



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter  
2nd February 2024



### **Updates this week:**

There have been lots of small, but exciting changes inside our building this week to further enhance our learning environment. The Nest has had some changes to the layout to improve storage and the learning space, with the inclusion of a cosy book nook and safe space.

The library continues to be a work in progress. The 3D tree has been felled and some new bookcases moved in. The extra space is much needed as we now turn our focus to sorting through and replenishing the non-fiction books

We have also made some changes to the corridor to give us more space to move around and Mrs Harriss has been busy adding new areas and challenges to Oak Class.

It has been very much a team effort, with all of the staff lending a helping hand as we continue to make improvements.

### **Announcement!!**

Last year I applied for a grant to allow us to have a free visit from the Royal Institution for a day of science and learning. They will be visiting on Friday 1st March and each class will have a workshop on 'Explosive Food'. This will be followed by a family session filled with experiments, explosions and learning from 5.30pm-6.30pm. More details on how to let us know if you are planning to attend will follow before half term. The show is free, and open to the whole family!

Have a lovely weekend

Nichola Pickford

Executive Headteacher

Learning in school this week





Oak Class:

In Oak this week all children are working to consolidate their knowledge of sounds before we move on. Children are working in both class groups and small groups playing games and reading to help with this process.

In Maths we have been exploring measure in terms of length, height and mass, we have used rulers, scales, and weighed everything from pencils to Zebra's.

Although our subject this term is 'What's up there?' we have taken a little detour as our next book focus will be about Penguin's we have been looking at world maps and learning more about the Polar regions particularly the Antarctica, this has led to children creating their own fact files, stories, pictures and habitats.

#### **Oak homework:**

We ask that Year 1 and 2 work with the home learning maths books, pages 6-9. 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 each time you read in your reading diaries, so we are aware of how much reading they are doing at home.

#### **Willow Class:**

This week in Willow, we have started a new topic in English- 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We have found it very interesting, as it teaches us all about the importance of protecting our rainforests and the Earth.

This unit has tied in wonderfully with both our art and geography topics since they both relate to the rainforest and parts of South America.

In science, we have continued our research about sound and investigating the ways we can measure sound, how our ears here and what pitch means.

In music we have been practicing our song for performance topic based on the song, 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. You all sound wonderful!

#### **Willow homework:**

Year 3- First, Red Book pages 6-7 and workbooks pages 10-11 in pencil

Year 4- First, Red Book page 6 and workbooks page 10 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:**

Birch class have written their non-chronological reports on the yellow-spotted lizard based on their class novel: Holes by Louis Sachar. They thoroughly enjoyed this task as well as creating their own 3D lizards for display. They have now started their new writing unit by analysing the poem, The Highwayman by

Alfred Noyes and finding out what life was like as a highwayman as well as reciting some of the stanzas from this historical narrative poem. This immersion of the text will help them in their daily Sentence Stacking which will ultimately help them write their own poems in 2 weeks time called: The Highwaywoman which will be based on Kissin' Kate Barlow from Holes. In Maths, we are focusing on ratio and proportion as well as the daily starter called Flashback 4 which helps to recall their learning from last year, last topic, last week and the day before. In art, they have started to learn about the North American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe and mixing colours to demonstrate different tones in order to recreate the flowers she has painted in her artwork.

**Birch homework:**

Year 5- Red book pages 7-9 and White book pages 11-13 in pencil.

Year 6- Red book pages 7-9 and White book pages 10 - 12 in pencil.

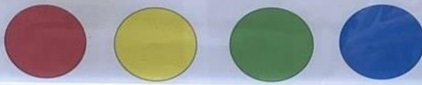
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Celebrating our Wimbish Wonders...





**Wimbish Wonders**



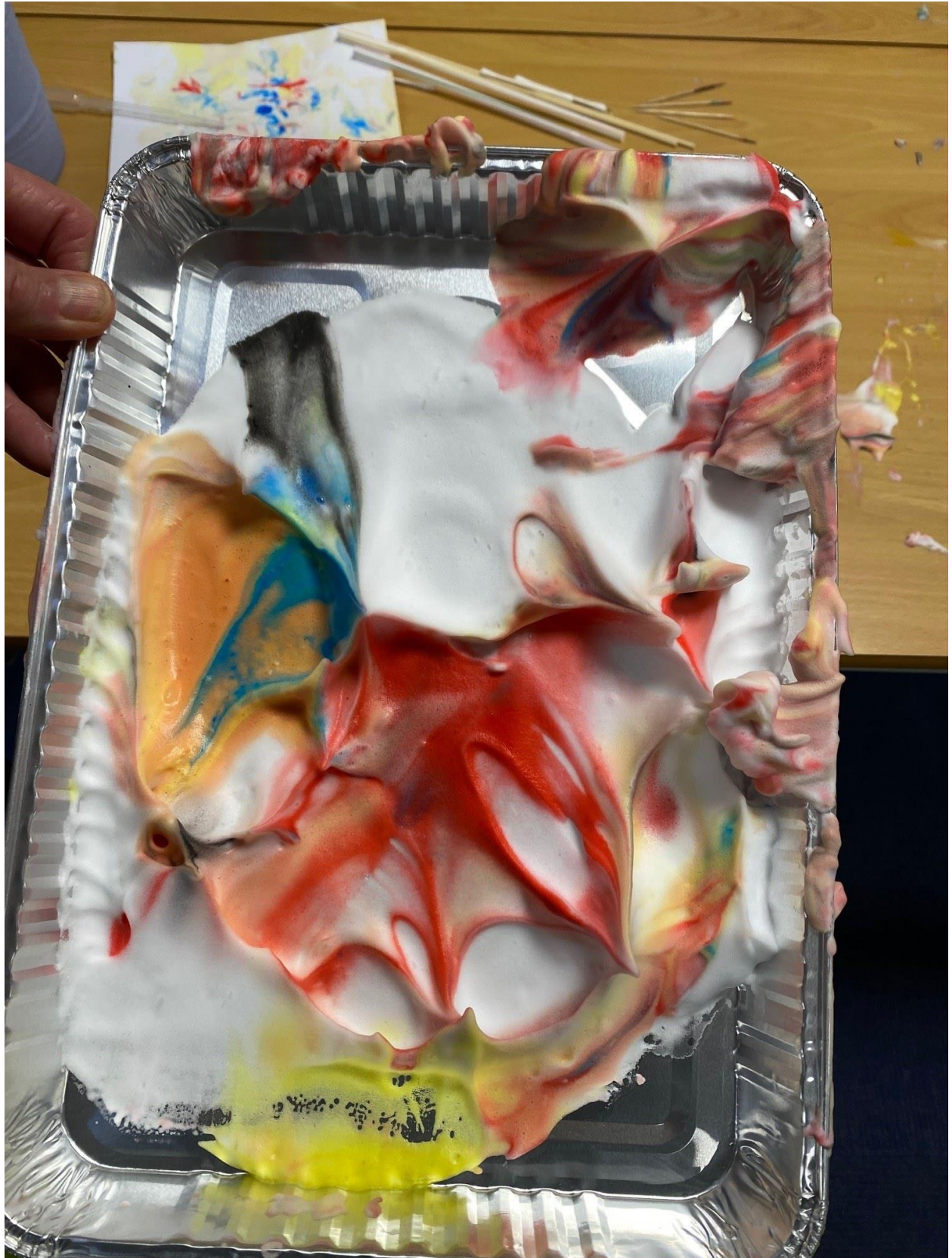


**Oak Class:** Hudson

**Willow Class:** Sienna

**Birch Class:** Edward and Chayce

# Breakfast and afterschool Clubs



The numbers for breakfast and after school club are low, each session works out at £4 which is great value for money. We need the numbers to increase to continue to offer these clubs.

If you would like to know more about clubs or have any questions please contact the office.

In Art club this week the children have been using shaving foam and pipetting paint to make these beautiful foam art pictures with Mrs Troy.



## Headlice in school

This week we have had a few reported cases of headlice in school, please can we ask all parents to check their Childs hair over the weekend and treat as required.



## Upcoming Dates



Tuesday 13th February - Birch Class, Mini Play Leader Training all day in school.

Friday 16th February - Birch Class, Mini Medics Training in school.

Monday 19th February - break up for half term

Monday 26th February - back to school

Friday 1st March - Royal Institution -Science Explosives Food day. Family performance 5.30-6.30pm - details to follow.

Thursday 7th March - Birch & Willow class, Science Workshop in school

Thursday 7th March - World book day - Details to follow, no costumes needed.

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief - Wear as much or as little red as you wish or school uniform.

Thursday 28th March - break up for Easter

Monday 15th April - back to school