

# Orwell Class

## Class Welcome

In Orwell Class we have had lots of fun together this term; learning, playing games and going on trips to the local area.

Welcome to Orwell Class!



## Literacy and Communication



Literacy and Communication is developed in Orwell Class through all subject areas.



Learning how to communicate with our friends and adults is a life skill. We need to develop our communication skills so that we can have fun with friends and family and so that we can keep ourselves safe in the wider community.

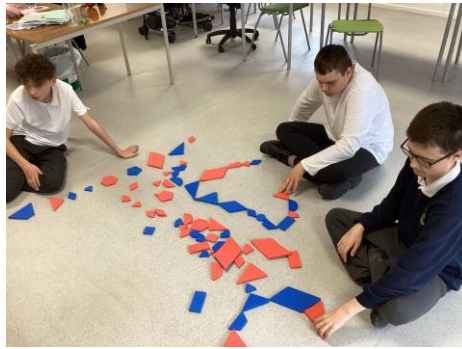
In English we have enjoyed learning about Fairy Tales, Heroes & Villains and Winnie the Witch.

## Maths



In Maths we have been developing our skills in Addition and Subtraction, Shape and Time.

We enjoy our Maths lessons, because we have fun whilst we learn.



## Science



In Science we have been learning about Materials & their properties, including developing our understanding of temperature.

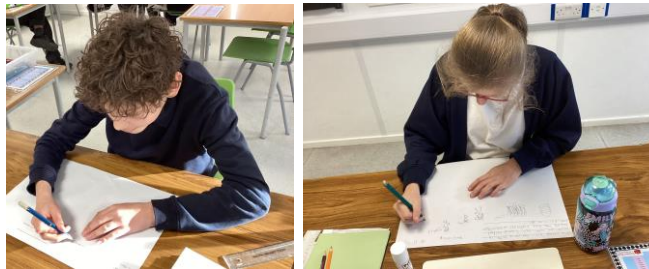
We experimented on our coats to see if they are waterproof, luckily most of them are!

We linked our Environment topic to our science topic, so when we went litter picking, we sorted the recycling into what material they were made from.



## Topic

In Humanities in the first half term, we explored what it meant to be British and learnt about kings and queens. This half term we are looking at the Power of Earth and Extreme Weathers, we are linking this to our Environment topic.



## Notable News

I am pleased to report that Autumn Term in Orwell Class has been a success!

The children have settled well and are enjoying their learning.

In Orwell class we have started to develop an Open Orchestra, in the hope that next year some of the other children from Harlow Fields will join us on this new adventure.



Winner of the Music Teacher Awards for Excellence "Outstanding SEND resource" (2019), Open Orchestras is a ground-breaking programme that supports special schools to set up and run their own school orchestra, just like mainstream schools do. This is set up and supported by Open Up Music, a charity that gives children and young people the opportunity to learn an instrument, rehearse, play independently, and perform in front of others when they're ready. Young people are encouraged to be musicians in a group, making music independently and with others - not just listening to it!

[Open Up Music | Opening up music to young disabled musicians](#)

I am very lucky to be the Class Teacher for Orwell Class and am looking forward to Spring Term.

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – INSET Day (No pupils on site)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Pupils return to school

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Rocksteady Music Workshops for pupils

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day (more information to follow)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Pupils return to school

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – World Book Day (more information to follow)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Red Nose Day (more information to follow)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Early finish for pupils

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – EASTER HOLIDAY

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Pupils return to school

Children return to school for the Spring Term on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Have a lovely Christmas break, stay safe and have fun!