

**Class News: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Cherry Class:** This term, Cherry Class have been busy exploring all sorts of exciting topics – and having loads of fun along the way!

In English, we've been diving into persuasive writing, weighing up the pros and cons of zoos (spoiler alert: it sparked some passionate debates!).

Over in Maths, we've been collecting data and turning it into colourful charts – who knew statistics could be so satisfying?



Art has taken a hands-on turn as we've started working in 3D with clay. We've



been experimenting with impress printing and learning the technique of "score, slip and blend" to stick pieces together – it's messy, but we love it!



One of our favourite moments this term was the visit from Animals UK! We bravely met a tarantula, snake, tortoise, owl, and even a cheeky meerkat (who definitely stole the show!).



We also had a brilliant Careers Day, where we explored different jobs in our local community. A class favourite was the drone company, who brought in a real drone! We could see for *miles* and had the best time spotting ourselves from the skies – like tiny dots waving up at the clouds!

We also enjoyed a magical performance from a local orchestra – and got to be part of the show ourselves!

As the school year winds down, we've taken some time to reflect on how far we've come – and wow, what a journey it's been! We're so proud of everything we've achieved and are super excited to jump into our new classes very soon. 🌈 ✨





**Pineapples Class:** What a wonderful but wet experience it has been for our topic of 'Water' so far!

In English and Communication, pupils have encountered the fiction text called 'The Proudest Blue', where we learnt all about a sister who was experiencing her first hijab day. Pupils enjoyed listening to the story and then sequencing the order using pictures. In the following week, pupils then learnt about adjectives and matched words that could be used to describe three characters from the story, some of whom started to select words, from a choice of three.



In Maths and Cognition, Pineapples have been learning about the concept of division, using an array to organise images and resources. Pupils have used their number knowledge to count the total and then count the number of rows and columns to build a division number sentence, doing so with increasing independence.

STEM has provided some lovely learning opportunities which began with Pineapples labelling different types of water sources. We then explored water through our senses and have continued to do exploring wet and dry, using blindfolds, before communicating our answers. We enjoyed using food items like gravy, rice, flour and raisins to observe what might happen when they are added to water.



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Our Careers Day, earlier in the term, was enjoyed by all! We loved having the opportunity to explore some construction equipment and vehicles. The Smoothie Bike provided by World Wide Fruits was a huge hit and allowed us to try and sample some unique smoothies – lemon being a popular ingredient. Visits from Pets at Home and Sainsbury's were engaging too, as well as our class session on yoga, where we learnt about the three components of a yoga session.

Let's dive straight back in Pineapples and make this a term to remember! 😊





**Sycamore Class:** This term, Sycamore have continued to work hard in all lessons, whilst also preparing for our end of year activities. In maths, pupils have been focussing on targeted work. Pupils have recently looked at time, focussing on understanding the difference between 12- and 24- hour time. Pupils enjoyed some practical work using analogue clocks.

In English, pupils have been looking at non-fiction texts. They have focused on using organisational features such as glossaries and indexes to navigate a text and find information. Pupils have focused on a text called 'behind the scenes at the zoo'.

In Maths, we have been focusing on some real-life problems, such as time. Pupils have been using analogue clocks to convert 12- and 24- hour times. Pupils have shown their understanding of AM and PM through various activities.



In PE, pupils have been focusing on athletics. Firstly, we looked at javelin. We explored what grip we prefer, before going through steps to achieve power in our throws. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed this! As we are coming to the end of the year 11's time at Tulip academy, everyone is really making the most of each lesson and making every moment matter!

Pupils were lucky to be able to take part in a careers day that took place. Pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and get an insight in jobs and businesses. Some of these careers were drone flying, worldwide fruit and the NHS. Pupils found the day enjoyable and asked some great questions.



Finally, the year 11 hike happened. Pupils have spent a lot of time planning the routes, planning the meals and learning the key camping skills with Miss Derrick. It sounds like everyone had a great time, and all pupils who took part, should be very proud.



### Mango's Class:

As part of our Stepping Back in Time topic, Mangos class have encountered dinosaurs 🦖, pirates ⚓, and embraced peace and love while exploring the 1960s and '70s 🚚.



During Communication and Interaction sessions, we have engaged with the sensory story It's Miles to the Nile 🌊. Reaching the Nile and exploring all things water has been a favourite part of the story!



In Explore and Discover sessions, we have taken part in activities inspired by cavemen and the film The Croods. We used natural materials to create marks and paints, while responding to light and dark experiences.

A wonderful term so far! ★



**Rowan Class:** Rowan Class have had a wonderful term so far and are enjoying the last term before the summer holidays. Our topic this term has been water which has been a welcome relief with the weather. We have been exploring the habitats of animals and categorising them into habitats. We enjoyed practically exploring this and even created a water park based around SeaWorld! We have been looking at how to save water and what we can do to protect our oceans. Our book 'Clean Up' has taught us about the importance of cleaning up through the life of a tiny turtle found tangled in plastic and how with the help of a surfboarding granny helped to clean up the beach.



Rowan class have also enjoyed a huge range of extra curricular activities this term, animals UK was a huge hit with their exotic animals and some brave students (and staff members!)

Our yearly trip to Wicksteed Park was enjoyed by all and Rowan Class represented the School showing respect, patience and fantastic listening skills. We have also been very privileged to have been included in the Careers



day event, learning about the jobs on offer for the future, particularly enjoying the council exhibit and trying on the protective clothing.



We have been focusing a lot this term on independence and the skills we will need for the future, practicing calling Dr Miss Lindsay's surgery to make a Dr's appointment, recalling our dates of birth and important information. Students have also been looking at hygiene and learning how to brush hair and take care of our bodies. A proud moment for staff have been watching students achieve the goals they set in September, many of them now able to tie their own shoelaces.



What a fantastic term Rowan Class. Your class team are all very proud of you.