



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2025

Blue Class

In Blue Class we have been learning about 'Ourselves'. We have completed lots of activities about ourselves and our families. We enjoyed reading our focus story of 'Every family is different' the children were able to identify the different family members they live with and started to develop their understanding that families have different make-ups. In life skills the children have been very enthusiastic to complete their daily tooth brushing session after lunch and have worked really hard to brush their teeth independently. In understanding the world, we have been working on sharing our likes and dislikes, ourselves and our features along with our families, the children have enjoyed looking at family photos and sharing with their class staff and peers who each family member is including the pets!



Red Class

In Red Class, we have been exploring the topic *Ourselves* and learning all about our families and what makes us special. The children have loved reading *Every Kind of Family* and taking part in activities linked to our big book. In Art, we have been thinking about our faces and features, linking our work to the topic *Ourselves* and celebrating how we are all unique. The children created colourful self-portraits inspired by Andy Warhol and enjoyed experimenting with a variety of mark-making tools. During PE, we have been practising invasion games, learning to move safely around the hall, and using different balls to throw and catch. The children have really enjoyed using the large space and moving to music to motivate their actions. In Life Skills, the children have been working hard on brushing their teeth and washing their hands. We have developed a strong routine using our special songs *The Brush Bus* and *Wash Your Hands* to help everyone become more independent. We have also had lots of fun in Understanding the World, talking about who lives in our homes and celebrating the many different kinds of families in Red Class. The children have enjoyed exploring the environment area and even went out in the minibus!



Yellow Class

In Yellow Class the children have learning about themselves as a topic. They have been exploring our bodies in understanding of the world and learning about how families can be different in our big book sessions. In art we have been learning to draw ourselves and family members, interpreting this in various ways with different mediums. We are learning different skills in cookery sessions such spreading and cutting and in life skills they have been learning to brush their teeth more effectively.

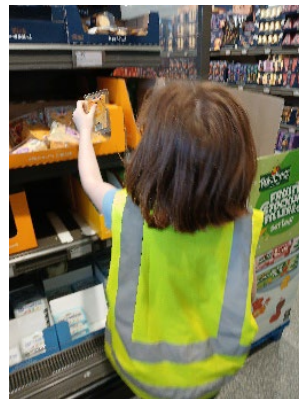
After half term we started a new topic about celebrations and the children are really enjoying learning about different types of celebrations, from birthdays to Hanukkah the celebration of light in Judaism. We have started be exploring what would need to have a party and then role played what we would like our party to look like.



Green Class

This term we have been learning about People who Help Us. We have created different collage pictures in art of different people who help us such as a doctor, a fireman and a police officer. The children were really good at selecting the right pieces and sticking them down independently. In cooking we have been working on our mixing and scooping skills and have made some yummy treats we are now working on spreading and have made jam sandwiches. This term the children have chosen their own healthy snacks they would like to eat, we made a list and went to the shops to buy them. They were all really helpful in the shop to find the items on our shopping list, paying at the till and packing the bags. We have also really enjoyed our yoga sessions with Yoga Jane and Suzie.

We have started learning our songs for the nativity and the children are doing really well to remember words and the signs.



Purple Class

Purple Class have had a lovely time settling in to class and daily routines. We started the year looking at 'People Who Help Us' and could spot these people and places on one of our trips around the community. We also created an outdoor hospital with the den building kit and role-played nurses, doctors, patients and police. With our mixing and scooping skills children had a lovely time making tasty treats such as cupcakes, angel delight and on our RE day- rainbow challah bread!

Coming back from Half Term we had our celebrations topic. We are looking at birthdays, fireworks/ bonfire night, festivals and soon, Christmas. Purple Class loved the firework display and have really enjoyed making party hats as part of our attention autism. We really enjoyed our pathway trip to the cinema to see Paddington in Peru. At the moment we are really enjoying our PE focus of dance and are about to start learning our nativity songs!



Gold Class

The children of Gold Class have settled in well and, with visual support, are able to follow structure and routines within the classroom.

We have been focusing on playing next to each other and sharing when participating in motivating activities and using popular resources. They are making good progress with this.

We have enjoyed practising our scooping skills during our cooking sessions and are now practising our skill of using a knife to spread and cut. Spreading jam and/or butter has proved very popular.

This half term sees the beginning of a new initiative in a few classes. We now have a 'word of the week(s)'. At present Gold Class are learning to use 'want' to request favoured items.

In Maths we have been focusing on our number skills and pattern making skills and in English, the focus of our composition learning, has been based around 'Maisie Mouse' books.



Cone Class



What a first half term we have had in Cone Class! We have had our settling in three weeks and all the children (and adults) have been superstars! Our topic for Autumn has been Maisy Mouse stories. The children have enjoyed listening to the stories, identifying characters and describing them. Alongside our topic we have had a focus on requesting using the vocabulary "I want..." All of the children have created sentences using IVC to request favoured snacks. Additionally, we have been working on sharing spaces, resources and activities with our classroom friends and we are all very proud of the progress we have seen.

Sphere Class



To start our year, Sphere Class have been learning about ourselves and the people around us. In Art, we have been creating our own self-portraits, taking care to notice what makes each of us unique. In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading a selection of Elmer stories, which has led to plenty of role-play and discussions about how our differences make us special.

We've also been exploring the changing seasons and talking about how the world looks and feels as Autumn settles in. Around the classroom, we've been practising being responsible for our possessions and looking after the things we use each day. In Maths, we have been investigating patterns and shapes, spotting them in our environment and making our own repeating designs. In Computing, we've been refreshing our digital drawing and typing skills through fun creative activities.

We are now looking forward to the Winter Show, which is already filling our days with music, movement and excitement.



Cube Class



To begin our year, Cube Class have been thinking a lot about others and ourselves. In Art, we have looked at, and replicated, self-portraits of famous artists, and in cooking we have cut food to make an array of different faces. In Literacy, we have read a collection of Elmer books, including 'Elmer and Wilbur' and 'Elmer on Stilts', and hence our play has also involved a lot of related activities – we even tried walking on stilts! This has helped us to think about how every one of us and our families are different; we have loved sharing photos of our families and our homes with our friends.

We are now looking forward to our Winter Show which will add energy to our days with lots of singing and dancing.

Star Class



This term in Star Class we have been learning about Movies. We found out about how animated films are made in different ways, exploring flip-book style animation, stop motion, and computer-generated images. We also learned a bit about some of the pioneers in these areas including how Walt Disney created Mickey Mouse and made the first feature-length animated film (Snow White), Nick Park and his Wallace and Gromit films and programs written by Pixar to allow them to animate fine details like hair and clothing.

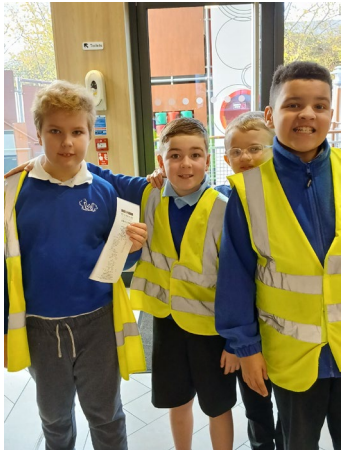
As the children got to know each other and settled in we have also worked hard on play skills during Play and Learn. As part of this we planned and went on a fantastic trip to Smyths toy shop to choose new resources. The children have really impressed us with their decision making, sharing and communication skills throughout the whole process of planning, taking part and then using resources we chose. They have been teaching each other to play board games, creating new worlds for our dinosaurs and racing cars on our new track.



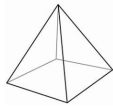
Hexagon Class



This term in Hexagon Class, the children have settled in beautifully! We have been learning about Movies and explored the first animated movie ever made, the difference between real life and animation and created our own animation movies in Art, getting the opportunity to go to the cinema and watch Paddington in Peru. The children loved this experience which has opened up conversations about their own favourite movies! In Maths, the children have been looking at their individual targets in Core and in Supplementary have been discovering repeating patterns and patterns around the school. This half term the children have focused on shapes and have been exploring how shapes can be added together to create a different object such as a tanagram. We also got the chance to go to Smyths toy superstore and buy some new toys with our class budget. The children got time to research what they wanted to buy and decide as a class with a vote what was chosen. In PSED we have looked at Anti-Bullying Week and TALK PANTS Week learning about our bodies and how to stay safe.



Pyramid Class



Our first topic this year in Pyramid Class was Movies. We watched clips from Wallace and Gromit and Mr Bean films to use as inspiration for our writing. In Understanding the World we found out about some of the history of films and their link to the development of technology. We explored how film makers create different effects using things such as stunts, green screens, wires and CGI. In Music we learnt how Foley Art is used and created our own sound effects to clips from Wallace and Gromit. We also learnt about some important historical figures in film including Walt Disney. In Cooking we practised a variety of cooking skills whilst creating movie snacks; sandwiches, Nachos, Mickey Mouse oatcakes, pizzas and popcorn. To balance this, we worked hard in P.E, learning and actively playing invasion games such as football, rugby and basketball. We thought carefully about potential dangers in the kitchen and how to be safe when cooking. In RE we introduced Judaism by finding out what the Jewish symbol looks like, looking at their Holy building, Holy book and learning about what happens during Shabbat. In PSHE we discussed people who are important to us and how we should respect those who are different to us. In PE we were doing Invasion games and in Computing we were learning to touch type.

