



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24th October 2024



What a fantastic half term we have had!

The children have enjoyed many varied learning opportunities and have shown some fantastic behaviours for learning.

At the end of this half term, we say goodbye to Mr Butterworth. We are welcoming Mrs Draxler to the team who will be teaching in Aspen class until the end of this term. In January, Mrs Miles will be joining us on a permanent contract as Assistant Head of our Early Years. She will also be the class teacher of Aspen.

Also a huge congratulations to Miss Price who is expecting a baby at the start of the Spring term.

We are also pleased to have received some positive feedback from outside professionals and are looking forward to the next half term.

We wish you a happy, restful half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 4th November.

Saplings - Autumn

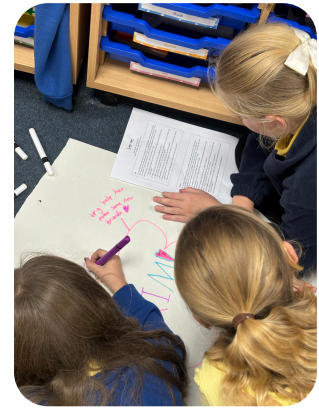
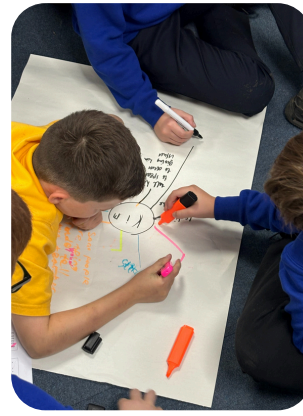
In Saplings, the children have been exploring the changes that Autumn brings. They have been learning about pumpkins and the colour orange, which was then linked to mixing paint together. 'The magic of making orange from red and yellow'.

As the weather turns, they have spoken about many autumnal things such as there being more spiders coming into our homes. The children used this knowledge to produce their own spiders, pumpkins, hedgehogs and really enjoyed using leaves to print.



Year 5 - PSHE

In Year 5, the children have been looking at 'rights and responsibilities of the child'. They have been comparing their rights and responsibilities with refugee children and have tried to think about how they would welcome other children into our school community. The children have shown great collaborative skills throughout this unit and have a greater understanding of what their role is in society.



Times tables - Year 3 & 4.

The children in Year 3 and 4 have been practising their times tables regularly this half term. They have not only been learning through their regular lessons but also by playing different times table games. They have also been competing with their friends in and out of school, through Times Tables Rock Stars.



Girls Football

Our girls football team competed in a tournament at Bedwell school last Friday. The tournament was used to organise the upcoming season, with our team performing fantastically well by finishing 3rd on the day. This means that they will now be competing in the Stevenage girls first division. Good luck girls for the season ahead.



Poppy Appeal

The ambassadors have started to facilitate this year's poppy appeal. The poppies along with zip pulls, and snap bands are available for a small donation (please see suggested price list that has been emailed). These items will also be available from the office. If money is brought into school please ensure it is placed in a named envelope.



Smoking

Can we please request that if you are going to smoke or vape whilst waiting, can you please do so away from the gates so as not to affect any of our children.

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 25th October - Inset Day

28th October to 1st November - Half term

13th November - Yr 6 Stevenage Synagogue visitor

26th November & 27th November - Flu Vaccinations for whole school

Friday 29th November - School closed

Friday 20th December - Term ends

Whole school attendance is currently 95.2%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.

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