

Chesnut Lodge

Dressed to Impress

News

This term has been a really good one for the sporting catwalks of Widnes especially when teams from Chesnut Lodge are involved!



In April, school was lucky enough to receive a donation of 12 sports shirts courtesy of our friend Liam Sheridan of Amplified Media.



The blue and black stripes fit in with the school colours and are very different to what the other schools wear for fixtures giving Chesnut Lodge competitors the confidence to take the field knowing that no other team can look and feel as good as they already do!

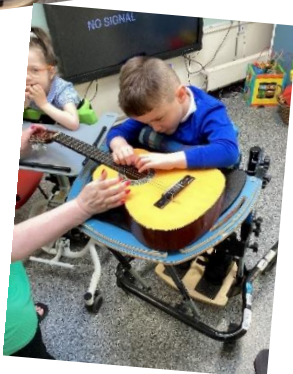
As if one kit wasn't enough, school entered a competition led by our school meals provider Food For Thought with the aim of gaining even more school kits for a wide range of events and activities Chesnut Lodge is involved with throughout the year

We were lucky enough to have been one of the schools with a winning bid and ensuring we kept in line with the team colours of blue and black we were able to choose tracksuit tops and shorts which complimented the new striped kit.

All these new kits come with professionally printed logos of our 'sponsors' to give us that extra professional feel – thank you to Amplified Media and Food for Thought.



Peacock Get Into The Groove!



This term our topic was "Music and Sound". We had lots of fun learning all about different musical sounds and also sounds in our environment. We played lots of musical instruments which were new to us and loved listening to a range of beats, sounds and pitches. We also listened to lots of different genre of music and on our last day we had an 80's themed party!

I Want My Mummy!

Beethoven Class have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We explored Mummies and why the Ancient Egyptians practiced this. Children were then turned into mummies, learnt hieroglyphics and created their own T-shirts



Making mummies!



Children discovered how important animals were to the Egyptians, learned about the Plagues and made papyrus paper which was used for Egyptian art.

Class also learnt about famous Egyptians such as Tutankhamun and Cleopatra and enjoyed role playing and creating art based on these people.

FOX FOLLOW THE MUSIC

This term Fox class have learnt about beat in music. Pupils have clapped and played instruments along to the beat.

Pupils got the chance to use a range of musical instrument and had songs to practise.

The young Maestro's have also learnt about beats in a bar, knowing when to stop and start again.



NEVER BORED OF THE BARD

The Literacy topic this term was William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The children enjoyed painting scenery and acting out three scenes from the play using hand puppets. We really got involved in the drama of the play, not so much the romance!!

We finished off our learning by watching the film to reinforce what we had learnt.



MEASLES INFORMATION

Measles is on the rise in the region - If you suspect you or your child has measles, phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do Not go directly to the GP surgery as measles is highly infectious. Do Not send your child to school or childcare.

People of ANY age can become infected with measles if they have not been fully vaccinated. Two doses of the MMR vaccine provides lifelong protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. The MMR vaccine is safe and effective. The first dose is given at the age of 12 months, and the 2nd dose is given at 3 years and 4 months old. Please make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

Ask at your GP surgery if you are not sure you or your child has received the vaccine. You can also check your child's Red Book. Your GP surgery can administer the vaccine for free on the NHS. It is never too late to catch up. If you have any questions about MMR, the nurse can discuss this with you at your appointment.

KHALO'S BRILLIANT BRITAIN

ANGLO SAXON BRITAIN

**THIS TERM OUR
TOPIC WAS
BRILLIANT
BRITAIN.**

**KAHLO CLASS
SPENT THE
TERM FINDING
OUT LOTS OF
NEW THINGS
ABOUT ANGLO
SAXONS.**

**CLASS BUILT A
CASTLE AND HAD
GREAT FUN
ACTING OUT THE
STORY OF ZOG.
CLASS ALSO
MADE UP POEMS
AFTER
LEARNING
ABOUT RHYMING
WORDS.**



Once there was a TA called Kat.
Who liked her big fluffy cat.
She helped us with swimming.
So we knew we were winning.
And that was the end of that!



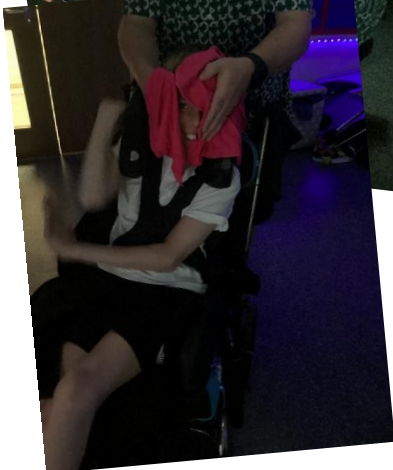
Assistive Teach: New TV Technology Meets Learning

Reeve class have had a new supersized huge interactive touch screen TV installed and it is really getting some use! Alongside other assistive technologies, it's helping the class team create more inclusive and engaging experiences for pupils and has helped with communication, visual tools and choice-making. Technology is a great tool for learning – just don't lose the remote!!!!



The Finer Things In Life... Spa days and Hot Towels

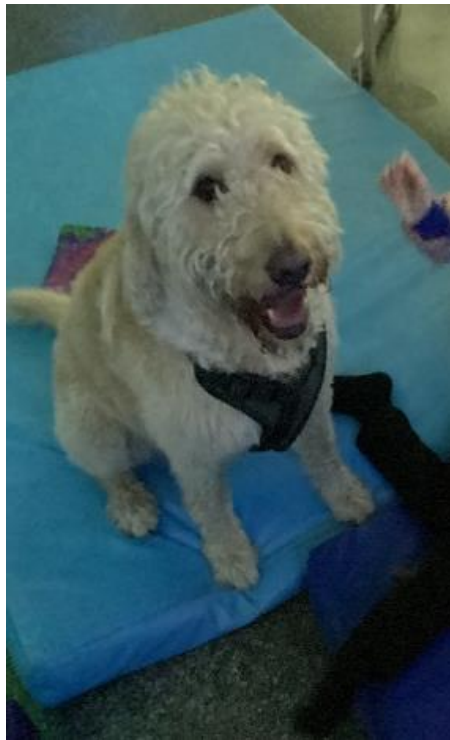
In Personal and Social Development, Reeve's theme has been health, wellbeing, changing, and growing. Class explored a wide range of sensory and self-care activities designed to support emotional regulation, body awareness, and relaxation. Pupils have taken part in mindfulness sessions, enjoyed the calming effects of gentle massages and hot stone therapy, and experienced pampering activities like hair and makeup sessions as well as hot towel treatments. These sessions have not only been enjoyable but have also had a noticeable impact on learning, supporting pupils to calm, engage, and participate in other areas of the curriculum.



MEET BOBBY THE DOG

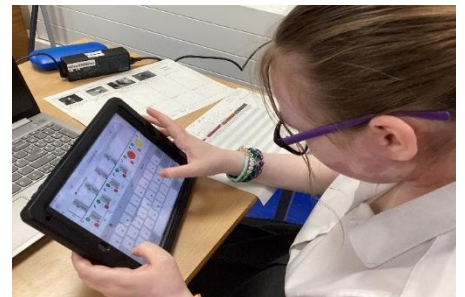
This term, Reeve Class had a very special guest—Bobby the dog, who joined us for a morning of calm, connection, and cuddles! Bobby brought a wonderfully soothing presence to the classroom, helping pupils feel relaxed and at ease.

Having Cookie the puppy and Bobby has really helped pupils build confidence, remain calm and given us gentle sensory interaction. Bobby's visit gave pupils the chance to explore these feelings in a safe and supportive environment. Whether it was stroking his fur, watching him move around the room, or simply sitting quietly beside him, Bobby helped create a peaceful atmosphere that everyone enjoyed. We're looking forward to more opportunities like this in September where animal-assisted experiences can support wellbeing and enrich our learning environment.



Fox Entrepreneurs

Fox have sold ice pops to the school every Friday in June. They sold them for 20p learning to handle money. As well as selling them the pupils also filled out tally charts of what they had sold. The children loved their ice pops and strawberry flavor was the favourite.



The team advertise and sell their products

Tubman Cooks

Tubman Class have loved cooking and baking this year and have even made their own recipe books!

As part of the healthy eating topic, pupils thought about foods that are suitable for people who are diabetic, learning how to look for the number of carbs in food as this is what people with diabetes have to keep track of.



The Greatest Show On Earth

Chesnut lodge hosted Amy from "Hula Hula Fun" this half term.

The pupils engaged with Amy in a thoroughly entertaining skills workshop, learning circus tricks through the session.



The pupils reached new heights when they learnt to walk on stilts, they took nervous steps at first but soon began to overcome their fears and took giants leaps on the stilts with lots of encouragement from their peers. Amy from "Hula Hula fun" wowed the children with her skills using the "diablo" she showed the children how to start the diablo rolling on the floor and then keeping it spinning on the string. The pupils tried extremely hard to master this skill and are keen to experience the circus skills workshop again to potentially master it.



Clowning Around



Clowning around was a big part of the session with the pupils all enjoying the opportunity to pose as jugglers and ring masters. Once they had finished posing as a cartoon juggler they moved onto the spinning plates and the scarf juggling. The pupils showed great persistence when trying to learn juggling and plate spinning, they didn't give up despite it



taking several tries to master the art. They are all now ready to run away and join the circus to show off their skills to the world!!!

"Hula Hula fun" workshop was funded by the success of the schools Easter bingo earlier in the year.



Mindfulness Matters



Reeve have been learning about Buddhism exploring Buddhist traditions, symbols, stories, peace and mindfulness. To bring our learning to life, class held a whole-school assembly dressing up as Buddhist monks, playing musical instruments and had the whole school chanting. It was a great assembly and a wonderful way to bring the school together and celebrate our learning in a multi-sensory and inclusive way. We were so relaxed even had a few pupils in other classes fall asleep.