



Autumn term (2) 16th October 2023 Collective Worship Theme: Thankfulness

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's lovely looking at the calendar and seeing we have some exciting trips, visitors and learning experiences for your children. Enrichment is a big part of our curriculum here at Wetheringsett. Our Open Evening was a chance to showcase the things which make our school special to existing and future families, and the turnout on Thursday was very good. If you have a child due to start school in September, or know someone who does, please contact our office, who would be pleased to help you with your application.

Reading is vital

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. All children in EYFS and KS1 have a reading book matched to their phonics stage using the Little Wandle phonics scheme. Please encourage your child to do their daily reading both independently and with an adult - right up to Year 6. It is lovely to see so many children participating in the reading challenge.

Maths across the curriculum

Lime class enjoyed exploring maths through Art and DT. The children explored looking at shapes and creating a Kandinsky painting. In DT the children used their measuring skills to weigh the ingredients. We also thought of all the different ways we could split our dough into 8 pieces.

KS2 played a multiplication dice game to warm us up and then looked at the Maya number system to link in with our History topic. Finally we used shapes and coloured paper to create a class city in the style of the artist Paul Klee. This was an opportunity for the children to practise the collage skills that they have been learning during our art lessons

Sycamore class's Roman day

On this special enrichment day, the children became map detectives, finding Roman place names and identifying features such as forts, villas, settlements and temples on a Roman Britain map of East Anglia. They also used their mathematical skills to use coordinates to find Roman sites and ruins across the UK.



The children learnt about Roman numerals by playing games and making paper plate clocks. Then it was time to take their shields outside to see how the Roman army attacked and defended using formations. The children tried out the 'Orb', 'Tortoise', 'Wedge' and 'Repel Cavalry' positions.

A game of 'Knucklebones' proved to be a fun challenge - some children were able to flip 4 counters from the back of their hand into the palm of their hand. Lots of perseverance was needed!

In the afternoon, the children designed and made their own mosaics (with geometric patterns) using coloured salt dough tiles, being careful to grout between each tile to secure them in place.

Finally, the children answered a true and false quiz about food in Roman times, the children were surprised by some of the true answers, e.g. some of the delicacies including dormice and snails!

Please look at the newsfeed on the website or our facebook page for photos!

School dinners

There will be a slight increase in the cost of school dinners of 10p making meals £2.50 after half term

Attendance

You will have received letters about the importance of maintaining high levels of school attendance. Please ensure your child attends school consistently to maintain their quality of learning,

Dates for the diary

17th October 2023	MAT Christmas song recording - trip to St Matthews in Ipswich for years 1-6
19th October 2023	Harvest Festival at Church
20th October 2023	PD Day - children not in school
1st November 2023	KS2 cross country competition



1st November 2023	Flu vaccinations
2nd November 2023	School trip and Mayan Workshops
6th November 2023	Parents' consultations
10th November 2023	Remembrance Service at Church
22nd November 2023	KS2 Tag rugby competition
28th November 2023	Whole school DT day
2nd December 2023	Christmas Tree Festival, Wetheringsett Church
20th December 2023	Friends School Disco
24th June 2024	Residential to Norfolk for years 5 -6, details to follow

Wishing you and your child/children a very successful rest of Autumn term.

Kind regards,

Ms Wallis and Mrs Sheeran