



# Saxon Wood School

Weekly Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

We will be continuing our termly coffee mornings, which have been positively received. If you have any suggestions on what you would like our focus to be for these meetings, please let us know. My thoughts were around asking our therapists to attend one of the sessions. We could also have some key staff running workshops, but I would really appreciate your thoughts, to make this beneficial for you.

The children have had a fantastic week at school. There has been lots of wonderful learning and sensory sessions taking place across the school.

In **Hedgehog** class this week we have been learning Phonics: 'ff' 'zz' 'ss' 'ck' and 'll' and in maths have looked at British coins. In English the children were very excited to go on a treasure hunt for their new book, 'Lost and Found'. They then learnt about adjectives and practised writing some descriptive sentences. In Geography they have learnt about maps. The children have been busy this week learning about their safety which led to lots of discussions, role play and finally making some posters about how to stay safe at school which have been displayed in the corridors.

**Could we please ask for any spare plastic bottles and cardboard to be sent into school next week for the children to use as part of an experiment.**





This week **Squirrel** class have started exploring our 'Under the Sea' topic. We have enjoyed lots of sensory play and have been investigating the texture and consistency of sand. We tried to make sandcastles with dry sand but soon realised it didn't work and so we learnt that we needed to add water in order for the sand to become more malleable so that we could build our sandcastles. We then investigated the water and what was hidden under the surface. We found a variety of sea creatures and the children have been working on their motor skills by using magnetic fishing rods to try and catch the fish. We have been looking at all of the wonderful and different colours of the fish in the ocean and have explored the different ways we can represent this in our artwork. The techniques we have tried out this week are collage, glitter and glue and printing using vegetables and paint. Some children have been busy learning to match colours and we have also been comparing 'one' and 'lots' and 'big' and 'small'. We have also looked at following patterns and repeating them using our number blocks, counting as we go along.



This week in **Dormouse** class the children are working hard on beginning to label quantities in our number songs. We have used our fingers to explore small sets of objects hearing the quantity verbally labelled, studied sets of objects and symbols then practised transferring our gaze to the number card we are being shown and even tried changing the number of objects in front of us by removing one and hearing the change we have made labelled! As our new topic is Extreme Earth we are exploring waves washing away our sandcastles, strong gusts of wind blowing clean socks off our washing line (a definite highlight for many children!) and rows of party popper volcanoes erupting!



In **Badger/Rabbit** we have been recognising different coins up to 50p and counting coins to make amounts, the children have been using real money! When you are out and about with the children or going shopping ask them to help you count out the money you need. In phonics we have been recapping the vowel sounds and looking at words with 'igh' in. Ask the children if they can tell you some sentences with words such as light, might, fright, sigh or high. DT/science - for DT we are looking at making a moving toy, this week we have been working on our cutting skills and making toys out of paper. We will invite you in to work with us when we make our vehicles. We have been making our own music using drums and a resonance board.

We are encouraging the children to copy a beat and we have been using drums to sound out our names. In PE we looked at rolling skills using different balls, the children enjoyed working with a partner to pass the balls back and forth. We will be building up to using bats and rackets to join in with team games. Despite the weather we have spent a lot of time outside learning with the children. They have been using the diggers in the sand, building towers with bricks, rolling and playing with hula-hoops. We have certainly had a very full on first whole week back!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and keep safe  
Jakki



## Saxon Wood Association

We are looking for new members to join our Saxon Wood Association to help with organising events to raise money for the school

Please let us know if you are available to help



**Please ensure that any communication regarding your child is emailed through to the school office at [adminoffice@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk) this mailbox is continually monitored so any urgent messages can be passed directly onto class. This also includes any copies of medical appointment letters.**

The school nurse team are available in school all day and can be contacted directly on 01256 262097 or by email [SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:SaxonwoodNursingTeam@hhft.nhs.uk)



## Dates for the Diary



- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Dormouse class assembly (2pm for refreshments before start of assembly at 2.30pm)
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of school
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school