



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter
26th January 2024



Updates this week:

On Monday we arrived at school to find the storm had blown down a tree into Oak Class which had in turn destroyed a shed. We are working with the insurance company to fix all of the damage as soon as we can.

On Wednesday Mrs Winfield started Forest School with Oak Class. The children had a fantastic morning and really enjoyed getting out into our school grounds. We also welcomed The Lane Academy into school to start the work they are doing with Oak Class as part of their PE offer. The children thoroughly enjoyed some dancing and music based activities.



Parking on the Zig Zags

Please be aware it is prohibited for people to park on the zig zag lines outside of school. We are seeing an increasing number of families parking there and would politely ask that you park elsewhere. We know the parking around school is challenging, but there are neighbouring streets and a large car park at the recreation ground that can be considerably used.



Learning in school this week:

Oak Class:

This week in Oak, the children have been amazing as we have settled into our new routine of Forest school and the Lane Academy on a Wednesday.

We would also like to thank Mrs Butcher for visiting to begin reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl, we enjoyed it so much that we are now keeping it to read as our class book.

In maths this week:

We have all been looking at measuring objects in the classroom and using vocabulary to compare sizes: long, longer, longest and short, shorter, shortest.

Phonics:

EYFS continue on their phonics journey learning z and how s also makes a z sound when it is found at the end of words like has, beds, pens.

Year 1 and 2: Have been looking at alternative spelling patterns for some sounds and are now revisiting some of the trickier digraphs to really embed their knowledge and spot them in their reading.

Well done Oak!!!

Oak homework:

We ask that Year 1 and 2 with work with the home learning maths books, pages

2-5. We are focusing on embedding learning from previous years.

Also a reminder that when you hear your child read at home please date and sign so we are aware of how much reading they are doing at home, we know we have some very keen home learners and we are keen to know this.

Willow Class:

This week in Willow, we have been exploring sound. We conducted an experiment using tuning forks and a decibel meter, to see how different pitch affects the volume of the tuning fork. We also learnt how to record our findings in a table like scientists!

We have also been busy finishing our sentence stacking lessons for the 'Street Beneath My Feet' unit in English. It has been very interesting to learn all about what goes on under the pavement!

Art this week was based upon patterns and prints Henri Rousseau used in his artwork. We explored different patterns using colours from some of Rousseau's most famous paintings, and then we created a collage in our sketch books of all the patterns we used.

Willow homework:

Year 3- First, Red Book pages 4-5 and workbooks pages 8-9 in pencil

Year 4- First, Red Book page 5 and workbooks page 9 in pencil.

I encourage workings and these can be done in your new homework books. The red study books have questions in too that you may wish to answer.

Birch Class: This week, Year 5 and 6 have studied sentence structure and the impact on the reader. We have translated our knowledge of structuring an effective, non-chronological report on Emperor Penguins, to our own on Yellow Spotted Lizards.

Our Maths has focused on conversions between units of measure and I am impressed with the children's ability to retain and apply this knowledge.

Geography has focused on distinguishing between Human and Physical features of the local environment, perhaps your child can discuss what they see outside over the weekend.

Finally, as I write, the children in Year 6 are having their individual, online Maths Tutoring and it is wonderful to see how well they conducting themselves when speaking online to their tutor.

Birch homework:

Year 5- Red book pages 4-6 and White book pages 8-10 in pencil.

Year 6- Red book pages 4-6 and White book pages 8-9 in pencil.

I encourage workings and these can be done in your new homework books. The red study books have questions in too that you may wish to answer.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 19th February - Half Term week

Have a lovely weekend

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