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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term at St Oswald's and Happy New Year! Children have come back refreshed and eager to learn about new topics and it has been a real bonus to see that so many children have completed homework activities and have continued with their reading during the holidays.

New topics have started throughout school this week. Some children have been out on trips this week as part of their Engagement Week activities. In addition to this, we have had a number of exciting engagement activities to prepare the children and fill them with enthusiasm for their new topics!



....Just a few examples from 'engagement week' around school.

Children have been completing their 'cold writing tasks' and pre-learning assessment activities for new maths topics so that teachers have an accurate baseline to plan each individual child's learning journey over the next few weeks.

Miss G Wilson
Headteacher

What we are learning in Nursery

Our topic this half term is 'Once upon a time...' and our focused story for the next three weeks is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' Children listened to the story and were encouraged to talk about the characters, predict what could happen in the story and what could happen at the end. In phonics we are focusing on Phase 1 and phase 2 (s, a, t, p). Children have been role-playing in our new 'Three Bear's Cottage.' They were encouraged to use story language while acting out the story.

In maths, we are learning to count up to 5 and then 10. We also attempted to find 1 more than a number with numbers up to 5. Children have had opportunities to explore these skills in the outdoor area by using numbered leaves/ twigs and stones.

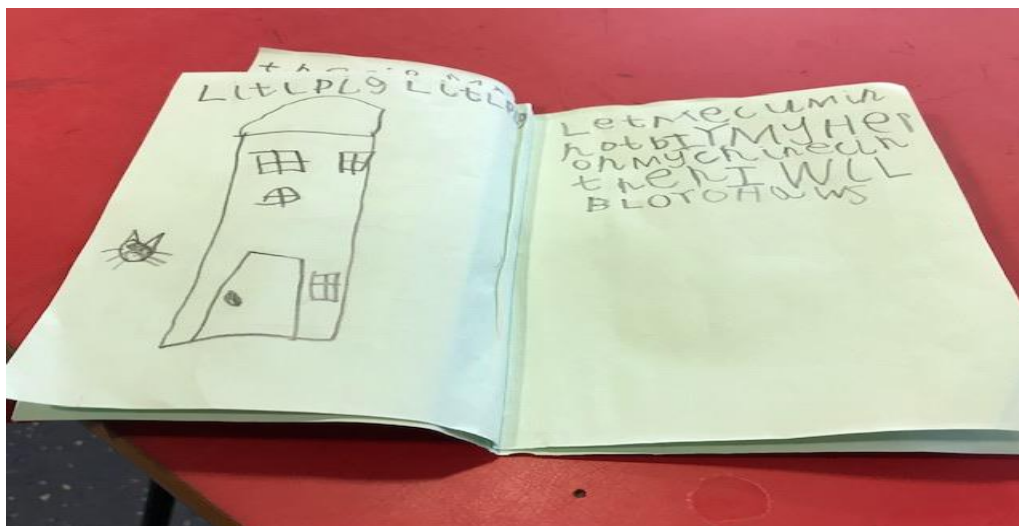
We also explored creating different textured leaves and described each texture. We have been learning to mix red and yellow paint to create different shades of orange.

Our 'Stay, Play and Read' sessions are every Wednesday from 9:00am- 9:30am and 12:30pm- 1:00pm

Our 'Rhyme of the Week' this week is: This Little Piggy...

What we are learning in Reception

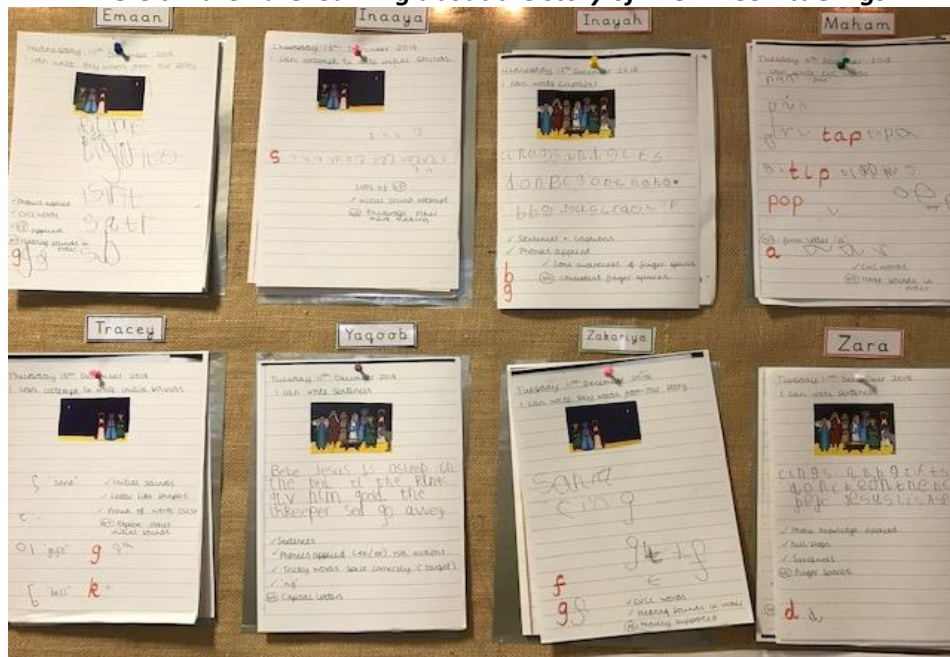
This week, the children have been busy in provision learning about The Three Little Pigs



This book was written independently by a child in our writing provision area.



Where children are learning about the story of *The Three Little Pigs*.



Reception class writing flip-up walls.

What we are learning in Year 1

This week we have had our engagement to introduce the children to our new English topic. The children saw a “crime scene” in our library and had to write a list of what they could see. They then used this information to write an answer to the question “What has happened at Grandma’s house?” We will be continuing our learning using the text *Red Riding Hood*. The children will be learning how to use adjectives effectively to describe the wolf.

In Maths we have started our learning about place value. The children are beginning to understand how many “tens” and “ones” are in a number (e.g 17 has 1 ten and 7 ones).

In topic this term we will be learning about British Wildlife.

What we are learning in Year 2



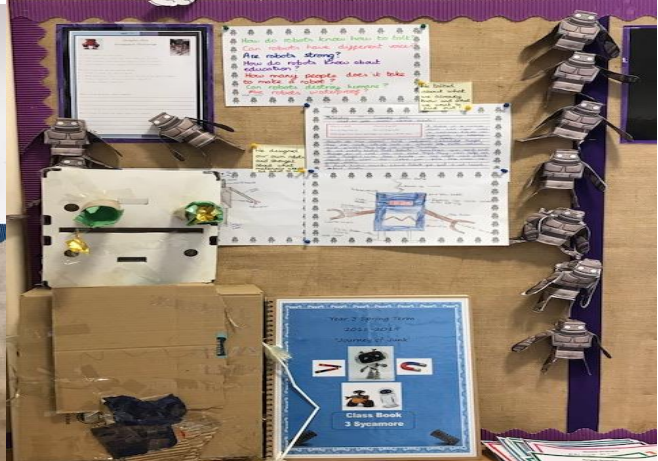
The children's artistic interpretations of pirates!



Israafiyl's pirate ship

What we are learning in Year 3

In year 3, the children are starting an exciting topic about recycling, and what happens to junk ...



...The start of the exciting new learning chapters about the Journey of Junk

What we are learning in Year 4

Our new topic this half term is 'Who were the Romans?' We have had a very exciting engagement week making Roman Shields. We designed them and then used paint to make them look realistic. We also made mosaic vases and flags using Roman patterns and symbols.

We continued our multiplication and division by 10 and 100 as we are continuing our unit on multiplication and division.

We are going to be researching, finding facts and information all about the Romans over the next few weeks during English. We also completed our cold write which is based around information texts.

What we are learning in Year 5

This week has been engagement week! We have had a brief introductions to our new topic Anglo-Saxons and

Vikings; we have attempted to make longboats and designed our own Sutton Hoo helmets.

The children have completed a cold write for their new literacy topic, which is based around non-chronological reports. The children have also attempted answering questions around fractions ready for the unit of work on Fractions.

What we are learning in Year 6

We are extremely proud of year 6. Just before Christmas, the children sat some 'mock SATs', and we were very pleased with the data outcomes. Well done year 6 and keep up the hard work! The children have come back in a positive and determined frame of mind to continue this hard work over the coming months. Both Miss Wilson and Mrs Hegney will be teaching alongside the teachers in year 6 for reading this term.

What we are learning in the Eden Suite

In Eden this week, following our trip to Cliffe Castle before the holidays, we have begun our new chapter around a fantastic book called lost words; a book full of fantastic poetry and illustrations of animals and plants that we can sometimes see around us. We have also continued our hard work on multiplication and division using our knowledge or times tables to help us. In forest schools this week, we developed our creative skills using many natural resources to create images of ourselves. Three children left us this week to go back into class and we hope that they will continue to make the great progress that they have with us.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION:

YEAR 1: Isabella Hartley (1 Birch)

YEAR 2:

YEAR 3:

YEAR 4: Kielan Farrell (4 Olive)

YEAR 5: Sameer Rehman (5 Willow), Mariam Berrish (5 Rosewood).

YEAR 6:

EDEN: Amana Ali



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY		Desserts
TUESDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
WEDNESDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
THURSDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
Friday		Cheese/Panini/jacket

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