



**Tulip Academy  
Spalding**

# October Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter for this academic year. This edition is full of information which will keep you up to date with events from the first term.

Process to move to a shared telephone network were delayed at the start of the academic year due to a shortage of parts required. We have continued to work closely with our telecommunication provider and the Trust's ICT manager and hope all issues will be resolved for the new term. All being well our collective contact number will be 01775 725566. Once dialled you will be put through to a switch board to connect you to the appropriate campus or staff member.

Our new website is now fully functioning. Key information related to our school can be found at...  
[www.tulip-cit.co.uk](http://www.tulip-cit.co.uk)

It has been great to see many students wearing our new uniform on return to school this year. Please remember alternative uniform items can be purchased from local supermarkets and/or clothing stores. Branded uniform can be ordered throughout the academic year from Nationwide School Uniforms  
<https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/school-uniform/primary-school/tulip-academy-spalding.html>

Further information relating to the schools uniform expectations can be found at...  
<https://tulip-cit.co.uk/uniform/>

Thank you to all staff members and pupils for an amazing start to the year! We have enrolled 40 new students into our school this year. Many have joined from local mainstream schools with a small number joining from local special schools. The first term is always busy as we settle pupils in their new learning environment. Staff have worked incredibly hard to make this process supportive and focused on each individual. We look forward to working closely with parents and carers over the coming months as we continue to Make Every Moment Matter and ensure each child achieves their true potential.

Wishing you all a well-rested and enjoyable half term holidays. Please remember we are on break for two weeks and will return on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**.

Matthew Bloodworth-Flatt  
Claire Moore  
Will Scott

# Thank you Janet Corcoran!



At our first Local School Board meeting of the academic year, Janet Corcoran, then Chair of the School Board, made the difficult decision to retire from her position. Janet has been an incredible support for the school over many years. Janet first provided governor support to The Priory School before supporting both

Priory and Garth when the two schools federated. Janet's expert knowledge has ensured the school continues to move in a positive direction and she has been a calming and supportive influence when the two schools went through many of their OFSTED inspections. On behalf of all staff, pupils, parents, carers and friends of Tulip Academy Spalding I want to wish Janet a happy and healthy future. Don't be a stranger, we will miss you!

Matthew Bloodworth-Flatt

Thank you for your unwavering support over the years, both professionally and personally. I have enjoyed working closely with you and wish you all the very best for your future. May your retirement be long and prosperous, full of love and enjoyment.

Claire Moore

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the years that you have worked and supported our school. You have been amazing and your kindness, support, encouragement and thoughtfulness towards all staff will be greatly missed.

We wish you every success and happiness in your retirement and you will always be welcome to come and see us whenever you are passing. Best wishes!

Will Scott



## Good luck for the future!

At the end of this term the following staff members will be leaving us for pastures new!

Nicky Jones – Inclusion Mentor (Deputy Designed Safeguarding Lead)

Nicky has been in various roles at our Springview Campus, including Teaching Assistant, Home School Liaison Officer, Senior Leader and most recently Inclusion Mentor. During her time at the school Nicky has supported many pupils, families and has worked closely with external professionals. Nicky has been committed to her professional development so she can develop an exceptional knowledge and skill set to provide an outstanding service to pupils and their families. Nicky will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Nigel Strowger – Caretaker

Nigel has only been with the school for a short period of time but has been a huge support in maintaining our Waterside Campus. Nigel is a friendly member of the team who is always happy to help staff with jobs around the school. All the best for the future Nigel.

## Welcome to the team!

The following staff members will be joining the team or are moving into new roles.

Olivia Casey – Inclusion Mentor (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Olivia Casey has worked across two campuses since joining Tulip Academy Spalding. After completing her teaching assistant apprenticeship Olivia has worked as a teaching assistant and most recently as a cover supervisor. Olivia has always shown an interest in pastoral roles within school and has been committed to her professional development. Parents and Carers may know Olivia from external work where she leads local group sessions delivered by KIDS. Olivia will bring a fresh perspective to the Inclusion Mentor role and the support we can provide families. All the best in your new role Olivia.

Katie Grimston – Cover Supervisor

Acknowledging that Olivia Casey will move into the role of Inclusion Mentor the school has appointed a new Cover Supervisor. Katie will move into this role as of November 2022. Katie is eager to start work in her new role. Katie will be a perfect Cover Supervisor as she has shown that she is not only hardworking and dedicated but adaptable to work with different groups of pupils. We wish Katie all the best in her new role.

Bill Baird-Parker – Teaching Assistant

Bill has recently joined Tulip Academy Spalding following a period of time where he has volunteered for the school. Bill will join us as a teaching assistant working between Springview and Waterside Campus.

Bill will work closely with school staff to further develop and enhance our careers and work related learning programme ensuring we can give pupils the best possible experiences to support their development in readiness for adult life.

Sarah Spies – Teaching Assistant

Sarah will soon be joining the school having previously worked for another local special school. Sarah is committed to supporting young people with SEND and cannot wait to be working with the school.

Sarah will be based at our Waterside Campus joining Hazel class.

Lauren Parsons – Apprentice Teaching Assistant

Lauren has joined the school being predominantly based at our Waterside Campus. Lauren will be working closely with Hazel class and is excited to begin teaching assistant training with Tulip Academy Spalding.

Karen King – Administrator

Karen will be joining our Springview Campus at the start of the next term. Karen has a wealth of administration experience and is excited to be joining our team and working with staff, pupils and their families.



# Inclusion Team

At Tulip Academy Spalding, we are fully committed to inclusion and continue to develop innovative and effective systems of support that are underpinned by a strong inclusive ethos. This ethos respects and values individual difference; capitalises and builds on strengths; celebrates success and achievement; recognises, understands and responds supportively to individual needs and limitations; continually reviews and revises practice in order to ensure the highest possible standard of provision.

Our Inclusion Team brings together a wealth of experience and specialist training to support the needs of children at Tulip Academy Spalding. Team members work together with pupils, parents, carers and external professionals to overcome barriers to learning thereby maximising pupils opportunities for success.



Amanda Barber  
Waterside Campus



Olivia Casey  
Springview Campus



Jackie Walsh  
Waterside Campus



Rowan Woodward  
Waterside Campus



# Outstanding Opportunities



## Playtime Fun at Springview!

Pupils at Springview Campus were very enthusiastic when they returned to school in September, at the sight of an in-built trampoline and brand new climbing frame! These two fabulous additions to the playground and field area have become firm favourites with many of our pupils, so much so, we have had to create a timing system for the trampoline with a five minute timer and pupils 'waiting their turn'! Many thanks to FOGS who, having raised over £24,000, fully funded the climbing frame.

We are confident this equipment will be loved for many years to come.

Our next project for the playground is to further enhance the experiences and opportunities for pre-formal learners.

We have secured some additional funding for this, so keep an eye out over the next few months!



As part of our ongoing development programme, improving facilities within the school, Waterside Campus has begun to re-establish a Horticulture and Small Animal area. This space, which is situated in front of our Forest School will house a number of planters, a poly tunnel, green house and small animal shelter. This month we have had Creative Play on site installing our new planters and small animal shelter. Pupils have already begun to plant seasonal seeds into these beds including spinach, radishes and tulips. We look forward to having these areas finalised so we can continue to teach pupils valuable skills which are important for adult life and employment.



Outdoor gym equipment has now been installed at Waterside Campus ready for pupils to use as of next term.





# Fundraising and Events

# THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to parents and carers who attended our Parent and Carer Evening on Tuesday 18th October. The event was well attended with 114 families visiting for an update on their child's progress and to see how they have settled into the new school year. Please remember should you ever need to contact the school for information or support we will always be happy help.

You may or may not be aware that historically, a small group of staff based at The Garth School set up a fundraising group called FOGS (Friends of Garth School). This committee of dedicated staff has now been running for almost ten years and over time, we have raised thousands of pounds which has been utilised the support the learning opportunities and experiences for all pupils at the school.

Now The Garth School has amalgamated and we are known as Tulip Academy, we need a change of name (and logo!). So, if any of you have any brilliant ideas, please do let the chair of FOGS – Shannon Chambers know; [shannon.chambers@tulip-cit.co.uk](mailto:shannon.chambers@tulip-cit.co.uk)

Also, we are always on the 'look out' for new members so if there are any parents/carers who are interested, please also contact Shannon. We tend to meet on Monday, starting at 3:30pm at Springview Campus, every three-four weeks.



Christmas Dinner Springview Campus – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December  
Christmas Dinner Waterside Campus – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

Keep your eyes peeled for further updates at the start of next term regarding Christmas events!



### Sock Day 2022

I wanted to say a massive 'THANK YOU!', on behalf the homeless communities and those that work so hard to support them, we had a brilliant day across Tulip Academy, pupils and staff took part in a non-uniform day, wore silly socks and took part in silly sock design competitions!

As a result, this year's sock day was the best one so far, we collected over **380** pairs of socks, we also collected **£163**, which has been used to purchase hats and gloves.

Have a lovely half term.

Hayley Franks



### Summer Community Champion

Last academic year Hayley Franks applied for Waterside Campus to be part of the Co-op Lincolnshire's Community Champion Scheme. Visitors to the store would be able to vote on a cause. This week we received confirmation that **£437.94** was raised and donated to the school.

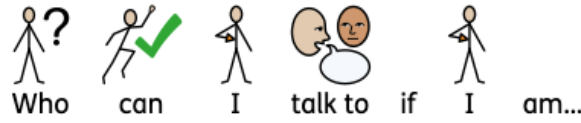


### Universal Music UK Sound Foundation

Last academic year Springview Campus applied for a grant with Universal Music UK Sound Foundation. This week we received confirmation that **£500** will be donated to the school to support us with purchasing music resources which can be used on the playground.

# Staying Safe!

If your child is worried there are many people, within school, who they can speak to.



**Claire Moore**  
Senior Deputy  
Headteacher  
**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Will Scott**  
Deputy Headteacher  
**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Matthew Bloodworth-  
Flatt**  
Headteacher  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Toni Wand**  
Lead Teacher  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Amanda Barber**  
Inclusion Mentor  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Olivia Casey**  
Inclusion Mentor  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**

We also have an online form which pupils can complete outside of school time. This can be found within the pupil zone of our website.

<https://tulip-cit.co.uk/help-and-advice/>

There is further information your child can read to help keep them safe on our school website.

<https://www.tulip-cit.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Lets-Keep-Safe-Booklet.pdf>





# Sycamore Class News



A great start to year 11 for our students. In English this term we are reading the novel 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck. Analysing characters and the way in which writers use different literary techniques to create effect. In Maths students have been continuing to develop their multiplication skills and working on word problems



Year 11 work experience at Springfields.

## Design technology

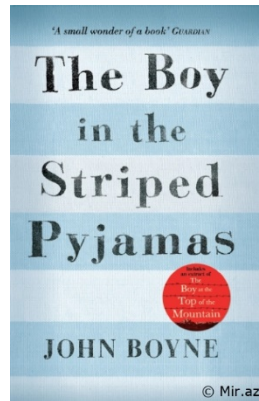
Students in Miss Greene's option group this term are using hand tools to make a wooden key rack.





# Maple Class News

This term Maple Class have been exploring *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne in English. We have been using our reading and writing skills to analyse Bruno and Gretel and to infer what may happen later in the story!



Maple Class have worked exceptionally hard to build relationships and to work together as a team. This is helping pupils gain confidence and to feel comfortable within their environment, Maple Staff are really pleased with the classes progress hope to see this continue in the future!



Pupils in Maple Class also had the opportunity to take part in an animal experience day! This included a tarantula, snake, tortoise and a fennec fox. Pupils really enjoyed getting close to these animals!

Pupils from Tulip Academy (Waterside Campus) braved the weather as they faced Kirkstone House in football season opener!

Tulip Academy played their first ever 11 a side match against Kirkstone House on Wednesday 5th October 2022. Pupils were unfortunate to walk away without the win as the hosts scored a late equaliser from the penalty spot.

Pupils also got the chance to reminisce as Mr Allen (Former Priory PE Teacher) was in attendance for his new school.







# Mangos Class News

## Term 1



Just what an amazing start to the year, I can't quite believe we are at the end of term one so soon! We have started the year on a high, engaging with the topic 'Myself.' During Cognition and Learning sessions, Mangos class explored colour through the story 'The Colour Monster.' There was mess, mess, and more mess to be had!



Through sensory exploration, we investigated our body parts and how we might use them!



We've enjoyed settling back into school routines and what better way to do so by relaxing with some Yoga! As part of our Sensory and Physical sessions this term, we welcomed Laura into school every Thursday to lead specialist Yoga! Mangos class have been so relaxed after, a power nap has been needed! We have also enjoyed engaging and exploring our new playground equipment and an afternoon on a bouncy castle!

Our next topic is All Around the World



Have an enjoyable, safe and happy half term! Mangos class team





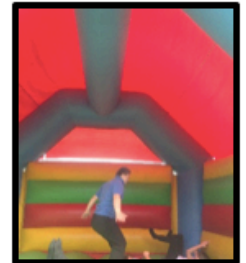
# Oak Class



This term the students from The Oak Class have been learning about Habitats. We have learnt about different habitats all over the world. We have written and read poems related to animals and their homes. In DT we have enjoyed making papier-mâché animal masks and made origami butterflies. During our art lessons we have made silhouettes of animals and used water colour paints to paint the sun set African sky. We have followed step by step instructions to draw a range of animals and habitat environments.



The students from The Oak Class had a wonderful time using the bouncy castles.



In Maths this term we have been working on number and place value. Students have enjoyed using practical methods to develop their mathematical understanding.



We also thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Animals UK. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience holding and learning about a range of animals.







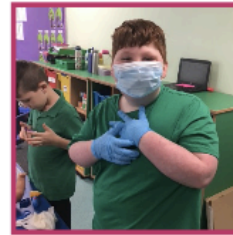
# Plums Class News

Term 1

This term, in Plums class, our topic has been 'All About Me' and we have delved into what it means to have a healthy lifestyle. We have explored hygiene and exercise in **Science**, where we washed our hands and washed some clothes. We brushed some giant teeth with giant toothbrushes and we completed an exercise course including star jumps, hurdles and a trampoline! As part of our Breakfast Club, we even prepared a delicious fruit salad which was enjoyed by all!



As part of our **History**, we've been finding out about Florence Nightingale and we investigated the role of nurses. We had lots of activities to explore including x-rays of the bones in our bodies, books all about nurses and hospitals, bandages to wrap up our (pretend!) wounds, gloves and masks to help stop the spread of germs and stethoscopes to listen to our hearts beating!



We made bread and incorporated learning about the Harvest Festival for RE into Maths and English. We started off in **Maths**, where we used different measuring and weighing equipment to add all our ingredients into a bowl. In **English** we ordered the written method for making bread or some pictures of how to make jam sandwich. We enjoyed an afternoon of being thankful in **RE**. Once the bread had baked, the children enjoyed it with a favourite topping!



This term Plums class have had the most amazing time horse riding, and we are all so thankful to the RDA for the opportunity. The children have enjoyed trotting, weaving in and out of obstacles and even aiming at a target net with a ball!



We Hope you all have a lovely half term! Elaine, Sue, Teddy & Jodee x



# Year 11 Life Skills

Year 11 Life Skills Group visited the supermarket this week to purchase ingredients to make a healthy pack lunch. For some this was a first and they coped very well in a busy environment and with decision making. We are looking forward to making a town visit using public transport late next term.



# Ash Class News

This term Ash Class have been exploring letters of our names. In our Fine Motor Skills lessons we have been using different textures and skills to strengthen our hands to aid our handwriting. Ash Class enjoyed practising letter formation, ESPECIALLY THE FLOUR!



Our topic for this term has been 'Ourselves'. We have been learning about our senses, including trying to identify smells and listening to different sounds.

We have been learning about how to keep ourselves healthy and loved our lesson on dental hygiene.



As you can see cookery is one of our favourite lessons! This term we have made fruit salad, pizza and learnt how to make and cook toast. Strawberry jam was the most popular. Ash class loved the pizza so much many of them brought it back the next day as a snack!





# Pineapples Class News



Can you believe it is time for our first half term holiday already?!

Pineapples Class have had a fantastic start to the academic year and really enjoyed their first topic of 'Me, Myself and I'. We have learnt lots about ourselves but also shown an interest in our friends too. Our PHSE 'Let's Chat' sessions after lunch have seen us communicate about things that make us feel happy but also things we can do to make us feel good about ourselves, including sleeping, exercising, being kind to our friends and looking after our pets. All in all, it has been a positive and enjoyable first term. Well done Pineapples!



Our Educational visit to Spalding Parish Church was really beneficial to support the children's RE learning on the Christian celebration of Harvest.

A huge thank you to our parents/carers and children for your food donations to Agape Food Bank. The children understood that these items would be going to help those people in need.



Our topic next term is going to be 'Recycling and the Environment'.



Have a wonderful half term holiday!  
Kelly, Abbie, Jo, Nikki, Abi and Kristina





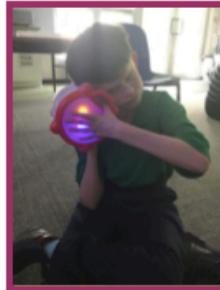
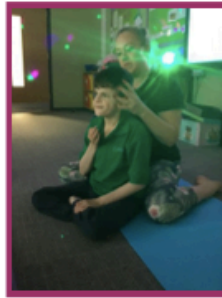
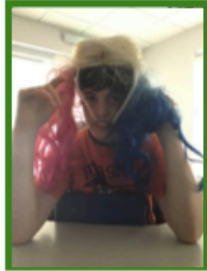


# Grapes Class Newsletter

## October 2022

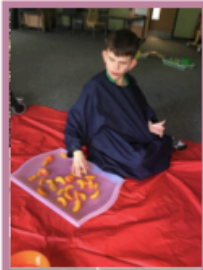
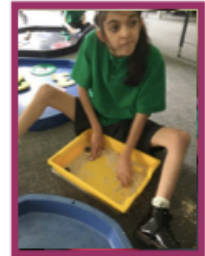
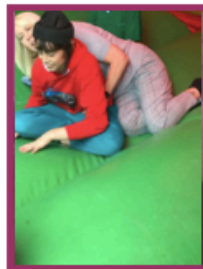


To begin this academic year, Grapes Class have been focusing upon the topic of 'myself'. Within this we have explored learning activities linked to our bodies, The Creation Story, as well as talking about how we are different to our peers for example, our hair colours.

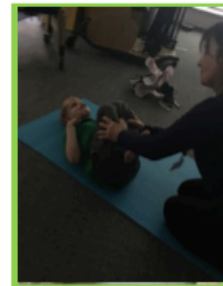


Grapes Class have all engaged well within our two sensory stories this term; 'we are all different' and 'The Creation Story'! We very much enjoyed exploring lots of toys that we might enjoy and exploring various lights for when God created day and night!

Grapes Class loved the bouncy castle that we had available this term! Lots of fun and smiles!



This term, we have started swimming again! It has been wonderful to see how much confidence and independence the pupils have developed over the term while exploring some of our new swimming pool toys!



We wish everyone a safe and happy half term and we will see you soon!

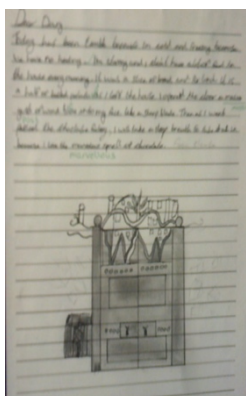


# Elder Class



Elder class have had a very busy first term. In English we have been looking at Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Everyone has taken part in activities including reading, diary entries and even designing their own bar of chocolate.

In maths all students have been looking at number skills this term. We have looked at place value as well as how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Some students have even been using decimals and have all worked really hard on these important skills.



Elder class and year 11 have also begun work experience visits with one group visiting Springfields to complete some gardening work. Mrs Thirsk's group have been completing work placement visits which have included a trip to Morrison's, Baytree, St Pauls nursery and McDonalds. Students have been given the opportunity to find out about careers in these work places and have asked questions to find out more information. Mrs Derrick has been working on life skills with a recent trip to the supermarket being a great success.



In PE students have been working towards a qualification in netball. We have been practising some skills such as passing, defending and shooting. We have also learnt the positions in netball and where on the court we can go and have played some games against each other.





# Rowan Class

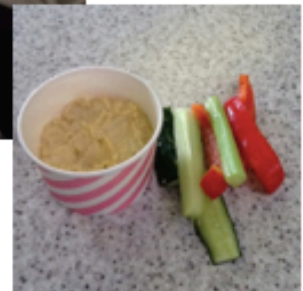
What a great start to the new school year

Well done everyone!



This Term in Science we have been working on the topic of *Grouping and Changing Materials*. Experiencing the Science Room, equipment and investigations. Exploring Natural and Human-Made Materials through practical activities.

In Cookery we have been focusing on our Health and Safety within the kitchen. Following recipes to produce successful results.



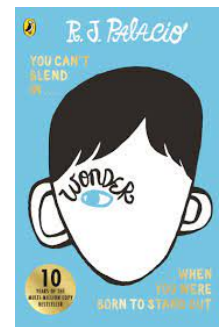
We have also been learning about the country of America, Researching then presenting our information to the class this including celebrations and famous landmarks of the U.S.A Showing such confidence speaking to others.

Have a great half term break, after all of your hard work.

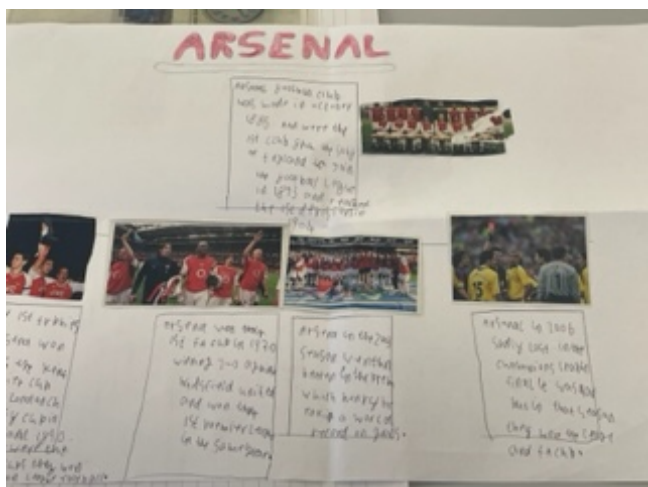
Mrs Wing

# Willow Class

English- Willow class have been reading the book Wonder by R. J. Palacio and have based work around this. The students have created a factfile on Treacher Collins syndrome, created character profiles and looked at the language the author has used to bring the characters to life. Students have taken turns to read the book and have shared their thoughts and feelings about the characters



Maths – Students have worked on place value up to 1 million. They have used place value charts as well as written methods. Students have also worked on addition and subtraction using 4-digit numbers and have enjoyed playing a variety of maths games to show their knowledge.



In Humanities students have looked at timelines and chronological order. They have created their own sports timelines with some beautiful pieces of work produced.

Willow class have enjoyed their first couple of swimming sessions at the castle sports swimming pool and are looking forward learning new skills in the water.

Willow class have learnt how to make and prepare a variety of recipes during their cooking sessions. They have made some hummus with vegetable sticks and some delicious fruit salad. They have been learning

how to work safety within the kitchen and have been improving their knife skills.

On Tuesday 10th October Willow class had the chance to meet, hold and learn about a variety of animals. The class were very brave and handle a tortoise, spider, snake and fox. Well done Willow!







Pupils have been working incredibly hard clearing space and making seed bombs and underplanting to try and repopulate bee life in the forest in time for spring!



Pupils have been exploring habitats within the forest school, they have discovered fox dens and hedgehog houses, pupils have had the chance to investigate a real wasp nest formation and have worked hard constructing bug hotels, ladybird houses and dens of their own.



# Forest School News!

In forest school, pupils have been busy exploring their senses and the forest school environment! Pupils have had fun finding fungi, conkers and animals that live in the forest! Pupils have enjoyed seeing how the forest school changes in all types of weather!



Tyrells farm and Bowman's pumpkins generously donated pumpkins for the pupils to carve in spirit of autumn and halloween.





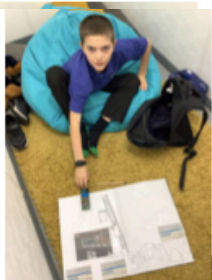
# Cherry Class



What a fantastic term Cherry class have had so far! Each and every student has come back after the summer holidays refreshed and keen to learn. Pupils have spent time bonding and building new friendships, with the year 8s taking a mature role in supporting the year 7s in their transition to secondary school.



In horticulture, students have finally been able to access our brand new horticulture area and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Cherry class have been planting tulips, in honour of Tulip Academy—we can't wait to see them flower in the Spring!



We know it is only October, but we have been super busy making Christmas cards too! Sir John Hayes reached out to us and invited us to design his annual Christmas card. Despite it being early in the year we had a great time and have produced some brilliant cards that we just know Sir John is going to love.

As always, Animal UK came to visit us and it was a huge success with all the students and adults alike! We got to meet several animals such as the ever so adorable fennec fox, a sleepy tortoise, a giant python and a hairy legged tarantula. We learnt about their habitats, diets and other fun facts, it was a super morning.

It has been great to see some familiar year 8 faces in Cherry class as well as welcoming in the new year 7s, I feel confident that we are going to have an exciting year and I cant wait to see what is waiting for us up ahead. Have a fantastic half term all and stay safe!

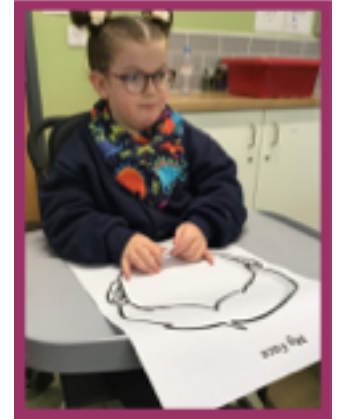
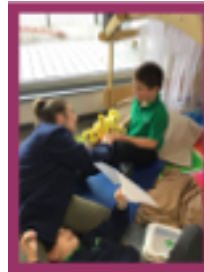
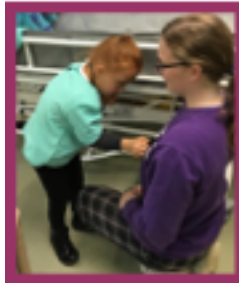
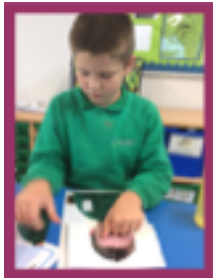
For the duration of this term we have also had an on going craft project running, with the final outcome was our own pencil pot! We carefully explored all areas of product design from exploring current products on the market and designing our own pots, to construction and finally decoration! Cherry class have produced a variety of pots from Minions to welly boots and super heroes to watermelons with faces! Everyone worked incredibly hard and should be incredibly proud!



## Pears Class Newsletter October 2022



What an amazing start to the new academic year. Having welcomed both new classmates and adults in to Pears Class, we are starting to feel settled into our new routines.

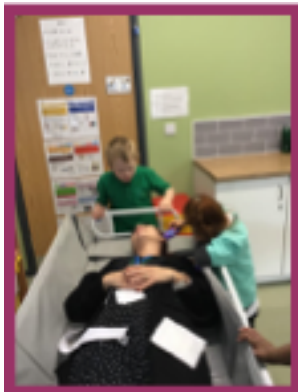


Our Topic this term has been 'Myself'. We have done an array of exploration and a variety of activities that link with our topic. Everyone has worked hard and had great fun!



During our topic session, we spent some time learning about Mary Seacole. We had our very own treatment centre and enjoyed treating our friends.

We have also managed to spend some time getting to know each other and having some fun together!



We are very much looking forward to our holiday and spending some time with our families.



# Birch Class

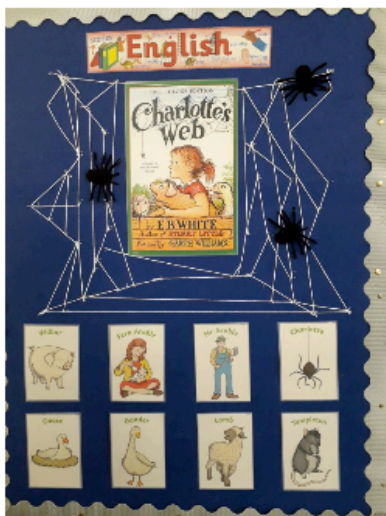
## A great start to the year!

It has been an amazing 7 weeks for Birch class! We've gone from a nervous first day to the class now having lots of solid friendships. The students have been helping each other to be resilient, hardworking and supportive with their learning.

Below are just some of our highlights, and we look forward to the rest of the academic year.

### Web-tastic English work

In English, the class have been reading the book *Charlotte's Web*. We have focused on story writing which has really allowed the children's personalities to show. This has also allowed pupils to enthusiastically include their interests within their work.



### Remembering Her Majesty

In remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II, Birch class all worked together to create a giant memorial picture. This was displayed in the main hall for the whole school to see and Birch staff are proud of pupils effort.



## Positive practical work

The favorite lessons for Birch class are definitely the practical lessons! In forest school they all worked together as a class to create a den out of sticks and branches. Then in their craft lessons, they have all designed and made some really unique pencil pots using cardboard tubes, paper mâché, and paint.



# Lime Class

## General news

Pupils in Lime class have settled in well to their new class group this year. Some pupils have stayed with Miss Hebblewhite in Lime from last year and the majority of pupils are new to Lime class. For those who are new to Year 9, pupils have begun their new Options lessons on a Monday which have started off positively! We have welcomed two new pupils to the school across this term and both have settled in academically and socially really well!

In Lime class Enterprise lessons, pupils have begun to work towards a class project which will generate a profit. In Science lessons, pupils are working well towards their Entry Level Science qualification. We have been studying 'Chemistry in Our World' topic which has involved a lot of practical experiments and investigations. This topic will lead to pupils taking an exam near the end of next term.

## English

In English, pupils have been enjoying studying our book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have developed skills in inference, deduction, comprehension and analytically critiquing of the writers use of language. We have also been enjoying watching snippets of the film along the way!

## Animals UK

In October we were visited by Animals UK where pupils had the chance to learn about a tortoise, a snake, a tarantula and a fox! All pupils did well to engage with the animals in the way they felt most challenging and most comfortable and for some this including touching or holding the animals!





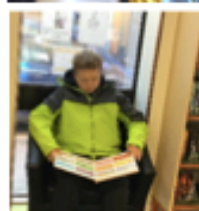
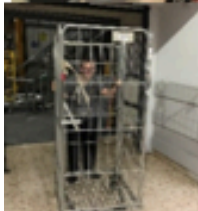
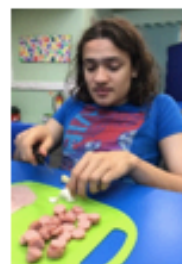
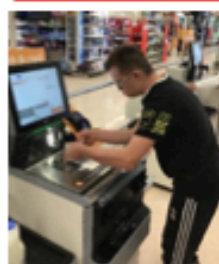


# Strawberries class news



Strawberries class have had a fantastic return to school. This term our topic work is focused on 'Around the World', in particular famous landmarks.

Strawberries have been practicing and expanding their life skills. Working extremely hard in everyday tasks such as: cooking, cleaning and reading. As well as going out into the local community to complete work experience at Morrisons, stacking shelves, and SENSE, sorting and hanging up clothes. We have also been learning lots about how to keep safe out in the community which involves a lot of road safety.



We have also been lucky to experience some fun days with celebrating two pupil's birthday and enjoying our turn when we enjoyed the bouncy castles on the field.



A massive well done to Strawberries class for a brilliant start to the year!





# Apples Class



Term 1  
All about ME!



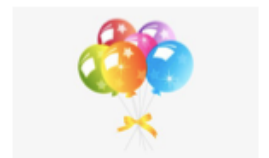
I can't believe we've come to the end of the very first term. There's been lots of changes in Apples class as friends have moved onto new classes and brand new friends have joined the school. We've had a really busy term getting to know one another and settling in as a class. We adjusted the termly topic slightly to focus on "Me as a Tulip". We've no focused so much on body parts, our five senses and staying healthy so much as focusing on our likes and dislikes, hobbies, sharing and those all important classroom and whole school routines.

We've had a brilliant term full of learning through play and sensory exploration.



Next term our topic will be Celebrations and we'll be thinking about birthdays, multicultural celebrations and of course... CHRISTMAS! It's a busy term but always a very magical one.

I can't wait to celebrate Christmas this year.





# Beech Class

Beech Class have had a fabulous first term of the academic year, pupils have worked really well as a team and supported one another. All the pupils participated in a session with Animal UK when they visited the school.

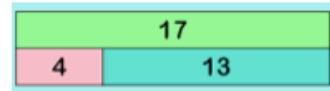


Pupils have really enjoyed their options subjects and have demonstrated great practical skills in a range of areas to include; horticulture; art; drama; PE and cookery.



**English** – This term Beech class have been reading ‘Street Child’. All pupils have participated in reading the text and their reading has been amazing. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow. Pupils have also created a diary entry for the main character ‘Jim Jarvis’ demonstrating empathy by writing in role. They have also developed their skills of summarising information by creating some great spider diagrams to outline the main events of chapters in the book.

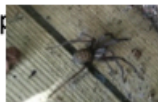
**Maths** – This term pupils have been learning all about place value, working with tens and ones, bar models, number patterns and whole part models. It has been lovely to see all the positive comments when pupils peer assess each other’s work.



**Computing** - This term pupils have been developing more advanced skills in PowerPoint. Pupils have recapped how to format slides, add slide transitions and animations. They have then moved on to look at how to use auto shapes and insert tables onto slides. Opposite is an example of a pupils wonderful slide using auto-shapes.



Pupils found ‘Incy Wincy’ spider in forest school. There were lots of loud screams. Pupils had never seen such a large spider! Students covered the spider with newspaper to keep it safe and warm.



Thank you, Beech Class, for a great term, well done!! Hope you all enjoy the October holiday, you have all worked so hard!!

Miss Jeff, Mrs Deathridge and Miss Chambers





# Hazel Class

## Maths in Hazel

We have been learning about 'place value' this term. We have organised and counted quantities, tracked numbers on number lines and manipulated ones, tens and hundreds. We have used place value charts, number cards and part whole models to express our understanding of number. We have used a variety of mathematical equipment to demonstrate mathematical thinking. We have partitioned two and three-digit numbers to solve problems and develop reasoning skills.



Hazel are waiting in anticipation for the animals to be brought out of their carriers!!!!

Charlotte turned out to be an adorable girl who cast her web over the hearts of everyone. Charlotte is a pink tarantula.



Harry has his hands full with Severus the python snake. Honey loves snakes and we are not sure if she is going to let go of his tail.



Hazel - Doing what they do best. Exploring. Getting down with Nature and enjoying being outside. Hazel was identifying all the different leaves / tree's that live in Forest School.



## English in Hazel

Stone Cold (Author Robert Swindells)  
We have been discovering facts about life as a homeless person. The main character of the story is a young man called Link who is aged sixteen. Link feels compelled to leave his home due a breakdown in his relationship with his mum's new boyfriend. The story follows his journey from his home to London where he is soon out on the streets with no job and no money. Pupils have discussed the difficulties and potential dangers of being on the streets in a city. They have watched testimonies of young homeless people. They have used writing for different purposes such as writing a list, a text message, a character study and a personal account for a newspaper article.



Pumpkin Carving was a big hit leading up to Halloween. Hazel really got to grips with making their own spooky creations. Good job Hazel.

Everyone was given the chance to create, design and then build their very own DEN within Forest School.

Some lasted seconds and some will last all the weathers.  
**TEAMWORK** makes the **DREAMWORK**.







## Term Dates 2022 – 2023

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