Autumn Term

Stort Class

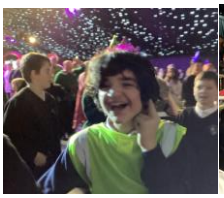
Class Welcome

Stort class pupils have had a wonderful Autumn term. We have enjoyed lots of activities and taken part in many celebrations, such as children in needs day, mental health day, Remembrance Day, singing assemblies, and visits to the local library and park, just to name a few. The students have enjoyed learning both in school and in the community.





In December we went to The Presidents Christmas party, we had such a fun day together, celebrating with our friends.





Communication and interaction

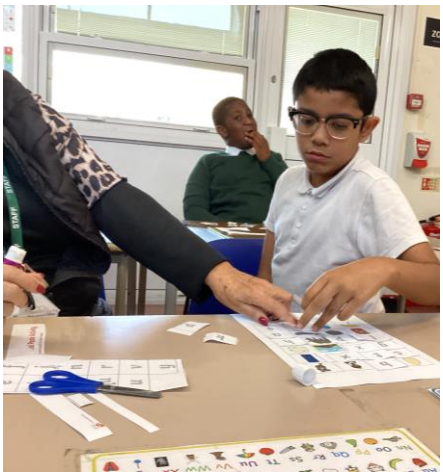
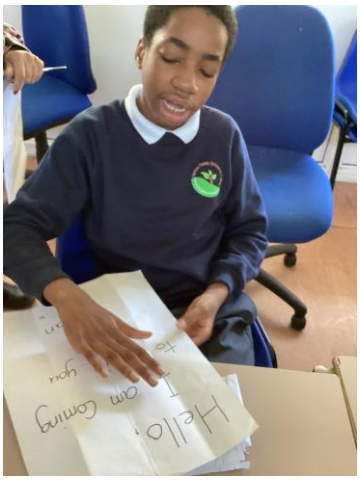
In Communication and Interaction, we have been learning how to use our communication books and our voices to express our needs and wants. The students now use their communication books consistently throughout the day. We have also explored personal safety, focusing on how to interact with each other safely and respectfully by understanding personal space. In addition, we have been developing our early writing skills.





Cognition and Learning

In Cognition and Learning this term, the students have taken part in activities across Science and Maths. In Science, we learned about the human body and began exploring the different senses and how they help us in everyday life. The students enjoyed practical activities to support their understanding. In Maths, we focused on numbers and shapes. The students have made great progress, and all pupils can now name 2D shapes, either independently or by using their communication books.



Independence, social and emotional development

In PSHE this term, we have been focusing on building relationships and engaging in shared activities. The students have enjoyed taking part in a range of tasks that help them develop positive interactions and work together successfully. We have also been learning about personal hygiene and how to look after our belongings. We also learned about which body parts are private and how we respect each other's personal space.

In Food Tech, we have been learning how to stay safe in the kitchen and follow simple steps when preparing food. The students have cooked a variety of simple recipes, including porridge, pancakes, and pizza, and have enjoyed gaining confidence with basic cooking skills.






Physical and Sensory

In Physical and Sensory learning this term, we have enjoyed taking part in a wide range of sensory and movement-based activities. The students have spent time in both the sensory room and the sensory integration room, where they explored different lights, sounds and tactile experiences to support regulation and engagement.

The students have also enjoyed a variety of physical activities, including yoga, walks to the park, football, and different ball games. In class, we have explored a range of sensory sessions, and many of our sensory tray activities have become firm favourites, students are now beginning to request these independently during their well-being sessions.





Special news and upcoming events

We have had a brilliant lead up to Christmas and are looking forward to the festivities at home. We started celebrating Christmas early with our fantastic trip to the Christmas Party at the President Sporting Club.

We are looking forward to our cultural week coming up and a visit from the Harlow Brass Band as well as Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day!

Next term we will have swimming on Mondays in the afternoon. Please do send your child with appropriate swimming costume.

