

Owls (EYFS)

The Owls have been visited by Elmer the Elephant and a Gruffalo this term! This has helped us practise skills such as making patterns and using descriptive vocabulary.

Our role play area has turned into a Gruffalo forest and we have enjoyed using this space to act out our own stories. We have been learning the names of coins, as well as 2d and 3d shapes. We have enjoyed starting to write in our books this term, so our handwriting and spelling is starting to develop. We are starting to spell words like hat cat mat dog fog log bun run fun. Our first swimming lessons have been

Sparrows (Y1)

In Year 1, we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. We have been learning about the days of the week and the months of the year.

In our writing, we have been learning to write an explanation based on our science learning. We have also been discussing how to be a good friend and sharing new and different playground games.

Chaffinches (Y2)

Chaffinches have been learning about the works of Anthony Browne. We have read three of his books: Into The Forest, The Tunnel and Gorilla. We've loved learning about Browne's characters and how he uses language effectively to describe his characters and the settings in his books. In Reading, we've been practising how to retrieve information from a text; reading a text independently and then sharing how we would answer questions about it. In Maths, we have learnt how to measure length in metres and centimetres. We're

Fun & Families

Mrs Oram and Mrs Rodenby have been running sessions every Wednesday morning to support families. Here is some feedback from the parents involved:

Thank you for running Fun & Families. The confidence and support we received was amazing. Some really useful tips to help us become more confident. We would recommend this group to other



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Headteacher's Message

Hello everyone,

We are almost at the end of this half term and it's passed in blink of an eye.

Young Voices

It was an amazing experience when we went to Sheffield arena and sang with 5,011 other children! We really enjoyed performing 'We will rock again' (with air guitar actions!), the pop medley and 'Birdhouse in your soul', but it was great to sing with famous singers too, like Natalie Williams and Tabby Callaghan. All of our parents were really proud of us and we were too.

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We are looking forward to sharing your children's achievements with you this week at Parents' evenings. I am enjoying working with year 6 to explore their achievements to prepare them for taking an active role in reflecting on learning with you. Our aspiration is, with our focus on growth mindsets, all our children will develop further independence in doing this, right from Year 2 upwards...and moving into Year 1-who love sharing their learning

This half term we are trying to find out what everyday life would have been like for Ancient Romans. We had an earthquake warning, which erupted our volcano and we are now writing an adventure story to recount how we escaped Pompeii and the Mount Vesuvius destruction!

Congratulations to Ava, Mea, Evie, Evan, Dylan, Joseph, Lola, Taylor, Otis and Justin who all took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament and showed excellent collaboration, self-control and

We have been celebrating this week in Year 4 after our brilliant success at the rugby tournament. Whilst it was in the spirit of the games to not keep the score we did however perform admirably. The children possessed such an enthusiasm and love for the game that it really was infectious. After the game the children reflected upon the intrinsic feeling that comes with accomplishing something as a team and were well and truly pleased with themselves. I'm sure all the parents who came to the event had that same sense of achievement, I know I did!

Swallows (Y4)

In Geography we have been researching and learning about the Great Wall of China, in the Land of the Red Dragon.' Iona

'In Eagles we have been learning about China. I have enjoyed doing our Ancient Dynasties homework because I liked learning about the Ming Dynasty.' Noah

'This term we have been learning about fractions in Maths. We have been doing lots of things (comparing, finding equivalents and adding) I enjoyed using the models but then found an easier method - using your times tables! I am finding Maths really fun.' Imogen

Eagles (Y5)

Last week, Year 6 went to The Warning Zone which is an educational life skills centre. In the morning we went around a fairground-themed e-safety zone that taught us about sharing things on the internet and there was a tense game of bumper cars at the end where we had to answer questions on what we'd learnt. In the afternoon, we went to lots of different rooms which taught us about risks in public places, like train-lines, building sites, parks and near power stations. We were quite surprised by some of the risks we found in them! On the whole, we really enjoyed the day and had a great time.

Kingfishers (Y6)



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Headteacher's Message continued...

In terms of staff, it has been a busy time as this half term has been so short and we have to be updated and prepared for this year's assessments. This has meant staff development and liaison across schools in different Counties to make sure our judgements are accurate. Inevitably this means some staff have to be out of their class in addition to their usual PPA and management release. Our school cannot function efficiently if staff are not trained, but please be assured, we prioritise and only attend essential events. Where possible, other staff in our team lead lessons, prepared by the class teacher, or we aim for consistency in the supply staff we use. Sometimes this is just not possible, in light of National teacher shortages, but we do our very best. If a supply teacher is in class, Senior Management undertake learning walks I

In terms of my day to day activities, not only am I expected to lead the school-which demands my attention from 7am to way past 6pm in order -to train and support staff as well as work with children, ensure strategic budgeting and planning is in place and effectively monitor standards, Headteachers are now increasingly expected to make an impact across groups of schools. In order to keep up to date, manage Health and Safety and legal requirements, and lead learning. This may involve meetings, reviews in other schools (which really support my thinking in relation to our own school) and other leadership activities.

Our staff are all professionals in their areas of expertise and this means our leadership is distributed across the school, so please be assured we are all working for our children and the school every day, even if we are not always visible.

Keep an eye on my blog and other blogs, or Twitter to see what we get up to.

Mrs Hancock

Important Notes

Please see the updated holiday dates attached.

Library Van Dates

Spring: 1st February, 1st March, 5th April

Summer: 3rd May, 7th June