



This week in Saplings...it was lovely to hear about the children's adventures that they got up to during half term. These adventures encouraged plenty of discussions between the children which helped them to develop their oracy skills.

We have continued to collaborate with our reception children this week. The children have had the opportunity to support each other and contribute to their learning across a range of curriculum activities. However, the learning we have been engaging in around listening and sequencing has proved most fruitful this week.

This half term our new topic is 'Spring'. We have an array of activities coming up for the children to investigate, design and create so, watch this space.

Notices: Please could all children make sure they have appropriate clothing for wet weather- we love to get out and experience the elements!

Lastly, thank you to Vic and Rich for the kind toy donations, the children love them.

This week in Willows...

This week we started our new topic 'Weather Experts'. We took advantage of the rain on Monday in outdoor learning to explore this exciting weather. We listened to how the rain sounds when it lands in different containers. We watched the movement in puddles as we dropped pebbles and blew in them with straws. Baby tiger wanted a new umbrella to play in the rain so we investigated some different materials to see which one would be best.

In R.E. we learnt the story of Christian and Jewish story of Jonah. We enjoyed making collages to show the Jonah story.



This week in Birch...

It's been a lovely week back in Birch this week.

We were introduced to artist Henri Rousseau and found out that he never actually left Paris and all of his creations is from his imagination.

In Maths, we absolutely smashed our end of unit assessment in Multiplication and Division. We are now moving onto Fractions.

In English. We have continued our reading of The Great Kapok Tree as part of World Book Day we made our own Great Kapok Tree door. Make sure you check it out on your way past.

On Friday, we had a lovely day with Allan from Shumba Drums. We played an assortment of percussion instruments and performed our own piece in front of the whole school.



This week in Ash...

This week in Ash Class we have continued to explore fractions in maths. The children have been developing their fluency in adding and subtracting fractions and I am very impressed with the progress they are making.

In English, the children were introduced to the text *Earth Verse* by Sally M. Walker. We identified the key features of haiku poems and are going to continue to develop our poetry writing skills over the next few weeks. We also celebrated World Book Day this week and it was a delight to see all the children in the class expressing their love for reading and sharing this with younger children in the school.

In science, we created simple circuits as part of our electricity topic. We identified what made the bulbs light up and explored how altering the components in the circuits affected the brightness of the bulb.



Message from your Academy Head

This term brings us into the second half of the (academic) year. It also brings with it some more daylight hours, warmer weather and the chance to reflect on what we want to achieve before the end of the year! A chance to really focus on our priorities and what we need to do to ensure we are striving to be a better version of ourselves each day. We ask this of the children and therefore hope that we are all modeling it to them too!

I would like to offer a warm welcome to Vicky, who has joined our school family in an administrative role on a Thursday.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs this ½ term will almost remain the same except **No Key Stage 1 Multisport** as we do not have the service of Mr Pierce. Mrs Luxton will now be taking Key Stage 2 Multisport.

- **Monday**- Year 5 & 6 Thinking Skills (SATS) Mr Keenan
- **Tuesday**- Key Stage 2 Netball- Miss Fraser and Key Stage 1 Craft Club- Bryony. There are positions available for new members to start this club if anyone is interested. Please contact Susan in the office.
- **Wednesday**- Key Stage 2 Multisport Mrs Luxton
- **Thursday**- Private Spanish Club for Reception & Key Stage 1 children only. **Contact Patty** patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk or on 07813 272979

Spanish lessons in school

As you are already aware we have secured a Spanish teacher to teach our children once a week for this ½ term. Our PTFA have kindly helped to subsidise the cost of this teacher for the term, but we will be asking parents to make a contribution of £7.00 via Parentpay to cover the remaining cost.

P.E

Mr Pierce will continue to run his PE lessons on a Wednesday. Please ensure children come to school with the appropriate clothing for physical activity.

Natural Learning/ Outdoor Learning/ Forest School

Willows & Birch- Monday. Children will need to wear appropriate clothing for the elements and bring or order a packed lunch every Monday starting 7th March

Ash- Friday. Children will need to wear appropriate clothing for the elements.

Key Dates:

- **New! Every Wednesday morning from 9:15am in the Preschool** – Parents & Child Toddlers Group with Bryony and Michelle
- **P.E**- Every Wednesday- please come to school in the appropriate P.E kit
- **Natural Learning**- Monday Birch (pm) and Friday Ash (pm)
- **Birch Zoo Trip**- Monday 21st March
- **Parent Teacher Consultations**- 25th Thursday & 26th Friday March

Attendance

Whole School	94%
Ash	93.2%
Birch	94.2%
Willows	92.8%

Safeguarding



Our Safeguarding Lead is **Jason Keenan** and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is **Olivia Gentile**. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on

0345 155 1071

PTFA Notices:

Dear All, we have a date for your diary! Tuesday 5th April we will be hosting a Fayre after school, in the school grounds to Celebrate the Community. We are going to ask the children, parents and local businesses to run stalls to celebrate their talents and bring out those budding entrepreneurs in you!

There will be a small charge for stalls and refreshments for sale too! More details to follow!

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