



Harlington Lower School

Half Term School News - Autumn (1) 2024

Message from our Headteacher

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year. The children have settled in beautifully and it has been lovely to see how they bring their energy, enthusiasm and curiosity into the classrooms each day. It has been a pleasure to see both familiar faces returning with confidence and new pupils and families becoming part of our school community.

This newsletter is a half-termly feature which celebrates key events that have taken place this term and highlights some of the fantastic learning that our pupils have been doing. We're incredibly proud of all their achievements so far and look forward to continuing this positive momentum after the half-term break. I hope that you enjoy looking through this newsletter and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Oak Class

Oak Class have settled immensely well into their new environment. We are really proud of all the children for working hard in all areas of learning.

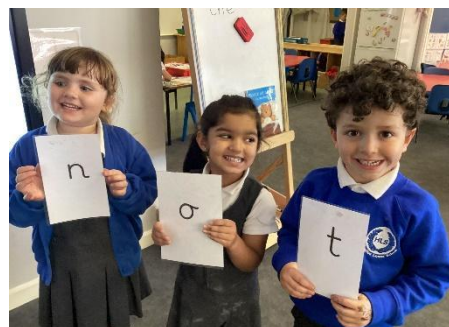
In our Maths lessons we have been looking at the composition of 3. We have enjoyed working practically.



Lorelai: I can find 3

Luca: I just found 3 feathers

Oak Class has been working hard in sounds-write, learning new sounds and tricky words.



Jack: We have learned s.

Freya: We have learned a. It is in my name.

Christian: We have written sat and learnt new tricky words.

We really enjoyed our Autumn walk around the village. We have been exploring the season of Autumn in our topic lessons. The children also learnt how to stay safe whilst out and about.



Kaya: We picked leaves that had fallen.

Alwin: I found a big stick.

Maisie: I found some green leaves.

We have enjoyed learning about Harvest in our topic lessons. We enjoyed making and eating bread.



Niamh: I loved eating the bread.

Kian: We made it with wheat flour.

Living the Values

For the month of October Oak Class were awarded the most values leaves - we were astounded with the amount of notes sent in from parents and carers telling the teachers how their child lived the values out of school. Keep up the good work Oak Class and enjoy your reward on Friday.



Golden Book

George E



Wow work

Talia
Bertie

Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have truly immersed themselves in their learning this half-term. They have engaged in different ways of learning and have shone in many areas.

The children loved participating in National Poetry Day and worked wonderfully in small groups to learn a poem off by heart!



Ally: We told the poem to our friends.

Sid: We acted out the words we did.

Rebecca: It was fun performing on National Poetry Day.

They have become avid mathematicians and have been working both practically and learning to record their answers. It has been wonderful to witness so many children thinking mathematically in our lessons.



Theo: it is quite hard but I persevered.

Owen: We use the tens frames and counters to show our learning.

Paisley: sometimes it is tricky work.

Maia: We have been learning greater than and less than.

The children were thrilled to have some very special visitors to a history lesson on *toys from their grandparent's childhood*. The children were excited to share their learning with some grandparents and the opportunity to explore some different games and toys to the ones they have at home.



Nell: We played games.

Rebecca: I liked playing with the football game with the grandparents.

Elliot: I played *push a penny*.



Golden Book

Freddie



Wow work

Owen
Rebecca

Hawthorn Class

This half term Hawthorn Class have really enjoyed their Art unit of work, Nature Sculptures. The children had fun making clay models of natural objects and they learnt lots of different techniques when using the clay. They learnt about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. They used natural materials that they collected to create their own land art. The children worked with a partner and created some excellent patterns.





Sophia - I loved making the clay sculpture.

Ben - I really enjoyed making the land art from twigs and leaves.

Amelia - I liked making a wolf out of clay.

The children have also loved their music lessons this half term. They have made up action patterns for each other to copy and have learnt different action songs. The children had lots of fun learning how to play the melody of a song on glockenspiels.



Elijah - I liked learning the song Tony Chestnut.

Dylan - I liked playing the glockenspiels.

William - I really enjoyed playing the glockenspiels and learning the songs.



Golden Book

Harper



Wow work

Chloe. C
William

Rowan Class

During our Science lessons we have been learning about forces. At the beginning we were very unsure what a force was. We soon discovered anything that was a push, pull or twist was a force. We had great fun acting out different forces with our friends: pulling the string on a bow, completing a push up, pulling and pushing an axe to chop a tree.



Our learning progressed to learn about different types of forces: friction and magnetic forces. We had a very exciting lesson applying our new knowledge to create magnetic games. Our creations included magnetic fishing games and mazes.



Finn - I have learned that a magnetic force can be strong or weak and it uses a magnetic field.

Aoife - I liked making the magnetic games with paper, split pins and magnets. I made a fishing game with my friends.

Charlotte - I liked seeing the magnetic field of a magnet when Mrs Farrugia poured iron fillings over a piece of paper.

Emily - I learned pushes and pulls are forces and that friction is a type of force.

Faith Tour

We went on the Faith Tour in Queen's Park, Bedford. We visited a Church, a Mosque and a Gurdwara. The children were able to talk about their learning from RE lessons about worship and how this related to what they saw in the different special places. We enjoyed learning about different faiths and the children could gain a greater understanding of worship in Christianity, Islam and Sikhism.

Henry - We learned Gurus are people who teach in the Gurdwara but now they have the Guru Granth Sahib which is a holy book that Sikhs read to learn about God.

Harper - I liked learning lots of new things about the Mosque, Church and Gurdwara. I liked learning about all the different prayer times Muslims have.

Zoe - I liked listening to the call of prayer in the Mosque.

Vincent - I learned in the church they have special pews for the choir to sing from and they sing special hymns.



Golden Book

Ellie



Wow work

Jacob
Finn

Beech Class

Beech Class have had a fantastic start to the new school year.

In English, we have been reading about Katherine Johnson and her incredible achievements. Our focus has been on expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials and we have used lots of these in our work.

In Art, we studied some famous European artists from Le Corbusier and Anselm Kiefer to Coco Chanel. We then worked in pairs to design and make our own paper hats which we modelled in a very funny fashion show!



Our Science lessons have been focused on teeth and our digestive systems. We watched some funny videos which helped us to understand what each part of the digestive system does and what happens to our food once we've eaten it. We also did a Science experiment where we investigated the question 'What effect do different liquids have on our teeth?'



This half term, our history topic has been World War 2. We enjoyed dressing up as evacuees, making identity cards, learning how to dance the Lindy Hop and listening to and evaluating 1940s music!



Golden Book

Elsie



Wow work

James W

Lily

School Council

The school council have met a couple of times since being appointed, this half-term. Their first meeting started off with a number of suggestions for this year's agenda.



Diwali

This week we welcomed The Indian Experience into school to share with the whole school an assembly on The Festival of Light, Diwali. Following on from this, children in KS1 had workshops on creating Rangoli artwork and an insight into Hindu worship and ceremonies. We wonder if the children can share any of their learning with you? We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families celebrating Diwali, over half-term, a sparkling Diwali filled with joy and laughter!

