



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter
1st March 2024



Updates this week:

Can you believe it, we are now half way through the school year! Thank you all for your support you have given with the changes we have implemented, homework, reading and starting to build our school community. Please do keep feeding back to us - positive or things to work on, we really welcome your input.

Over the past few weeks the staff have been having a good sort out in school to make further to the learning environment. The children have noticed the changes and are very enthusiastic about them. We still have a way to go with our vision but we have some fantastic new resources on order to further enhance learning for all children in school. We will be holding another in school session soon to allow you the opportunity to work with your child and to have a look around and see the new resources in action.

There are some projects outside of our financial reach at the moment. If you or anyone you know might be able to help us with a project to look at replacing the grass (mud!) with some alternative covering such as astro turf through either physical help or sponsorship, then please do let me know.

We are exceptionally proud of all of the children at Wimbish. They have worked incredibly hard to adapt to the changes, work hard, be super enthusiastic and show a real kindness. We may be a small school, but we definitely have a big vision and people within our community with even bigger hearts. Thank you all and have a great half term, whatever you are up to.

Nichola Pickford

Executive Headteacher

Next Week

Tuesday 5th March - Y6 Team Building Day

On Tuesday 5th March, Year 6 will be taken by coach to The Meadow Primary School (the other school, we work at) to spend the day working with Meadow Y6 on a team building day, run by Prestige Sport. This will help the children start to get to know each other before they go on the joint residential trip in May. Wimbish will be hosting another Y6 mixing day after Easter, where we will hold a Forest School day. The visits will happen within the school day, and therefore no permissions will be required. Please send your child to school in their PE kit and ensure they have a water bottle with them that day.

Pupils that have school dinners will be given their lunch at The Meadow Primary School, please order online as you usual do, the lunch menu is the same as Wimbish.

Thursday 7th - Willow and Birch Science Experience Day

Just a reminder that next Thursday Willow and Birch are welcoming Cambridge Science Centre into school for a day of workshops and exciting learning.

Friday 8th - World Book Day

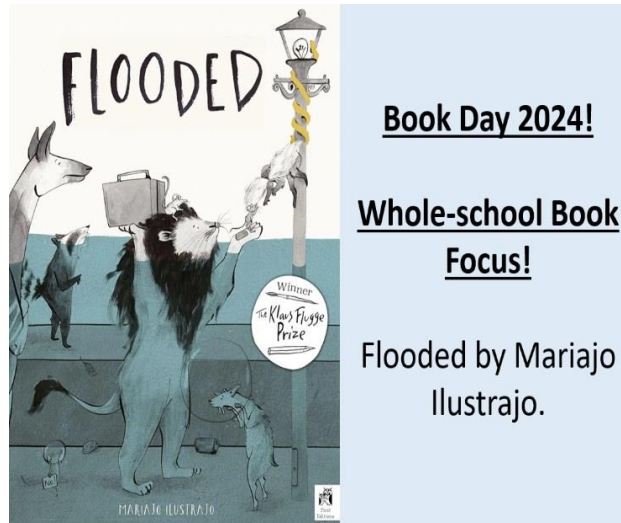
Due to the science workshop on the 7th, we have decided to move World Book Day to Friday 8th.

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, the whole school will be focusing on reading and enjoying the book: FLOODED. The story is a pretty simple one - "One morning the city woke up to find everything was a little WET...but soon the little bit of water became a HUGE problem." From the back cover - it's a story about learning to face up to problems before they get too big and the strength that comes when a community learns to work together.

After reading and re-reading this story, the children will have different writing and art activities to complete depending on their year group. Art work will be designing their own perfect pair of wellies/ creating their own flood scene/ creating their own puddle splash. Key Stage 1 will be describing a morning in a flooded classroom, Years 3 and 4 will be writing a short story of the day in the flooded city from the point of view of an animal that had a great time and Year 5/6 will be writing a poem based on the book as well as drama and lots of discussion! A selection of work will be displayed in the library- photos to follow!

Friday 8th - Exciting reveal

Watch this space! On Friday next week we are welcoming the local press into school to reveal something very exciting!!



Learning this week

Oak Class:

This week in Oak has been amazing.... the children have really been enchanted by tradition tales, so we have focused on the story of 'The three little pigs', which has seen some amazingly creative ideas when the children were challenged to build their own 'wolf proof' house.

We have seen some amazing stories being written this week, all children have produced stories through pictures, with many showing their brave writer confidence and adding sentences to their stories.

EYFS Focus sounds this week ch and sh.

Year 1 and 2 revisiting the alternative spellings for I as in child or I-e as in time.

Maths focus using our number bonds to add single digit numbers.

Our outside area is now really taking shape, with our flowers planted, the arrival of our crates and planks for building and a stage, we hope with the better weather we will be able to use this great learning space!

Oak homework:

The children have done a super job and most have now completed their maths books, please continue working through these for year 1 & 2 if you have not finished.

Willow Class:

Willow have been busy this week, completing their jungle narrative, based on the 'Great Kapok Tree' story. We have become published eco-authors, and everybody has created a valuable story that is displayed on our 'amazing authors' wall in the classroom. We have now begun to create a 'Jungle Rap' following a fun experience day where we freestyled a classroom rap with Miss Thirkell.

We are currently planning our science experiment for our sound topic. The class has worked hard to learn about fair testing and variables, in addition to planning and predicting what will happen.

In PSHE, the children learnt about a character called Scaredy Squirrel and how he stays safe in risky situations. We investigated the importance of planning ahead and precautions we can take to stay safe in different scenarios (including children driving themselves to school!)

Willow have worked hard to complete the maths topic this week. We have been learning about length and perimeter, regular and irregular polygons and unknown lengths. We completed an end of unit quiz, and also had a quiz lesson where we revised concepts that came up during the unit.

Willow homework:

Year 3- Red book pages 9 and White book pages 16-17 in pencil.

Year 4- Red book pages 9 and White book pages 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.

Birch Class:

Birch Class have enjoyed analysing the book 'Holes' and forming opinions based on evidence. The children have just completed a writing unit on poetry linked to this book and this proved popular. This week, the class have been planning letters based on the main character of the book.

Maths has covered algebra basics and the class have a positive attitude towards this. May I remind you that all topics covered are in their red and white texts books and this can be revised and revisited at home.

In Science, the children have planned an investigation about light and shadows and this provided a forum for discussion about what we already know about shadows.

Birch homework:

Year 5- Red book pages 18-21 and White book pages 21-24 in pencil.

Year 6- Red book pages 20-23 and White book pages 23 - 25 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.

Retelling stories



Working together

Healthy eating conversations



Maths: weight and measure



Gross and fine motor skills

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Building our own car



Problem solving

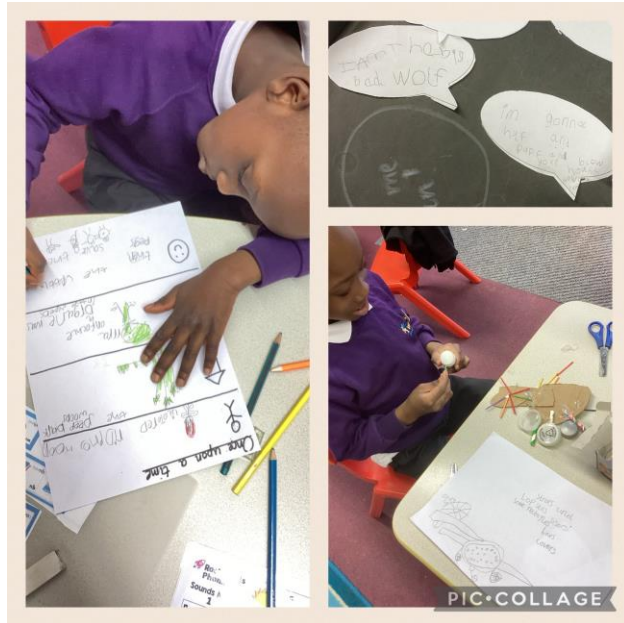
Team work



Gross motor skills



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Forest School

In Forest school this week the children in Oak class planted lots of spring bulbs in the borders of oak garden. They really enjoyed digging the holes, learning about why worms are important for your garden and watering the new plants. We are really looking forward to them flowering and adding colour to the garden.







Japan

Miss Dooley has been on an amazing trip to Japan, the children have been learning lots of interesting facts about Japan that she discovered during her travels. I'm sure the children will be excited to share some of these with you over the weekend.

Miss Dooley very kindly had each child's name written in Japanese for them to take home and keep. This is such a thoughtful idea and a lovely keepsake.

Miss Dooley would like to add that the appreciation and respect shown to another culture has made her so happy!





Celebrating our Wimbish Wonders...



Wimbish Wonders



Oak Class: Asena

Willow Class: Poppy

Birch Class: Chayce and Edward

Free online sessions for families

ACL Family Learning (funded by Essex County Council) have a number of online courses running in March and April which may be of benefit to parents/Carers/Grandparents. These sessions are run individually so families can sign up to as many, or as few, as they like. Sessions include;

Go To Sleep!

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL1C42Y23&NAME=FL+Go+To+Sleep%21&ID1=9000&ID2=286430&ID3=1>

Setting Boundaries

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL4C41Y23&NAME=FL+Setting+Boundaries&ID1=9000&ID2=287167&ID3=1>

Raising Girls

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL2C41Y23&NAME=FL+Raising+Girls&ID1=9000&ID2=287166&ID3=1>

First Aid Workshop

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL4C45Y23&NAME=FL+First+Aid+Workshop&ID1=9000&ID2=287252&ID3=1>

Managing Big Emotions

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL4C42Y23&NAME=FL+Managing+Big+Emotions&ID1=9000&ID2=287168&ID3=1>

Getting Teens To Talk

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL4C43Y23&NAME=FL+Getting+Teens+To+Talk&ID1=9000&ID2=287169&ID3=1>

Mindfulness & relaxation

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL1C70Y23&NAME=FL+Mindfulness+%26+Relaxation&ID1=9000&ID2=286456&ID3=1>

Anxiety Coping Techniques for Teens

<https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=DOL1C71Y23&NAME=FL+Anxiety+Coping+Techniques+For+Teens&ID1=9000&ID2=286457&ID3=1>

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Upcoming Dates



Tuesday 5th March - Y6 to Meadow Primary, joint team building day

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

Thursday 7th March - Parent/Carers meetings after school (booking closes on Monday 5th March)

Friday 8th March - World book day - Flooded as detailed above, **NO** costumes required.

Friday 8th March - Exciting reveal, local press in school

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