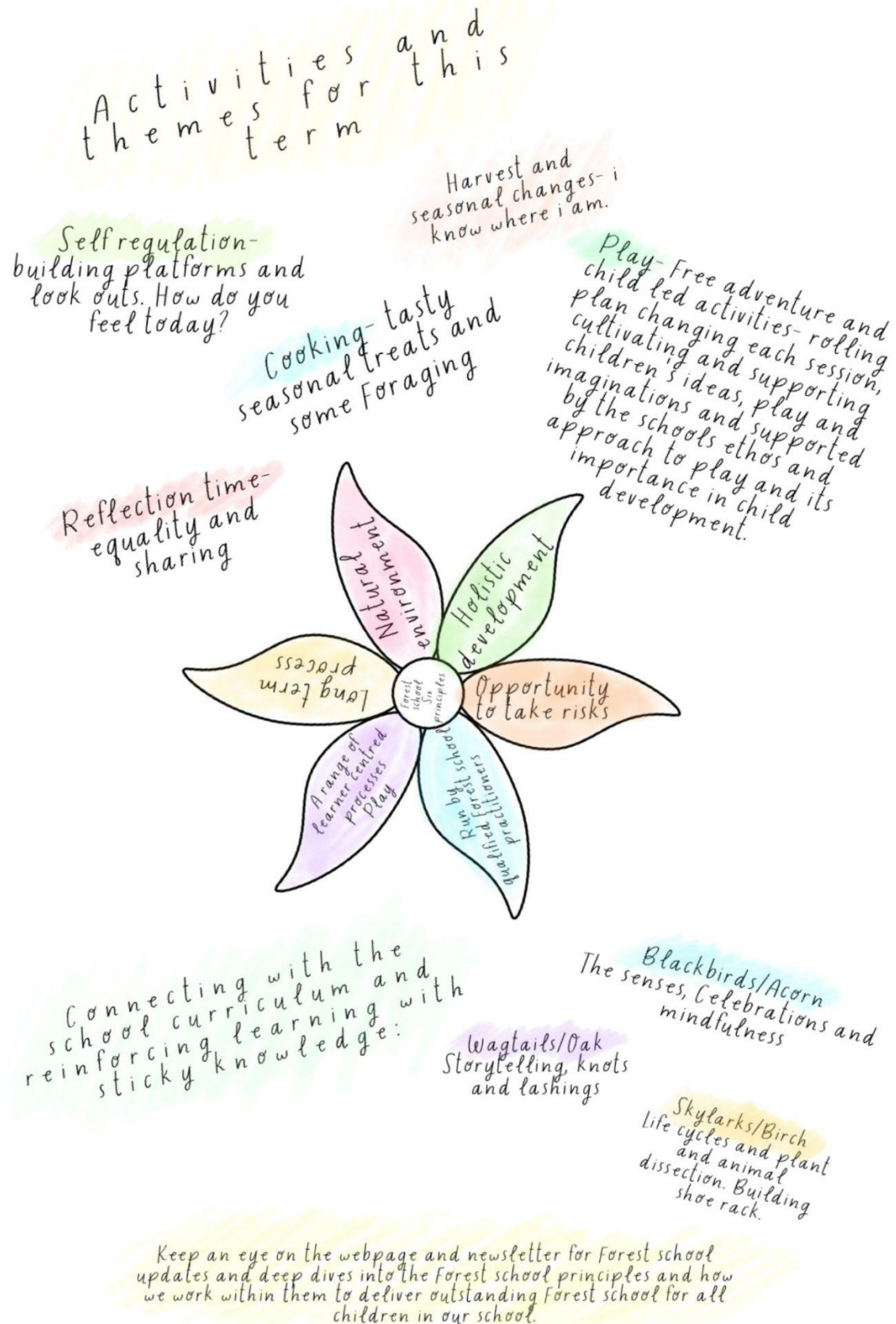




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Forest School Information for the Autumn Term





DIARY DATES

Monday 25th September - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

Tuesday 26th September - **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 27 September - Birch Forest School

Thursday 28th September - Birch No PE today, **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

Friday 29th September - **Oak Year 2** Forest School

Monday 2nd October - Oak & Acorn PE, **Year 6 Foodbank Trip**, Birch Swimming, **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

Tuesday 3rd October - Acorn Gymnastics (back in time for lunch) **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 4th October -

Thursday 5th October - Birch PE, **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

Friday 6th October - **Oak Year 3** Forest School

Monday 9th October - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming, **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

Tuesday 10th October - **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 11th October - Birch Forest School

Thursday 12th October - Birch PE, **Oak Sheringham Theatre Trip**, **Baking Club 3:15-4:15**

Friday 13th October - **Oak Year 2** Forest School

Wellbeing Week

Monday 16th October - Oak & Acorn PE, Birch Swimming, **Multi Skills 3:15-4:15**

Tuesday 17th October - **Acorn Forest School (packed lunches needed)**, **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**, **Singing & Music Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 18th October -

Thursday 19th October - Birch PE, **No Baking Club**, **Parents Evening 3:15-5:15**

Friday 20th October - No Forest School, **Harvest Festival parents/carers invited 9-10**