



## **Newsletter October 2021**

An 8 week half term is always a mean feat, especially for our younger children who have only just started school or had unsettled years previously, so we are extremely proud of their achievements.

The children were welcomed back with a new flint wall, a daily mile, double doors (to allow Willow class to use the Willow area without disrupting others doing quieter learning) and a planter for those children in EYFS which was donated by D&A Timber.

Our Academy Council have also been very busy raising £349.65 for Macmillan cancer - the most we have ever raised - and £116 for Young Minds. With that and our September fete, we cannot thank you enough for your support.

Thank you to those who have returned the uniform consultation; I will be looking at those next half term.

Next half term also brings all of the Christmas activities (as long as Covid allows) details of which are on the following page.

Stay safe, enjoy the week off and we will see you at 8.30am on November 1st.

Mrs Emma Owner

Principal



## Acorn

Wow! I cannot believe it's the end of our first half term together. We have had an amazing time. We have become familiar with all the areas of the classroom; we are thoroughly enjoying learning in the outside area - especially building houses, playing in the water and the sand. Another favourite activity is in the role play area where we have cooked, baked, made tea and dressed up as our favourite characters – a cowboy, a wizard and a superhero.

We have learned about different houses and homes. We have drawn pictures of our own houses and who lives with us. We have learned the names of different houses including detached, a bungalow and flats. We have found out that people live in houses that are different from our own.



Acorns, please keep up learning your phonics over the holidays – remember we have learned s, a, t p, l, n. Our tricky words are: to, no, the.

Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Tollman and Mrs Moss.





## Willow

We have had a very busy first half term in Willow class.

We talked about our learning this half term together and this is what they could tell me.

“We have been learning about our bodies, our brains, our bones, the 5 senses (tasting, smelling, hearing, touching and seeing) and doing lots of writing and maths too!”

Have a safe and happy half term holiday!

Mrs Harris



## Elm

In topic we have been learning about Hockwold and Beyond. We have become familiar with using maps and compass points to help us direct around Hockwold. For this we made a map and made the Beebots travel to the shop and village hall. We have also learnt lots of facts about Hockwold using the ipads and we made a fact file for help people coming to Hockwold.

In maths we have learnt about fractions, addition, subtraction and place value. We have enjoyed learning about fractions and using the Jaffa cakes to help us. In English we worked towards making our fact file. For this we practised writing in past tense as well as using capital letters and full stops. We have enjoyed our Wonder Wednesdays when we have made vegetable characters, clay menorahs and a healthy eating plate.



We have been trying very hard with our reading and have some new children start the bear project. It's been fantastic first term as Elm Class and we are looking forward to coming back in November.

Elm Class.



**Beech**

We have really enjoyed learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Did you know that the stone age was so long it is split into three - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic? We have also read some chapters of Stig of the Dump and written stories, poems and instructions. Our Science was also linked to the Stone Age, and we have been testing rocks to see how permeable they are and if they are more likely to erode with the weather. In Art we painted a cave wall and chalked onto it cave pictures of the animals that would have been alive in the Stone Age times. It was lots of fun.

Mrs Slade has said that we should all try to read the rest of our class reading book over half term as we didn't get a chance to finish it in class - Stig of the Dump by Clive King.

We are all looking forward to coming back after half term to a brand-new topic.

Written by Beech Class.



## Oak

Oak Class have had a fantastic half term learning about World War 1 through many different subjects. They've found out about air resistance and parachutes in Science and DT; used tints and shades to paint rocks in Art; and written stories from a photograph stimulus in English as well as writing poetry and newspaper articles. We've learned more about France and Belgium in our 'Pick a Country' session and we've programmed Probots to avoid obstacles in No Man's Land.

French sessions with Mrs Cooper have been going really well - she'll often pop by class during the week and keep the new language fresh in the children's minds and they're really enjoying it. World View Studies with Mrs Slade has been amazing and we are often talking about how deeply the children think, how well they listen and what incredible questions they ask.

We are planning our trip to Gressenhall for 15th November and we're very excited about it as the team there are creating a bespoke programme for our day to include learning about WW1 and extending their knowledge about WW2.

There are 4 more places available in Steel Pans for Oak children on Friday mornings at 8am. Please let Ms Burdett know if your child is interested. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

Miss Rickards

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets to win our Halloween hamper.

We raised £89.00 for FOHSA!

The draw took place this afternoon by two of our Year 6s, George and Olivia. The lucky winner of the hamper was Finley in Beech class and the runner up who won a pumpkin full of sweets was Ewan in Acorn.

Enjoy your prizes!



Please be aware that break time snacks should only be a cereal bar or piece of fruit. Thank you for your cooperation.



Have a wonderful October half term and we will see you on November 1<sup>st</sup>!

