

May 2nd 2025

This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have had a super first week back. Year One have thrown themselves into our new 'Into the Woods' topic and have written some super reports about UK woodland. Reception and Year One enjoyed using their historical enquiry skills to research the work that Wangari Maathai did and how planting trees had a huge impact. Reception have continued to consolidate their understanding of teen numbers in maths and Year One have been exploring two-digit numbers up to 100. Year One enjoyed using the laptops to begin using Microsoft Word to write digitally. In science, the children planted seeds and are excited to see what happens over the coming weeks. In **Blue Class** this week, the children have been learning all about woodland areas. They have discussed the importance of woodlands and how some areas are under threat. Year One then wrote a report using all the facts that they had learned. Reception have continued to impress us with their phonic knowledge and have used these skills to write sentences which included finger spaces and full stops. In maths, Year One children have been breaking numbers down into tens and ones. In Reception, children have been learning the months of the year and have had a go at putting them in order.



In **Lilac Class** this week, the children have enjoyed learning about woodland and forests and why they are so important. The Year One children have written reports about what woodland is, why it matters and about some of the threats facing woodland. All of the children have enjoyed learning to orally retell a story called 'A Forest' and they have enjoyed putting actions to the words. In maths, Year One children have been learning to subtract when they have to regroup a ten, and Reception have been learning to subtract by taking away from a group. All of the children enjoyed learning about Wangari Maathai and about the contribution she made to the Green Belt movement in Kenya. In **Purple Class** this week, the children have been learning all about our new theme "Into the Woods." In English, the Year One children wrote a non-chronological report about Woodlands in Britain and included lots of the facts they had learned. The Reception children wrote words and sentences using their new phonic knowledge. All the children learned about Wangari Maathai and the Green Belt Movement she developed in Africa and why trees were so important in bringing hope and a good life to the villagers. In geography, the children explored the trees around the school site, and in science they planted sunflowers which they will watch grow over the coming weeks.



In **Yellow Class** this week, we have enjoyed going on walks around our school fields, looking at the different trees and counting if there are more trees in the nature area or in the school fields. We were impressed with the number of trees we found, the size of the trees and the variety. Thinking about British woodland animals, we have started planning puppets that we are going to make in DT. The children explored different ways of joining fabric and thought about which were the quickest and neatest ways. We also enjoyed planting five different types of seeds for our class science experiment. We predicted that the sunflower seeds would grow the tallest but that the chive seeds would grow the quickest. This week in **Green Class**, we have begun our new topic in science which is all about plants. The children have enjoyed planting seeds and exploring soil. In geography, we carried out some field work by counting and recording the trees in our school grounds. In maths, Reception are working on teen numbers and Year One are learning about position and direction.



We have had a lovely week in **Red Class**. The children have been taking part in lots of activities outside. Some children chose to create beautiful fact files about wildflowers. In writing, we have written some detailed instructions about how to make flower biscuits. Everyone thought carefully about the verbs and adverbs they needed. In maths, we have recapped some key concepts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Everyone had a lovely time at Forest School where they helped to tidy up the area ready for a new and exciting term. They learned about the Woodland Trust in history and have thought about rhythm and beat in music. The summer term has got off to a great start in **Orange Class**. We have been busy setting rules, routines and expectations so that we all work together cooperatively. At the beginning of the week we had Forest School where we helped pick litter and make the area spick and span for the summer months. In science, we have been learning about different habitats and about how animals and plants are suited to the environment they naturally belong in. In history, we have found out about The Woodland Trust which is a charity for saving our national woodlands. We had fun making and decorating flower biscuits and followed this up by writing instructions. We have had a lovely first week back in **Pink Class**, the children have settled back in well and have been very busy. They started the week by making flower biscuits, as part of their new topic which is all about plants and pollinators. The children used the instructions they had followed to make the biscuits, to then write their own set of instructions in English. In history this week, the children have been learning about The Woodland Trust. They learned about the development of the trust over the years and used what they had found out to make timelines and fact files. In science, the children have been looking at habitats and thinking carefully about which organisms are best suited to different habitats.



Attendance and Value assemblies

Congratulations to Yellow Class who had the best attendance again with over 98% attendance for the last week of term. Red and Purple Classes also had over 95% attendance and so got to play our Classopoly game. Our 'In to Win' winner this week was Teddy from Pink Class who chose a prize from the box. Cooperation is our value this term and in this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Bella, Lorenzo, Jagannath, Skye, Violet, Anycia, Tilly and Leon.



Parking

We're sorry to moan, but we do need to bring up the parking issue again. We receive a steady stream of complaints from local residents about inconvenient and illegal parking outside their properties. Of course, it is not our role to enforce the Highway Code, but we are aware that before the Easter break, the police issued two fixed penalty notices of £50 to parents for parking on the zig-zag lines in the turning area on Harewood Close just outside the school gate. Please remember that this is a restricted area that is not intended for parking at key points in the day. As well as posing a risk to pedestrians and inconveniencing our neighbours, we don't want anybody else to receive a fine. Thank you for your support.

i-Rock

There are only a few places left in our rock bands and with a whole new term of lessons ahead of the summer concert, now would be a great time to join. If your child's choice of instrument isn't available, joining the waiting list would be a good idea as our Year Two vocalists and musicians will shortly be leaving us for the juniors, freeing up more places for the Autumn term. Places do fill up quickly so register soon to avoid disappointment. Find out more here

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Work in Progress

If you have been to the main office area recently, you may have noticed that we are having some work done. Over the Easter break, the ageing area of decking outside Turquoise and Blue Classes has been removed to allow for the replacement of a drain running beneath it. Next week, the area will be paved and ready for the children to use. The garden area next to the school office is also being renovated thanks to a kind donation from The Mears Foundation. We are really looking forward to completing the work and creating more attractive spaces for the children to enjoy.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, we have head lice in several different classes at the moment. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if needed. Information on how to treat head lice can be found on the NHS website. [Head lice and nits](#) - NHS



Forest School

Tuesday 6 th May	Green Class
Wednesday 7 th May	Blue Class
Thursday 8 th May	Turquoise Class
Friday 9 th May	Purple Class



Menu for the week beginning 5th May

	Hot meals Week 2			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Tuesday	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake	Chick Pea & Sweet Potato Curry	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday		Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Baguette Slice	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	Vegetable fingers with Chips	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13 th May	Art workshop at 2pm for Reception children in Green, Turquoise and Blue Classes
Thursday 15 th May	Art workshop at 2pm for Reception children in Yellow, Purple and Lilac Classes
Monday 2 nd June	School is closed for pupils – Staff training day
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 2 visit to Nature in Art
Monday 23 rd June	Year 2 Sports day – 9.15 – 11.00
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 1 Sports day – 9.15 – 11.00
Wednesday 25 th June	Reception Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00
Tuesday 1 st July	Lilac and Purple classes visiting Westonbirt Arboretum
Wednesday 2 nd July	Blue and Turquoise classes visiting Westonbirt Arboretum
Monday 7 th July	Green and Yellow classes visiting Westonbirt Arboretum
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 2 Leavers Performance at 2.15pm
Thursday 10 th July	Year 2 Leavers Performance at 2.15pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 2 Fun Day
Friday 18 th July	End of year iRock concert Last day of term. School closes at 12.30pm. There will be a joint picnic on the field with Harewood Junior School starting at 12.40pm. All are welcome!

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Free event:

Come and meet our Emergency Services!

Saturday 3rd May 1- 4pm

A fire engine and police vehicles are coming to the Heritage Hub



Everyone is welcome!

Join us at the Heritage Hub, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW. Free parking on-site.

For more information see our website at
www.heritagehub.org.uk