



Welsh House Farm News

Spring 1 edition

Head Teachers Welcome

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you are all ready to enjoy your February half term.

I wanted to say a massive thank you once again for all your support. You continue to work with us and help us strengthen our provision. Please continue to be a voice for our school and our children – they deserve the very best!

I also wanted to share some news regarding teaching staff so you can prepare your children for their return.

Nursery

Miss Taylor

Reception

Ms McQueen

Year One

Mrs Justin

Year 2

Mrs Miller is returning from significant illness on a phased return.

She will job share with Miss Batsford.

Mrs Miller will be back full time by 17th March 2025.

Miss Batsford starts her maternity leave Friday 21st March.

Year 3

Mrs Yeardsley has returned and back full time.

Year 4

Mr Harborne

Year 5

Miss Peacock (Mon/Fri)

Mrs Kiddle Morris (Tue/Wed/Thur)

Year 6

Mrs Collier

Kind Regards

Mrs Jay

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Nursery



During this term our topic in Nursery has been “All Creatures Great and Small.” Our story book has been Goldilocks and the 3 bears and the children have loved retelling the story.

The children had a special visit from the Animal Man.

The children enjoyed learning all about the different animals, including a snake, lizard, cockroach and a smelly skunk!

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Reception



During the Spring term, Reception has been busy learning all about people who help us. They have enjoyed visiting the Vets role play, loved having a visit from the police, enjoyed learning about how to brush their teeth correctly and after half term have a visit from the fire brigade! Reception also enjoyed a visit from the animal man and met all sorts of interesting creatures!

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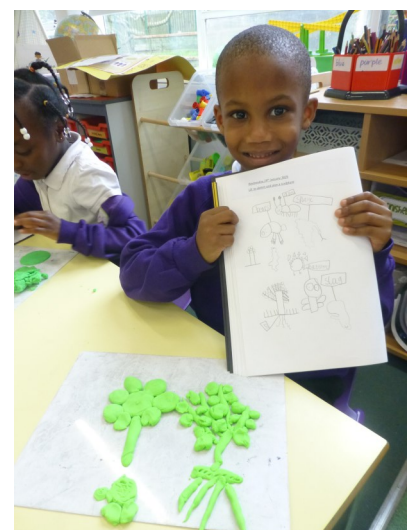


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Year 1

Year 1 have explored lots of new learning this half term. From learning about plants in science to making sculptures in Art. We have used Beebots in computing to give commands and made jam sandwiches to help us with our instruction writing in English. We LOVED dressing as a Rockstar for number day last Friday and can't wait for lots more learning after the half term!



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Year 2



During the Spring term, Year 2 has been busy working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In English, we made jam sandwiches and wrote instructions. In art we worked collaboratively to make a model of a building inspired by the Austrian architect Freidrich Hundertwasser and in PSHE we discussed our dreams and goals and worked in teams to design a bird for our dream garden.

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Year 3

Year 3 have been making delicious jam sandwiches to help with their instruction writing, as well as studying Dorset to help them to write a diary imagining that they met the palaeontologist Mary Anning. Outside of the classroom, Year 3 have started swimming and are really enjoying getting back in to the pool. Delina says, "Swimming is hard to learn but you can't give up. Erney says, "Swimming is the second best thing I've experienced in my life...after football!"

On Friday, the class dressed up as Rockstar's and performed a 10x tables song! Do you need your Times Tables Rockstar login so that you can move up the leader board?

Also, take a look at the pictures of our sculptures we have created in art. Finally, we are learning at the moment in My Happy Minds about how gratitude can improve our lives. Can you pick 3 things a day you are grateful for?



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Year 4



During the Spring term, Year 4 had a visit from the West Midlands Fire Service who talked about fire safety. They also had an exciting day with an Anglo-Saxon visitor where the children learnt about the battles that the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings fought. The children also took part in a parents writing inspire workshop which was enjoyed by all. The children have also enjoyed learning about electricity in science and making jam sandwiches to help them write instructions as part of their English lessons. The term ended with a bang for National Number Day where they performed a number song in front of the rest of the school.

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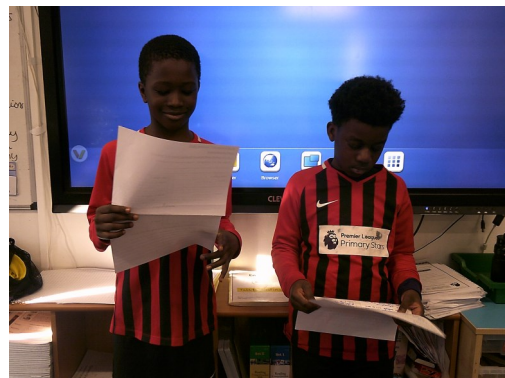
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Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy this half term.

- We had our Writing Inspire Workshop this half term. The children enjoyed working with their grown up to explore a warning story. We created story maps, investigated synonyms and wrote our own stories.
- In Science, we researched and presented information about different life cycles.
- In English, we made jam sandwiches to help us write a set of instructions.
- We have also enjoyed working in groups to make a set design in our art lessons.



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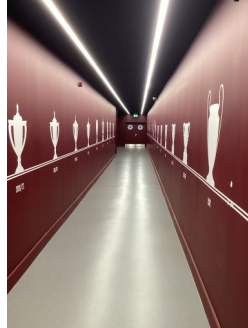
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Year 6



During the spring term, Year 6 visited Aston Villa football ground. They learned all about the history of the club, and the franchise. They toured the stadium and grounds, but weren't allowed to touch the grass! In the afternoon that day, we worked on our self-awareness as our activity for mental health awareness week.

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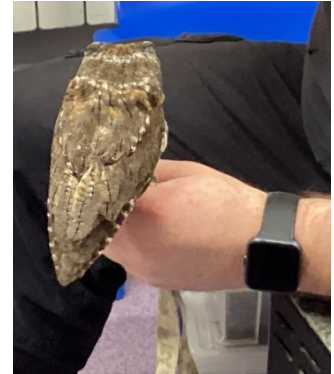
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Year RB



At the start of the Spring term, the children in RB were surprised by a visit from the Animal Man. The children were able to handle and stroke salamanders, lizards, snakes, hissing cockroaches—not a favourite with the teachers!—a skunk that didn't stink and a tiny owl, which surprised everyone by flying around the classroom! They also enjoyed hearing stories about the habitats from which the animals originated, and asked lots of insightful questions. We all stayed very calm and quiet, which is really hard when we are feeling a mixture of excitement and fear! In Geography this half-term, the children have got really engrossed in their map studies of Birmingham City Centre. They loved learning about landmarks, symbols and the transport system.

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PE and Sport



The under 11s boys and girls team football team played four games this half term and played in the West Midlands finals, excellent performances in all competitions.



Lots of school games activities this half term, students from KS2 competed in Athletics, Tennis and Multi skills games.



There were exciting school competitions throughout Birmingham in Basketball, Boccia and Gymnastics. Year 6 had an amazing opportunity to have a tour around the Aston Villa Football ground.

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Ted's Page

Hello Everyone,

Once again, I have had a lovely half term with the staff and children at Welsh House Farm Community School.

I have been so busy helping the children in lots of different ways.

This half term I have had the pleasure of working with the Year 5 children - we have been practicing our handwriting, improving our vocabulary and communication and some of the children have been writing stories about me! I can't wait to read them.

It is lovely to see children smiling so much when I come into school and I always get so many cuddles from the staff too - I feel like Welsh House Farm is my second home - thank you.

I can't wait to see you all next half term.

Lots of love,

Ted



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