

Celebrating Elm class!



Term:

Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

In Elm class, we are continuing to work on the topic of 'Our Local Area'. So far, the learners have visited the library and Par Race track. We have been working on their independent living skills and we would love to share with you some of the amazing work we did before half term.

In **PSHE**, we discussed managing pressures and what we do to be happy. We also began looking at Bubbles to Protect and kind behaviours.

In **RE** we listened to Footprints in the sand, acted out parts of the poem and created an Art project inspired by the theme 'Events that Made Me Who I Am' We enjoyed looking at old photos from school.

Love of reading—We had a great trip to the library in St Austell and we visit our school library every week to tidy it up and share the resources together.



WOW moments:

Elm class have all been taking part in our bucket time sessions and shared activities. We have seen everyone using their preferred communication methods to interact with peers and staff, new friendships have been formed and we have all settled in amazingly.



Science - We have enjoyed exploring materials and how they can be changed.

Independent Living Skills

We have been working on making the bed, changing the sheets

Health

We practiced self grooming skills such as combing our hair and brushing our teeth. We learnt all about what foods were healthy for our teeth and how to care for them.

Education, Employment and Training

We looked at careers and investigated the job roles of a librarian, a firefighter, a minister and a hairdresser. We created a job list for our classroom and shared out the jobs each day.

Developing our skills

We will continue to develop our swimming skills. We go swimming once a week in Elm and have been working on our water confidence through the Doubletrees Swimming Awards.

In PE we have been working on our balance with the REAL PE curriculum.



Community involvement/British Values

We enjoyed a visit from the local firefighters, a local hairdresser, three dental nurses and a minister from StAustell Salvation Army branch.

We attended performances by Moonbeam Theatre: 'Once Upon a Flowerbed' and MandM productions performed a pantomime of 'The Railway Children'.



Reminders!



Upcoming events!

Monday 11th November- Remembrance Day

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

W/B 18th November - Anti Bullying Week



The class team..

Elm class is made up of teacher; Jo Conac teaching assistants; Chris, Maria, Chloe and midday supervisor Jodi. We also have Lisa covering Jo's PPA time on a Friday morning. HLTA Jake pops in to work with learners for Sport and movement interventions and HLTA Lisa works with learners in the outdoor areas.

Next steps in our learning...

This half term we will be continuing to work on becoming familiar with our routines in Elm class and expectations.

In Communication we are going to start Soundabout training, you can try this out for yourselves at home on soundaboutfamily.org.uk and check out the learning to listen music tracks

Elm will continue to work on their independent living skills with washing clothes.

Don't forget...

PE - is on a Tuesday morning - please send in a PE kit or send them in wearing it with spares to change into afterwards

Swimming - is on Thursday morning please ensure your child has a swim kit in school for this day

Outdoor learning/break times—please ensure your child has a coat and wellies as the weather changes

Snacks- Please remember to provide your child with snacks daily.

Home communication book - Please check these daily for any daily updates/reminders.



Participating in the community.

We enjoyed collecting for the Food bank with Dan from the Salvation Army. We loved trying on his hat and exploring his instruments and creating Art together.



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