

# Oak Class – Lower School

## Notable News

Oak Class have had such a great time this term. We have all settled in so well (some of us back into school and some to our new school). We have learnt about our new school routine and become confident making transitions around the building – some of our favourite places are the swimming pool, soft play and the library.

We have experienced a number of themed days including World Mental Health Day; International Children's Day; Children In Need; Halloween; Bonfire Night and now Christmas Celebrations.

We have welcomed exciting visitors including The Laughter Specialists; The Travelling Librarian and a Brass Band.



## Communication

Oak class pupils have been working really hard to communicate their wants and needs to the adults in class. We have used our voices, symbols and signs. We have all learnt new skills.

We have taken part in weekly phonics lessons and read our library books with an adult at least twice a week. We have listened to stories, poems and rhymes and taken part in sensory stories.



## Cognition

We have listened to number rhymes and songs and counted groups of objects. We have added more objects to a group and practiced matching numerals to the correct number of objects. We have learnt about colour and shape and sorted objects into groups according to their colour or shape. We have thought about size and are able to recognise the biggest and smallest object.

We had great fun exploring money, matching coins and role - playing shops. We looked at our lists, chose the correct items and paid at the till, we even bought our own snacks!

We have explored how our bodies can move in different ways and have learnt to recognise and name our facial features. we experimented with forces, making our own kites to pull and spinning tops to twist, we pushed cars and swings and have loved rolling balls down slopes.



## Life Skills and Personal Development

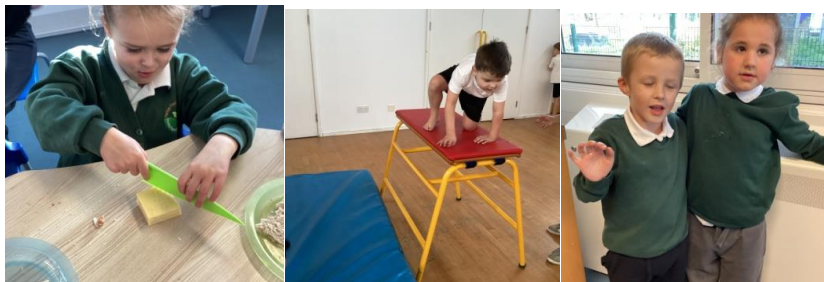
We have been learning about our new school routine and have enjoyed the PSHE story 'Getting Ready for School'.

We have learnt to play with each other, both with toys, and in the soft playroom and playground. We can take turns and share resources and wait for our friends.

We have been exploring our emotions and learning to recognise when we are happy, sad and angry.

We have explored new textures and tastes in food technology and sensory play and have stirred, chopped, grated and spread using the correct utensils.

In Physical Development we have thrown balls, ridden bikes and scooters, climbed, jumped, balanced and rolled.



### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Lower School merit assembly / classroom activities
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas grotto
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of term (early finish for pupils)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Spring Term

Next half term our topic will be 'People Who Help Us'. In Cognition we will be looking at Families and Growing.

Our Class focus will be on increasing our independence skills – putting our own rubbish in the bin, carrying our own bags and helping to tidy up!

What a wonderful Autumn term we've had! We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

From the Oak Class team

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