

Brookfields Autumn Term Newsletter



Butterflies



Butterflies started this term off by enjoying getting to know and play with each other in the indoor and outdoor areas.



Our Autumn topic was about exploring our senses. We thought about how we use our bodies and how to keep them healthy.



We used magnifying glasses, sensory trays, musical instruments, straws in water and the foot spa.



We ended the term exploring winter festivals and getting ready for Christmas.



A very happy Christmas to all of our families. Love the Butterflies Team.

Foxes class

May I introduce to you some of our newest members of Brookfields - The Foxes class! Foxes are established within our satellite class over at The Grange and have had a fabulous first term in their new school enjoying their fun filled days!



-We started the term off with the topic 'all about me', The children have enjoyed exploring their own bodies and discovering their 5 senses.

- Sensory learning activities are a fantastic way to interact with our friends and have new experiences alongside making lots of mess with lentils, straw, flour and foam!

-Communication is a huge focus for us and we are learning skills to 'talk' using words, gestures and bucket therapy.

-We are making new friends and learning to play alongside each other and share the resources.

**From all the staff team in Foxes we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Shelley, Vicky, Karen and Sonja x**

Bumblebees

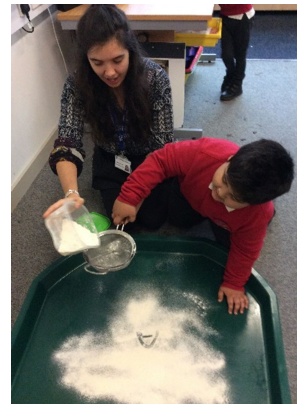
The busy Bumblebees have had lots of fun this term. We have been learning around the theme "Myself". We have been learning all about where we belong, people who help us, our families and friends and we also learnt all about our bodies, we love action songs! We have especially enjoyed making some funny faces!



Number fun! In maths we have loved exploring Numicon, building towers and exploring shapes and number songs.



Here we are in our pretend sleigh!



We have enjoyed our first term all together in our Bumblebee Hive. We want to all wish you all a Merry Christmas, stay safe and see you all in the new year Stacey, Coleen, Alice and Sarah

Hedgehogs!

Tyre park



Hedgehogs class have had a wonderful first term back. Everyone has settled so well and made fabulous progress in all areas.



Old MacDonald



Number rhymes



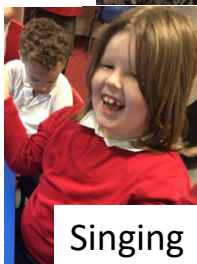
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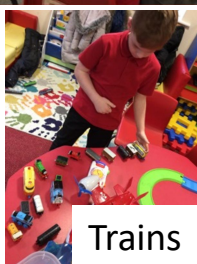
Singing



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Trains



Games

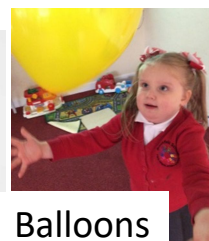


We have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Myself' topic, getting to know each other and engaging in a range of activities to support our development in all areas. We have learnt about houses and homes, our bodies, our school, our feelings, our senses, our friends and families and lots more.

Merry Christmas

Lots of love

Jo & the Hedgehogs team x



Balloons



Milkshakes



Role play

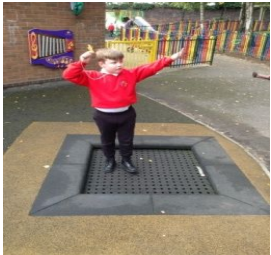


Squirrels



This term we have enjoyed taking part in different theme days. A focus on nursery rhymes was enjoyed by all. We made choices by pressing on the pictures and listened to rhymes on the interactive board. We played our own music using the instruments and also found a great app to create music on the class iPad.

We are so proud of all the children this term for settling into Squirrels class so well. Lots of opportunities for sensory activities have helped us to be ready to learn. Jumping on the trampoline and exploring in the soft play area are always great fun!



Squirrels are all getting ready for Christmas. We have been busy dressing up, trying out new crafts, selecting own colour choices and creating patterns.

Lots of opportunities to explore sensory trays with a Christmas theme have been popular. We also enjoyed making candy cane Christmas cakes for snack time. Yummy!

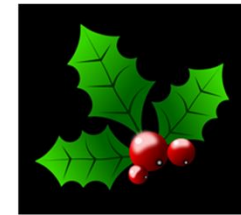
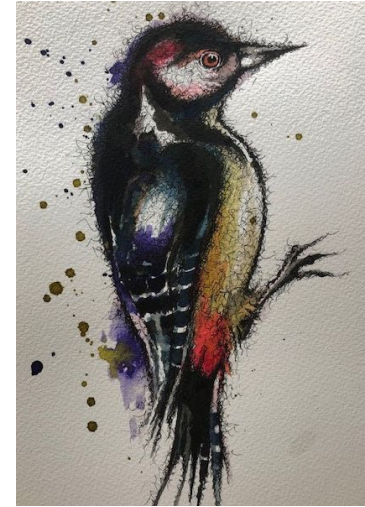


In R.E. we created our own printed pictures to represent 'Jesus is the light' through art. As part of the Hinduism theme week we created Rangoli patterns using different textures and colours. **Wishing you a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. Thank you for all your support. Helen, Emma, Clare, Jack, Nic & Louise**

We have had a great time learning about Diwali in Woodpeckers this term, we have explored light using our new favourite resource our Light Box and made our own Rangoli patterns.

Woodpeckers have had such a busy term! Working on our Recovery Curriculum we have put an emphasis on settling back into school routines which everyone did really well, lots of exploration and learning through play as well as developing independence skills and plenty of curriculum based activities. Look at how well we are all sharing and taking turns!

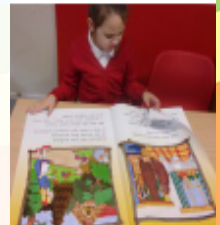
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Kingfishers

We have had a lovely Autumn Term, getting to know each other, playing games, exploring our learning environments and having lots of learning fun!

We love stories, especially traditional tales. The three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears have been our favourite. We have used playdoh, collage and puppets to retell stories



For our topic we have been talking about Real Life Superheroes who keep us safe and well.

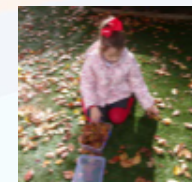
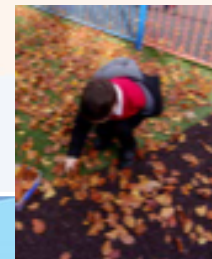


We enjoyed exploring outside, thinking about Autumn. We also love lots of sensory and messy play!



We have been making friends and getting to know each other. We are learning to play together and understand our feelings.

A very merry Christmas to you all from all of the staff team x

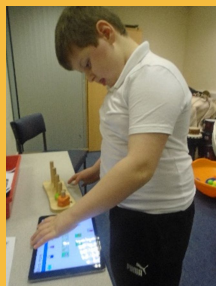


It feels like we have blinked and the whole term has whizzed past in Seals class! Everyone should be feel incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted being back into the school routine after Lockdown 1.0 and the summer holidays. This term we have been focusing on the 'Recovery Curriculum' by supporting the pupils back into their learning as well adapting to the new school routines to ensure that we keep ourselves safe and healthy.

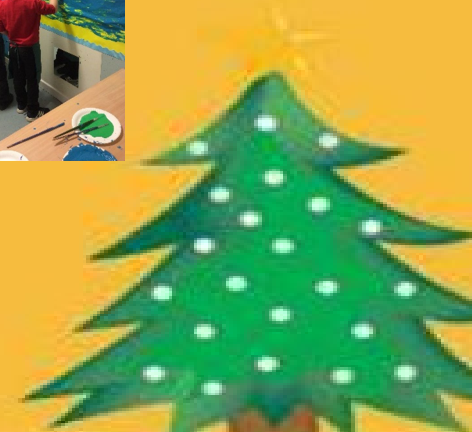


We have been learning about the Magic of Being Human which has included how to keep our bodies clean, how different foods affect our body and what does exercise do to our bodies. We've also enjoyed getting to paint on the walls too – some wonderful child lead learning.

Seals class have been doing fantastic work with our many different forms of communication including intensive interaction, eye contact, PECS, LAMP, vocalisation and building verbal sentences using SCERTS ([The SCERTS® Model](#)). We have also been building on our self regulation skills trying different ways to help keep calm as well as learning about making choices with our behaviour.

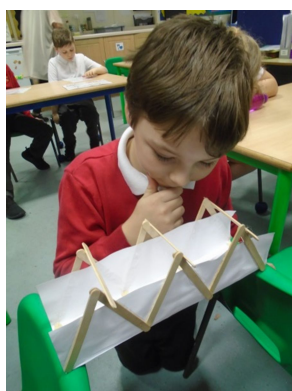


The Seals team wish you a peaceful festive season and best wishes for 2021.





Heron's' topic this term was on the theme of 'Water'. The class have had lots of fun learning about how water behaves! We have mixed oil and coloured water to learn about density and used the same principals to make experimental art! By making water wheels we began to understand the power of water. Herons' class also spent time learning about Archimedes including his water displacement theory and his invention which makes water travel uphill – Archimedes Screw. We made one of those in class, but it was very slow! The pupils enjoyed learning about and making his other inventions such as giant catapults! After learning about rivers we decided to look at the technology of bridges and tested different types of structure. The class were on the edge of the seat as we tested the truss bridge to destruction!



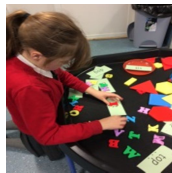
We have enjoyed parachute games in class as part of our teambuilding.

Many Thanks for all of your support this term. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas from everyone in Herons

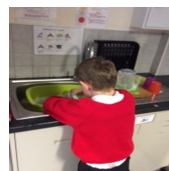
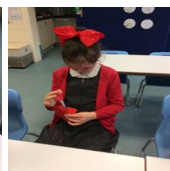
WELCOME



We enjoyed learning about different recyclable materials and how we can help to create a cleaner environment.

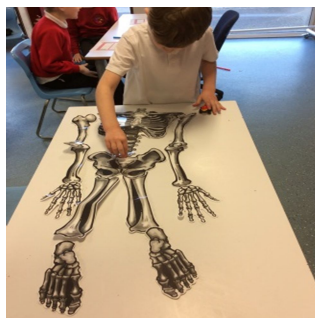


We have spent a lot of time this term looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We have been counting objects of reference and using these objects to support of addition and subtraction.



We have been looking at who help us in our everyday lives.

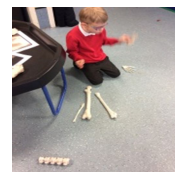
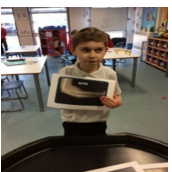
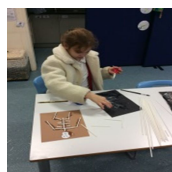
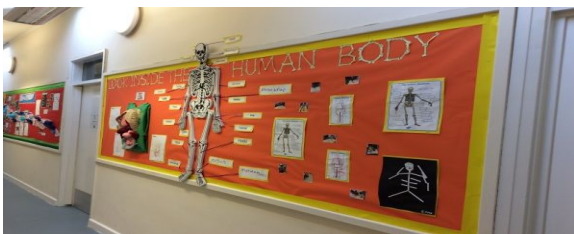
We have had lots of opportunities to build friendships and practice some life skills.



Bonjour Hawk's class!



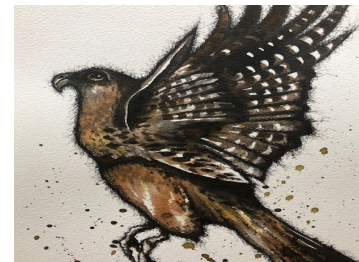
We have had such a wonderful term!
Merry Christmas to you all x



Animals Including Humans
We have been learning about our body parts and skeletons.



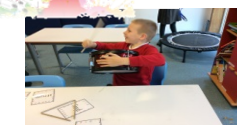
We tried lots of new food. Some of us enjoyed it and some of us did not!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



We have had a lots of fun in PE practising our skills such as: jumping, running, throwing and catching the ball. Climbing on and off objects. Jumping on two feet. Pulling and pushing equipment.



I am the music man!

Otters class

Autumn Term in otters class has been a busy one. We have been Super Scientists! We've participated in a range of practical activities and experiments linked to our bodies.

Over the weeks we have been experimenting with each of our senses. We have mixed colours, discovered light and shadows, as well as freezing and melting liquids. We have been reading and exploring books and texts linked to our weekly themes and enjoyed participating in Literacy and Maths tasks linked to them.

We've had lots of opportunities to practice our fine and gross motor skills as well as exploring foods that are good for us and our bodies. We have also been practicing our self help skills too.

Catherine, Brenda, Leanne, Gill and Lea would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to a fantastic 2021 in the Otters' class!





Owls



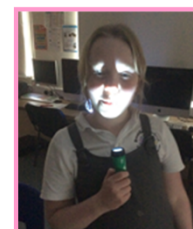
Fun with the Owls



Autumn term 2020

This term the Owls have kept busy, working hard on a subject specific curriculum (English, maths, science, computing) and aspects of a recovery curriculum, including, sports and pshe work aimed at addressing any difficulties following the Covid lockdown. Pupils have enjoyed lots of sensory and practical activities, alongside formal written tasks. We really enjoyed learning about Earthquakes in Geography and celebrating Black History month. We've had lots of fun too, bobbing for apples on Halloween and a pyjama party, teddy bears picnic for Children in Need!

With very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a fabulous New Year!
With thanks for all your support; take care and stay safe over the festive period, Sarah, Sam, Helen and Jane xxx



Science is all around us!

The Owls class have enjoyed learning about all things science this term; from testing our senses, discovering facts about light, to learning about animal classifications, skeletons and muscles to electrical circuits! We made yoghurt pot telephones and made rice jump, while exploring sound waves. We all enjoyed inflating balloons by causing a chemical reaction and making things work by making electrical circuits. We have also delved in to the topics mentioned in our science song, including, hibernation and migration, gravity, evaporation and metamorphosis!



We are Super Scientists!