

October 10th 2025

This week at Harewood

The children in **Turquoise Class** have continued to enjoy our 'Nocturnal Animals' topic this week. The Year Ones have written super owl facts and all of the children have been looking after the hedgehogs in our hedgehog hospital role play area. They have all learnt songs and chants about nocturnal animals, adding a beat using body percussion and claves. They have also been sculptors, creating hedgehogs out of clay. This week in **Blue Class** the children have been learning



lots of facts about owls and the Year 1 children wrote a report about the facts they could recall. The Reception children learnt to say, recognise and write the sounds r, j, v, and y. In RE, the children explored non-religious naming/welcome ceremonies and they each thought of a promise they could make to a baby to help them. In art, the children made a hedgehog sculpture out of clay and were very proud of the results. In maths, the Year 1 children have been introduced to part, part whole bar models and have been exploring the number sentences they can write using the information in the

bar model. Reception have met number 3 in its triangular house and have explored finding, writing and counting to 3 as well as finding 1 more and 1 less than 3. In **Lilac Class** this week, the children have been creating some cubist art in the style of Pablo Picasso. They drew nocturnal animals and filled them with geometric shapes before colouring them and sticking on the animal's features. They also had a go at creating some cubist art digitally and then talked about which method they preferred and why. In geography, the children enjoyed looking at aerial maps and then used their knowledge to carry out some fieldwork on the school site. In PE, they practiced negotiating pace safely and enjoyed playing games where they had to sneak up on the teacher. In RE, they learned about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan and enjoyed making cards and bracelets.



This week in **Yellow Class** the children have been exploring the different celebrations that people have when babies are born. They have learned about naming ceremonies and thought about the promises that people make to babies when they are born. They also learned about the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan and how this marks the bond of love and protection between siblings. They children made their own Rakhi (a bracelet) to take home and give to someone to show their love. This week the Reception children have enjoyed their first Forest School lesson where they have been learning the rules and exploring our nature area. The children looked for signs of Autumn and noticed how the trees are changing at this



time of year. This week in **Green Class** the children have been learning all about owls. They have used the facts they learned to do some brilliant writing. In maths, the Reception children have been learning to write and find the number 3. The Year One children have been comparing numbers and using number lines to find one more and one less from a range of numbers. In art this week, the children have been using their sculpting skills to make some lovely clay hedgehogs. They all took their time and painted them beautifully.

Red Class have worked hard this week to write their own story. Their character and setting descriptions were so brilliant that we put them into an AI tool which created pictures for them. We had such a great time! In history, the children researched David Attenborough and Charles Darwin and then presented their findings back to the class.

Everyone enjoyed their quiz in science and also made some wonderful art work. The children worked well in a team during PE and also had great fun in Sports Friday. In **Orange Class** this week, one of our favourite lessons was history where we learned about the lives of Sir David Attenborough and Charles Darwin. We worked together in teams to make fact files about these two influential people. In music, we learned about pulse and dynamics. We sang along to 'Down in the Jungle' and made up our own actions and words to the song. In PE, we continued to explore space and had great fun playing a few team



games including 'Dishes and Domes'. In art we used water colours to paint African animals and we weaved paper through pictures of animals too. Well done Orange Class! This week in **Pink Class** the children have thought about and discussed friendship in PSHE. They worked on playing fairly, team work and spatial awareness in PE. In history, we learned about Charles Darwin and David Attenborough and found out lots of amazing animal facts. We have been innovating our learned story, The way to the Zoo, in writing and working on regrouping when adding and subtracting two digit numbers in maths.

Termly Value

Responsibility is our value for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Jeremy, Billie, Gabi, Emilia, Zenab, Santino, Emily, Jacoby and Isla.



Forest School

Thursday 16 th October	Lilac Class Reception children
Friday 17 th October	Green Class Reception children

Please remember children can come into school in non-uniform on their Forest School day and should bring wellies, waterproof clothing, gloves etc. to change into in the afternoon. When your child has a Forest School session, please pick them up from the **top playground** instead of from their usual place.

Friday morning drop in sessions

Thank you to everyone who filled in our questionnaires about this, we are currently looking at them and collating the data. We are very keen to do what suits everybody best and will let you know what the outcome is next week.

Parent's Evening

The first of our parent's evenings is next week and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing your child's progress with you. To fit everybody in, and not inconvenience parents by running too far behind, we really do have to be strict with timings so please don't be offended if your child's teacher uses a timer or has a clock on the table. If you still feel that you have things you would like to discuss at the end of the meeting, please speak to your child's teacher and they will be very happy to see you at another time. Parents of children in Reception will also be given a homework sheet of skills that the children really need some support to master. Across the school, and even in other schools, teachers are reporting that many children's fine motor skills are not quite as developed as they could be, and also that they need to gain a little more independence with things like toileting and dressing. Any practice that you can give your child in these areas would be hugely appreciated and would help your child to make greater progress.

Collections for the Food Bank

Thank you for all your kind donations for Gloucester Food Bank. The tinned tomatoes will be collected by the Food Bank soon and we will let you know how many tins we were able to donate. Your support will not only help those in need, but it has also been a great opportunity to teach the children about care, kindness and support for others.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Nasal flu immunisations – details can be found on the school app
Friday 24 th October	Last day of the first term
Tuesday 4 th November	School reopens for children. Please note – school is closed for children on Monday 3rd November as there is a training day for staff.

Menu for the week beginning 13th October

	Hot meals Week 1			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Pasta Bolognese	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with diced potato	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Enchilada	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Mild Chicken Curry with Fluffy Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with Chips	Vegetable Fingers with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich