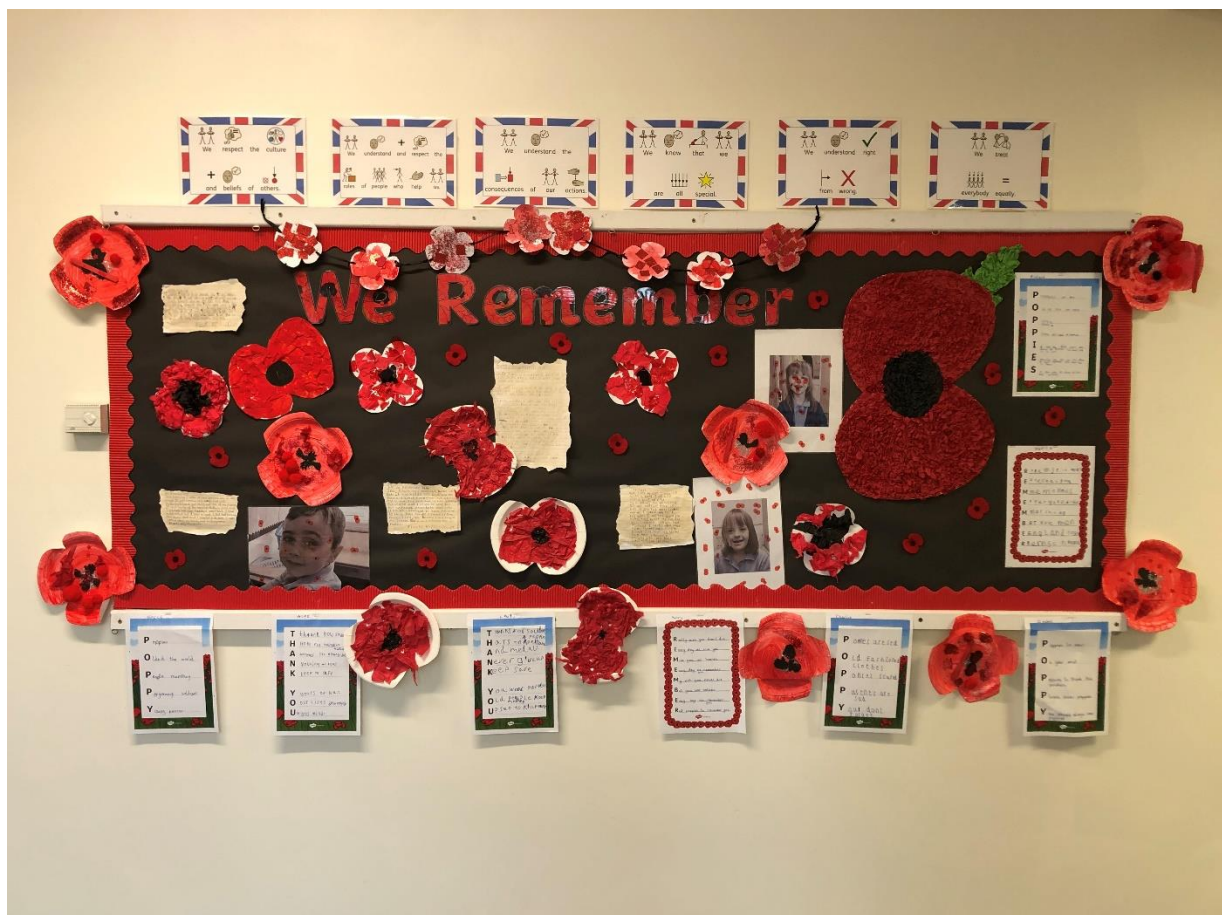


Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have been learning about the sacrifice that so many military personnel gave and continue to give to ensure the safety of our world as we know it. Each year we use Remembrance Day to remember this sacrifice. This year the whole school contributed to making our British Values notice board which shows off some of the work that has been done. Classes have also been baking and the draw to win the cupcakes will take place this afternoon. Some staff and pupils wore red to school and some wore pyjamas to support Children in Need. As both days fell in the same week this year we did not want to ask you to make 2 separate donations, so the money raised by Purple Class' Guess the Baby (Staff) competition will be sent off in support of this.



Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile

I hope that you have all enjoyed looking at the school photographs that were taken this week, some have made an appearance on the FaceBook page which is lovely to see. Please follow the instructions on the paperwork sent home on the day, however please don't hesitate to give us a call if you need support to order photos.

I am sure that the other 'C' word is becoming higher on your list of priorities, it is ours too. Christmas will be here before we know it. We are already looking at what we will do for our Christmas Performance. In this present situation I do not believe we will be able to hold our usual performance where parents, family and friends join us for one of our 3 performances. This year we plan to record each class' performance and put it on the website for all to see. We are also looking into downloading it onto an external device such as a DVD. Please let us know your thoughts about this. Please send a message into school via the home school link book.

Have a great weekend

Lorraine





News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

This Week in Green Class has been very relaxed, but we have worked hard.

We have been doing some fantastic work on our physio and exercise targets this week. We have been developing our leg function and problem solving by stepping over obstacles in the hall.

In our resonance board session this week with Clare we sang lots of songs whilst tapping and making noises on the board, our favourites were definitely 5 little speckled frogs and wheels on the bus. We loved watching the frogs jump around the board, some of us picked them up to feel their legs moving. Whilst singing wheels on the bus we pushed the cars backwards and forwards to our friends.



Hope you all have a great weekend

Alicia, Kim, Amanda, Jackie, Julia, Maria and Clare



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

After celebrating and learning about Bonfire night last week, Yellow class has been working hard on continuing to develop this terms topic; light and sound. We have been exploring day and night themes and have had a taste of the festive season coming soon, Christmas. Yellow class have created some amazing art work this week where they have created some incredible poppies to go on our remembrance board.

This week sensology has been one of the highlights of the week. Christmas lights, cinnamon, orange, warm custard, bells, wool... have been present in the activity to represent the exciting festive time that's approaching. Our students have had an amazing time choosing their favourite smells and tastes of winter with this week, Christmas music and instruments have brought incredible smiles to them. Everybody has loved using their ears to listen to the bells, snow globes and Christmas carols.



We have also been exploring different sensory experiences on our big tray. A tray full of light, sound and textures where all of the children have really enjoyed starting to get ready for Christmas. This week we would like to give a big mention to Alessandra for an great tracking of both light and sound. Alessandra directioned herself for long periods of times to a special Santa musical toy no matter the position, what incredible concentration.





News from Spring Cluster

This week Clare joined us on Monday to create an amazing atmosphere in our sensory story. The story was relating to our topic and the children were taken on a incredible adventure. Gina also took the class on a really special trip to space on our dancing Friday. A trip full of smiles and movement where most of our children were showing us really good moves, especially Oliver and Roman who did some fantastic dancing and hip movements this week to the sound of Ricky Martin.

Yellow class keeps working really hard on their exercising and have done some great swimming and physio this week. Finally, we would like to give Isla a big mention and welcome back to the class, especially for showing such strength and enthusiasm.

Have a wonderful deserved weekend,

Yellow Class

Gal, Sally, Kerry Ann, Emma and Carrie



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

We have had another very busy week in Pink Class. On Wednesday we all came together to mark Remembrance Day by watching a short animation video about this special day. It was so lovely for the students to mark such a poignant day and the team felt very proud of them all.

Sensory Cooking was a definite highlight of the week. The students all participated with great enthusiasm in this session. Chloe loved smelling the yoghurt whilst the marshmallows were a particular favourite of Katie's. All of the students had lots of fun learning in our sensory cooking this week but the biggest smile has to go to Louisa!

Pink Class have been doing so well with their swimming sessions. Swimming sessions are excellent opportunities for the children to work on their Physio targets, whilst being able to engage in such an enjoyable activity with their friends. Chloe and Toby did so well floating on their backs whilst Yujan swam lengths as well as widths of the pool.



We were thrilled to welcome Clare into Pink class for an exciting music session. All of the students had a fantastic time vocalising as well as choosing which song to sing next. We were delighted to see Chloe and Katie strumming the strings of the guitar. Whilst Sienna did super vocalising during our recall song. We certainly have some very keen musicians in Pink class.



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Ryan also had lots of fun playing on the swing outside making the most of the Autumnal sunshine.



We hope that you all have a great weekend.

Siobhan, Tor, Maria, Liza, Sue, Norah, Daniel and Clare



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

Good afternoon all, I hope you have had a good week. Blue Class have enjoyed a very 'hands-on' time, working on capacity in Maths, sound in Science and 'Room on the Broom' in literacy.



Working on capacity in maths was great fun as pupils made their own potions just like the witch in the class story. Through this we discussed 'full, empty and half full' and sorted containers by capacity using non-standard units of measure (e.g. cups/cubes).



In literacy we used 'colourful semantics' to promote sentence construction at different levels for all pupils in class. Pupils chose an object and verb (as well as subject and location for some pupils) and

used a colour coded mat to string them together into different sentences. We also worked on our mark making and handwriting skills, improving our fine motor control.

Science was exciting as we investigated the different sorts of sounds that instruments make and practiced loud/quiet, long/short, fast/slow. Swimming was also a real success for all pupils as they worked with Angela and Sarah, remembering to use all four of their limbs, practicing kicking with floats and long reaching with their arms.

We're glad for a couple of days to relax but look forwards to seeing you all again for more fun on Monday



From Richard, Sarah, Teresa, Lynette, Ellie and Helen,

~ The Blue Class Team



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We have continued with our weekly routines as much as possible with a few changes to timetable due to our offsite activities being cancelled. The extra time has meant students have had the opportunity to look more closely through their Accreditation files and choose photos from the numerous activities they have participated in over the previous year. It has been lovely to look back at all the great things we have done as a class! Students have also started to file their own pieces of work so have had a good hand in collating their own evidence. I'm sure the files will be a fabulous keepsake complete with their ASDAN certificates for when they leave school.

The Enterprise Group made their special Christmas pumpkin and apple chutney with a hint of chilli. It must have smelt good as orders have already started coming in! Students worked hard in Communication Group all joining in with the book activity and practising their phonics and letter formation using the interactive whiteboard. A particular well-done to Josh who had a go with Partner. Leah got a telling off from Gill for not pronouncing S as a PURE sound – *ooooops!*

This week we have inevitably focussed on Remembrance Day and proudly placed our class wreath on the Common Room door. We looked at some footage of the London Blitz with the sound of sirens. Harry said, *'it makes my eyes water'*. We looked at a PowerPoint which explained all about why we have Remembrance Day and watched a video of the Queen laying her wreath surrounded by veterans at the Cenotaph whilst 'the Last Post' played. We then donated to the appeal and wore our poppies. It was good preparation for the two minute silence on the 11th.

For Art we have focussed on creating kindness hands for the Kindness Tree. Students drew around their hands with and without support and decorated them by choice. Chan even managed to squeeze in making a special birthday card for Daddy. Finally, the students chose a kindness heart which read something kind for their hands. We all had a 'Kindness Challenge Sheet' and had to tick off acts of kindness. All acts passed!

We continued with our topic of 'Light & Sound'. This week we recapped on Darkness being the absence of light and thought of some different light sources, some natural like the sun and stars and some that have to be made like a torch. Students were very good at deciding which light sources were made. Matthew was great at signing Light House, sun and stars.

Ben chose this week's lunch and Ben, Brandon and Kayah supported by Mary helped with arranging the online shopping at Tesco. Once again, the students worked together to work out what we needed to buy and decide on how many of the items we would need. Other students worked hard on their targets. Sam



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did his Maths work on the laptop this week mostly independent and Harry surprised Gill with counting to 100. Students *really* enjoyed the Shopping Game lead by Dawn (who happens to have a secret pot of sweets for good work).

As it was also 'World Kindness Day' this Thursday, Brandon, Sam, Robbie and Matthew started to paint the 'Kindness Tree' which will have pride place in the main school corridor – watch this space! Ben, Ceri, Chan and Josh prepared and cooked the Friday lunch – sausages, mash, peas and gravy. Josh and Ceri also joined Clare for some music in the Light Room. The students have been thinking about 'Children in Need' and taking a look at some of the activities Pudsey and people have been doing up and down the country to help raise money. Purple class will donate the 'Guess the Baby' proceeds that they hosted for staff towards the Children in Need charity. Students have enjoyed wearing red and funny outfits and we've even had a few staff adorning their onesies!

The dark nights that are drawing in faster seem to have made us all feel a little tired and so after the final Read, Write Inc session and making sure all our end of week jobs are finished, students enjoyed a relaxed Friday afternoon with well-deserved free choice.

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class - Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie





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News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have had such a busy week in Orange Class!

We have been learning about Diwali – The Festival of Lights – which celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of light over darkness. The children heard the story of Rama and Sita and made their own diya lamps out of clay. When they are properly dry, we will paint the lamps in bright celebratory colours. We enjoyed a poem about Diwali, too, and some children learned how to use the contents page to find our poem in the book



In Maths, we have started some work on matching. We have matched all the odd socks that we could find (feel free to practise at home!) and played games such as “pairs” and “snap!” Some children have played basic board games too, which have given a great opportunity to practise turn-taking, as well as recognising the numbers on a die and counting on/back. Well done for all your hard work!



Have a lovely weekend,

Rachael, Tracy, Niki, Beccie and Sarah



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

The children in Red Class took part in the 2 minute silence on Wednesday at 11am, our site manager Michael came to share the special time with us and was very impressed with how calm, quiet and focused the children were. Just before 11am we reread some of the poems that we had written together in class and then watched a beautiful video especially for children produced by CBeebies during our silence.

We have also been learning about celebrations in other religions this week. We have been exploring Diwali and the Festival of Light as part of our topic. We read the story all about Rama and Sita and how they found their way home by following lots of lamps called Diva lamps. The children had a go at making the lamps from clay. They have also made some Diwali cards so keep an eye out for the postman with a special delivery.

The children have been working very hard with the PE coaches to develop their skills in gymnastics this term. As you will see from the photographs, they are achieving great things. I also have to mention Laura's great photography skills; she managed to capture so many good action shots – thank you Laura.



Have a good weekend.

Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Esther



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Gold Class have had an excellent week. On Wednesday we marked Remembrance Day with a 2-minute silence and on Friday we could wear something red to help support the Poppy Appeal.

The RWI (phonics and reading groups) are going well with pupils learning to cooperate and work together in small groups. They are making progress in reading, comprehension and spelling and are working at improving grammar and punctuation. Our maths focus this week has been on developing mental maths skills. Pupils have been using known addition and subtraction facts, working with number bonds, adding and subtracting multiples of ten or near multiples of ten. Their confidence and ability in mental maths has developed over the week and they are learning new strategies. We investigated which materials are more reflective in science this week and then thought about our conclusion. We also enjoyed learning about Diwali by listening to the story of Rama and Sita, making clay Diwali lamps and drawing Rangoli patterns.



Homework: Please read and talk about the book's pupils are reading as always. Pupils could make a list of all of the different sources of light that they see over the weekend and they could research a nocturnal animal.

Have a lovely, but safe weekend.

From Maria, Marie, Tess, Julie, Esther and Sarah

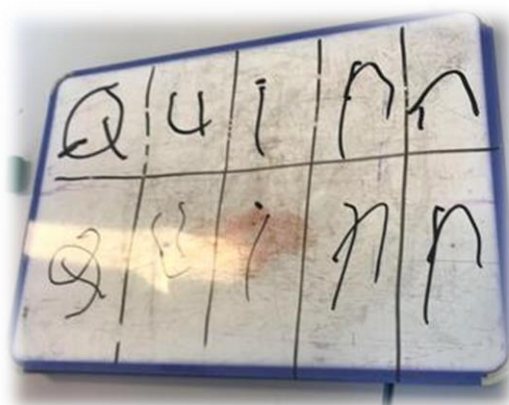


News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

We've had another good week in Silver Class exploring how we might celebrate Halloween.

We have continued with our story 'Meg and Mog' We enjoyed exploring flying on the broomstick as well as making feathers and tissue paper fly using different fans. As a follow up some of us practised making different patterns in paint, some practised tracing patterns and others practised ordering and writing our name.



In other areas of literacy, we have continued with our phonics. Some of us are recognising different sounds, some are matching and sorting letters and some are starting to spell different 3 letter words. We are all making lots of progress.





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In cooking this week, we continued with practising following instructions to make spider biscuits. We are getting better at looking at each step at a time or imitating what the adult is doing. We also had 2 art lessons this week using our communication boards and symbols. In one we chose different materials to decorate our poppies and in the other chose different items to decorate our witches' capes. Our favourite decoration was definitely glitter.



The highlight of the week, as always, was messy play. We loved making potions using food colouring and shaving foam bubbles. We did lots of splatting, mixing and stirring and had lots of fun.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

It's been another brilliant week for white class!

Our topic for this term is light and sound. In numeracy this week, we have continued looking at capacity, focusing on small and big. The children are doing really well at categorising big and small objects we have around the school, for example, drums, balls, chairs etc. Within literacy we are focusing on Halloween. We have been reading *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson. The children love playing with the sensory props, such as the puppets, the witch's hat, the broom and the ingredients for the potion. The children have been matching the witch's clothes together in symbols, requesting different coloured jelly from the witch's potion, choosing what items to put into the potion through a communication board and mixing it all up.

In art we have been decorating paper plate poppies with all things red. Our poppies have been put up on the Remembrance Day display board. We have also decorated our handprints for a kindness tree, this is for world kindness day, and our handprints will join the rest of the schools to create leaves for the tree. White class staff have chosen and written a kind word that we think best describe each of the children. It was so hard to pick just one word! White class have finished our school Halloween display board, it contains a witch's hat which is decorated with arts and crafts, apple printing pumpkins and paper plate spiders (see photo below).

Within PE this week, we have been swimming with Angela, half of the class becoming more confident in the water, and half of the class are still working on using raising their arms outside of the water when doing the front crawl. In the game's session, we have been becoming confident working on our aim, throwing bean bags into coloured hoops, kicking footballs to knock over other footballs and throwing bean bags at balls to knock them off a bench. Within dance, we had a dance party, dancing to Disney songs and the children's favourite songs.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Caitlin and Lynette



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Black Class

Happy Friday everyone. ☺ Black Class have had a fantastic week exploring 'Room on the Broom.' This week we continued to match noun symbols to the page and some of us matched rhyming words together. The children really enjoyed exploring the sensory props. In our sensory play session, we pretended to make potions using green jelly and different sensory resources.

In Art this week, we continued to choose different materials to make witches capes using a bin bag. We also had additional art sessions this week in which we made poppies for Remembrance Day, and handprint art for 'World Kindness Day.'

Cooking this week was a great success! The children practiced following instructions to make spider biscuits. We used black icing sugar, fizzy cola laces as legs and smarties as eyes. Everyone worked through their individual instruction cards very well and we were all very impressed that most children waited for the eating symbol before tasting. Well done everyone!



Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia and Pauline