



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter
9th February 2024



Updates this week:

Staffing update: I am delighted to announce that as of 1st February, Mrs Butcher has a new job title and an enhanced role of Executive Deputy Head across both Wimbish Academy and The Meadow. Congratulations to Mrs Butcher.

We published last week that the Royal Institution -Science Explosives Food day was happening on Friday 1st March and families were invited from 5.30-6.30pm. We have just been notified the date needs to change due to a staffing issue. We will update you as soon as possible with a new date.

Homework - we hope you are all enjoying the new homework arrangement. We are delighted to see what the children are completing and they are proud to tell us too! Please do let us know if you have any queries or feedback.

Have a lovely weekend

Nichola Pickford

Executive Headteacher

Learning in school this week



Oak Class:

This week in Oak we have been busy exploring the Antarctic it's weather and animals, particularly penguins. The children have been so enthusiastic, we have seen some great learning in our construction area and small world areas reproducing the conditions on the Antarctic.

Our learning has produced some great knowledge of animals and we have had some 'brave' writers having a go at writing their own sentences with the help of Grandma Fantastic who helps us by giving us some great words from her basket.

EYFS this week have been revisiting sounds j, v, w and x. All of the children are working hard to form these letters and some have been producing sentences using their phonics knowledge.

Yr 1 and 2 are revisiting the digraphs and working on increasing their confidence in using their phonics to write independently.

Home reading books: We are looking at changing the children's books so that they reflect the sounds they have learnt most recently, we hope this provides a little challenge, but if you experience any problems please let us know. Children may still be unsure of some of the tricky words (words that are not phonetic) these are listed in the front of each book, so you can have a little practice before they read to you.

Oak homework:

Year 1 and 2 please continue with pages 10 - 14 in your maths books.

I would love to see the work the children have been doing so could I please collect the books next Monday (12th February).

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 dived deep in our South America/ rainforests topic. English has focused heavily on the Earth's dependency on the rainforests, and how they help us survive! We reinstated our debate club in Geography, and we had an afternoon to plan and create debate posters arguing for and against deforestation. This created some brilliant questions from both the children and Miss Thirkell!

In maths, we have started to focus on our new topic- length and perimeter. We have spent some time recapping key vocabulary such as 'greater than' and 'less than', and also faced challenges such as trying to create shapes on the board that have a certain perimeter!

In RE, we worked hard to understand the difference between local, national and global charities, and why it is important to have charities all over the world. We completed a 'diamond 9' exercise, which sparked more debate as we had to rank charities from the most important to the least.

Finally, art this week was based upon the styles of different artists. This was so that we could investigate and analyse art styles and the effect this creates on a final piece of work; also, for inspiration for when we create our own final pieces!

Willow homework:

Year 3- First, Red Book page 7 and workbooks pages 12-13 in pencil

Year 4- First, Red Book page 7 and workbooks page 12-13 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:

In English, Birch Class have started Sentence Stacking to find out how poets write a narrative poem using effective vocabulary and poetic techniques such as:

Similes and metaphors: describing the colour green as a frosty leaf on a winter's morning, dew-covered grass, evergreen trees, frosty ivy...

Repeated refrains: And the highwayman was plotting - plotting – plotting. The Highwayman was plotting, all through the night.

In Maths, we have continued to focus on ratio and proportion and used the vocabulary: reduced, enlarged, proportion, scale drawing... whilst answering reasoning and problem solving questions.

We have been enjoying reading Holes by Louis Sachar and answering reading comprehension questions based on the VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising). Year 6s have had another SATs paper practice in Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and 3 Maths papers (1 x Arithmetic, 2 x Reasoning and Problem-Solving).

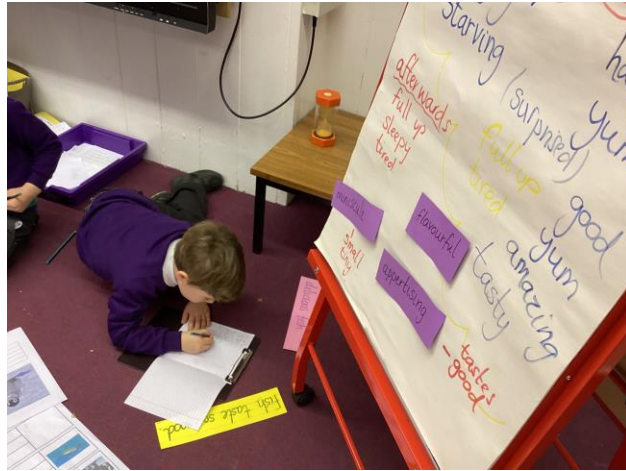
In art, we have continued to find out and experiment using the techniques of Georgia O'Keeffe focusing on tints and shades.

Birch homework:

Year 5- Red book pages 12-14 and White book pages 14-17 in pencil.

Year 6- Red book pages 10-12 and White book pages 13 - 15 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.



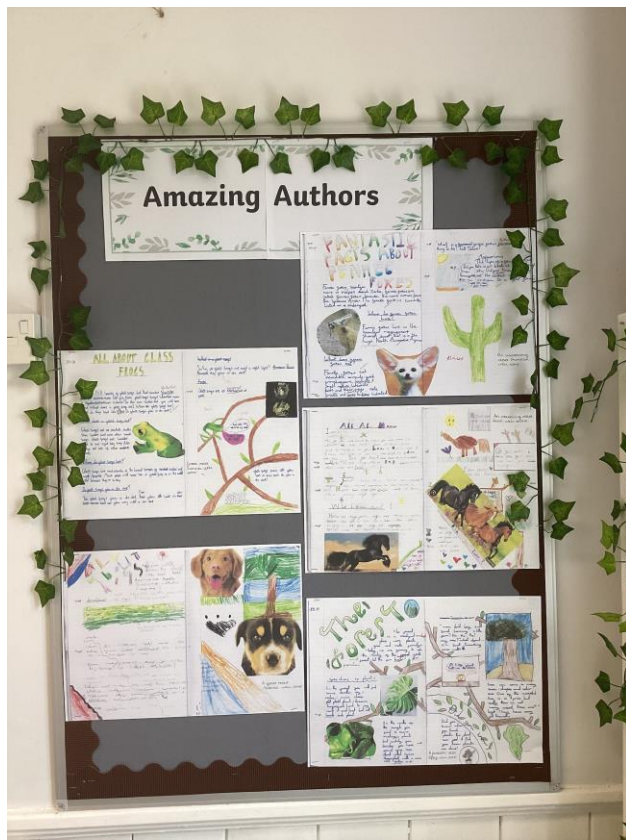
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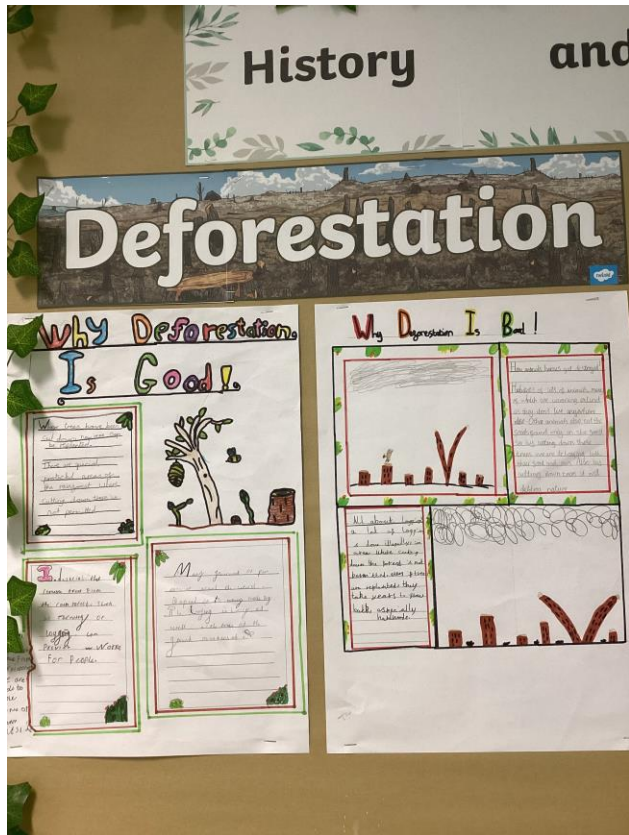
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4 - Willow Class



5 - Willow Class



6 - Willow Class



7 - Birch Class - Art

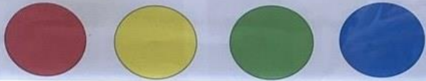


8 - Birch Class - Art

Celebrating our Wimbish Wonders...



Wimbish Wonders



Oak Class: Ivy

Willow Class: Primrose

Birch Class: Evie and Dylan

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

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