



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 how our bodies work. We thought about how we keep ourselves healthy.

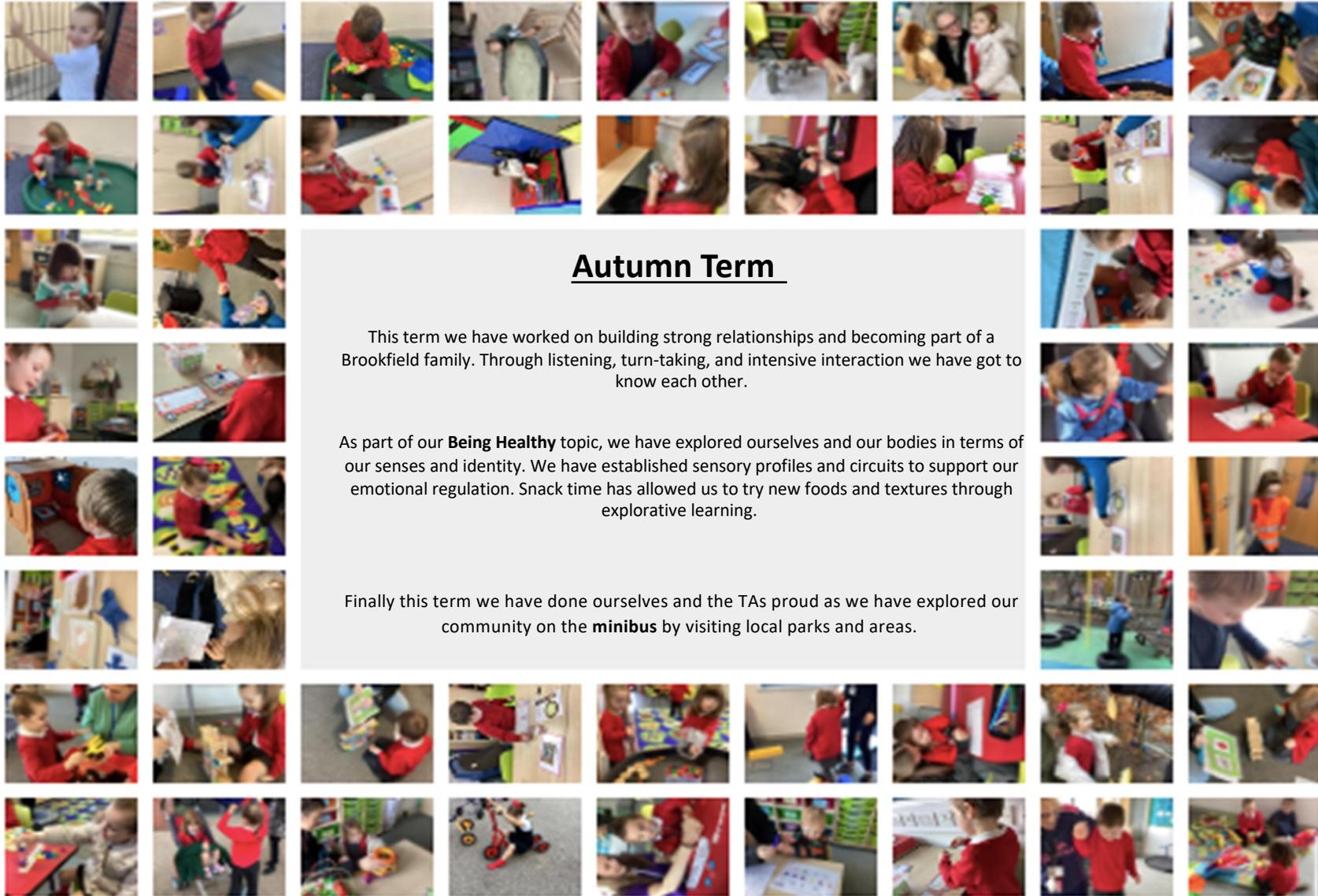


We used our senses to explore the resources. We enjoyed 'bucket therapy', bathing the dolls and learning how to keep ourselves healthy and clean. We washed our feet in the foot spa and used our tooth brushing resources.



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





Autumn Term

This term we have worked on building strong relationships and becoming part of a Brookfield family. Through listening, turn-taking, and intensive interaction we have got to know each other.

As part of our **Being Healthy** topic, we have explored ourselves and our bodies in terms of our senses and identity. We have established sensory profiles and circuits to support our emotional regulation. Snack time has allowed us to try new foods and textures through explorative learning.

Finally this term we have done ourselves and the TAs proud as we have explored our community on the **minibus** by visiting local parks and areas.

Bumblebees

We started the school year looking at photos of ourselves compared to now, this fitted in with our learning *What Came Before Us?* We loved bathing and dressing the dolls and exploring objects old and new, we especially linked the dinosaurs!

As a Christmas treat, we went to Jake's Sensory World.



Christmas fun! We loved decorating the tree.



We have been exploring the stories Jasper's Beanstalk and 15 Things Not to Do with a Baby.



We explored what makes a plant grow. We planted our own poppies and enjoyed collaging our own beanstalk and comparing sizes.



We are so proud of all the progress from our Bumblebees, wishing you all a Merry Christmas love Stacey and the Bumblebees

Hedgehogs fun!

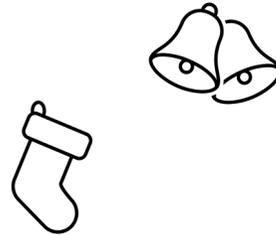
Talk 4 write



Hedgehogs class have had a wonderful first term. We are so very proud of them!



Celebrating



Proud of my work



Crafty



Lots of love

Jo & the Hedgehogs team x



Learning about the nativity



We have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Going on an adventure' topic, lots of time outside, enjoying visiting different areas and making the most of the festivities!

Squirrels

In Squirrels we enjoy our music lessons, dancing in class, making choices and requesting the instruments from our music trolley.



We have enjoyed various educational visits including trips to the park.



Squirrels were busy working hard during our PE lessons (balancing skills).

We have enjoyed taking part in various whole school activities including children in need. We designed our own Pudsey bears and came into school in our own clothes to help raise money.

Over the last few weeks, we have been preparing for Christmas. Our story has been 'The gingerbread man' and we created salt dough gingerbread men.

Squirrels team wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year!





Woodpeckers Class have been working very hard this year. We have been learning about Witches with Room on the Broom and Dragons through different stories. We have been developing communication and learning lots of new skills.

For our Christmas Trip we visited Delamere Forest and followed the clues to find Zog the dragon!



Woodpeckers Class practice sharing and turn taking through work and play activities.

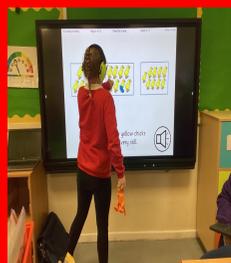


In Woodpeckers we work hard on developing our independent and self help skills.

Woodpeckers would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kingfishers have had a brilliant Autumn Term. We have been learning about rules and keeping safe in our PSHE sessions. We explored the story of Noahs Ark and Rama and Sita as part of RE. We are a class of budding musicians, and we became super scientists carrying out investigations about forces and magnets.

*Kingfishers Class wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Thank you for your continued support!
Lorraine, Toni, Jayne & Kylie*





This term, Seals class have been building on number, phonics and reading skills through a range of practical activities and games. Alongside this, we have been developing our communication skills using intensive interaction, eye contact to initiate request making and using an adult's name before making a verbal request. Building on our communication skills has also helped us to make choices about our behaviour and actions such as verbalising to our class mates our wants and beginning to use breathing as a form of regulation. We have also been busy learning about different types of animal habitats, how to brush our teeth and what happens to food after we have eaten it.

Seals class staff would like to thank all the Seals pupil's family members for their support during this term, and to wish them a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2024.



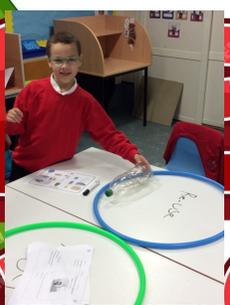
HERONS CLASS AUTUMN 2023



We are very proud of the boys and girls in Herons class who have had a busy term. In RE we worked on doing the right thing, and towards the end of term we had a visit out to our local church. Design and technology has seen us analysing and making space helmets as well as smoothies, soups, and ginger biscuits. We learnt about recording the weather in geography, and in maths we focussed on number and calculation, including addition with regrouping using dienes. Outside of the class we sat together in karate and joined in with circuits, for some pupils it was their first time. We used gesture to request more water from Eileen; and at forest schools pupils co-operated on the sprung see-saw.



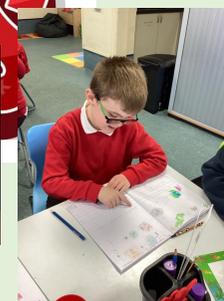
A huge well done to Hawks for a fantastic Autumn Term together! We have made an exceptional start to our learning journey within our topic 'What is a home?' We have loved learning about our local area, types of homes and buildings, homes around the world and the history of homes in The Stone Age. We have used our creative skills to design, make and evaluate a variety of model homes using junk materials, as well as improve our drawing skills. We love being creative! Taiko Drumming sessions have been a huge hit, Hawks class have thrived in using their listening skills and confidence to perform whilst drumming.



Hawks have worked very hard to improve their reading and writing skills within our Phonics sessions. We have loved our English work, writing our own versions of the story 'On The Way Home'. We enjoyed listening to each other read and perform our own stories with actions. In Maths, we have developed our skills within place value, addition and subtraction, shape and measure. Hawks are super problem solvers!

Hawks have explored the wider community on this terms bus trips to Blackpool, Conway Castle and Liverpool Museum. We were also lucky enough to represent Brookfields at Everton's Festival Day. We look forward to many more adventures and seeing how much the children learn and achieve together in the new year.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
The Hawks Team 😊



Otters class



It's been a busy Autumn term for Otters class! Our topic this term was 'Wild Weather' and this gave us the opportunity to explore all of the different types of weather all around the world. We dived into each season, reflecting on the effects of such wild weather on our planet - heatwaves, global warming, tsunami's etc. Our bi-weekly educational visits allowed us to focus on each season in a multi-sensory way. A firm favourite was visiting Chill Factor-e, everyone enjoyed wrapping up warm and playing in the snow!

We have celebrated many themed/enrichment days including Children in Need, Other faiths week where we focused on Hinduism, Halloween, Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night to name but a few.

We have focused on helping in our local community this term and we have created posters for display, reminding people to place their rubbish in bins provided and to recycle to help our planet! We were shocked to find the amount of litter dumped in our local area, but worked hard to clean it up using litter pickers and bin bags!



*All the staff in Otters Class wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
-We will see you in 2024!*

*Thank you for your continued support!
Catherine, Gill, Brenda, Rebecca and Hayley*



Owls Class

Owls have had a fun and busy Autumn term; learning about the Amazon Rainforest, developing our reading and writing skills, practising maths calculations and measuring length. We have been exploring our emotions, learning about personal space, expanding our communication and social interaction skills and have enjoyed some outdoor educational visits.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, with best wishes for the New Year, Love from the Owls team xx





Welcome back to the new school year and the ELSA team really did hit the ground running. We received many referrals from class teams to work individually with pupils during our Wednesday afternoon sessions. We were also able to offer support to parents at home by sending social stories, emotion work packs and guides on meditation (if you feel your son/daughter may benefit from any support at home please contact us via the main office). The groups are now in full swing and the group this half term have been working on recognising their emotions, validating their emotions and understanding how to regulate their emotions. We have also focussed on gratitude and empathy towards other people. This group will finish their ELSA sessions just after Christmas with a wellbeing nature walk in Victoria Park.

Myself and Jody have also benefitted from returning to our cohort group whom we trained with and enjoyed sharing ideas and supporting other ELSA's in their schools. These sessions are invaluable to assist us in supporting your son/daughter more effectively.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to sharing more ELSA news in 2024.

Sarah and Jody xx

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please also visit our page on the school website <http://www.brookfieldsschool.com/website/elsa/649711>



Family Support Newsletter Update.

This term has been a busy one with some fantastic attendance from families at a range of events, including a Coffee Morning, the Halton Parent Carer Forum Drop In morning, our Family Support Workshop and Early Bird sessions.

Next term we will be hosting the Mental Health Support Team in running an Emotional Regulation workshop for parents and carers (January 17th) and a Communication workshop led by Jude Inman, our Speech and Language Therapy Practitioner from Jane Mullen's Speech Therapy Ltd. (February 21st).

The next cohort of parents and carers Early Birds course will start on 29th February. All available places are now taken for this.

We will be running a Behaviour workshop on 8th March and host a school Coffee Morning on 18th March. Please see our school website Calendar page for all events and add them to your diaries if you'd like to attend.

In terms of general Family Support, my 'top tips' would be:

- Look through the Halton Local Offer website to see what support is on offer in our borough.
- Register with the Carers Centre by dropping in or phoning them on 01928 580182.
- Check out the Brookfields School website Family Support page for a range of information on topics such as DLA, Behaviour, Sleep, Communication, E-Safety and lots more.
- Visit the ADDvanced Solutions website to access lots of support opportunities for your child and family.

As always, I am available in school to meet with any parents and carers who would like some more tailored, individual support. You can make an appointment with me via my school mobile – 07546 694714 or my email – louise.green@bfs.set.org.

I also facilitate a parent / carer Whatsapp group which provides some great information, advice and ideas from our family community. If you would like to join this, please send me a text.

As a final note, please make sure you have the School Ping and Gateway apps downloaded and have turned your notification on. Having these apps will ensure you don't miss any important information from school and don't fall behind on any in-school payments such as Snack money or School trip costs. Please do chat with us if you have any worried about school payments, as we can make arrangements to support.

Wishing all our families a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Louise x



Special Events



A number of our pupils represented Brookfields at the Everton festival day on Thursday 23rd November. They all participated in a number of different sporting activities (some that they have not played before) - parachute games, archery, volleyball, tennis and football. The children participated alongside children from across Merseyside as part of our Merseyside SLD Consortium. They all demonstrated fantastic listening, communication, problem solving and team work skills! Well done!



We had lots of fun watching the school pantomime this year. We had a visiting theatre company come to us. The children had lots of fun with lots of laughs and dancing.



Many children in our KS2 classes have enjoyed taking part in Teiko Drumming lessons over the Autumn Term. They were superstars at listening, observing and following the musical patterns.