



# Celebrating Elm class!



## Term:

Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. This term our topic is *In The News* and we will continue to look at different ways to tell the news. We have been creating a broadsheet newspaper and looking at communicating stories to the people around us. We would love to share with you some of the learning from last half term.



In PSHE we have been looking at medicine and are now moving on to emergency situations. Learners enjoyed role play, stories and games about medicine. We learnt to

distinguish the difference between food and medicine and some of the dangers around medicine. We used core boards to join in the discussions around medicine, doctor visits and keeping healthy.

In RE we looked at inspirational people that have been into school this year. We awarded stars to people that have inspired us and listened to inspirational poems about adolescence. We loved re-creating Degas artwork while listening to classical dance music.



## Extra curricular activities

During rebound sessions with Jo and Jake many of our learners have passed Level 1 Rebound and we have seen great leaps in communication from our learners engaging in regular sessions.



We have been cooking up a storm in the school kitchen creating Chinese New Year inspired, noodle based dishes. We look forward to using the newly renovated Post14 kitchen this term.

## Developing our skills

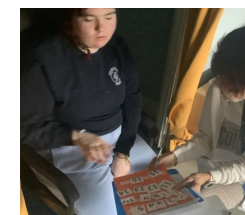


In swimming we have been developing our skills and working towards the Doubletrees Swimming Awards, some of us are on Gold and some on Bronze. This term we have also been working on invasion games in swimming and PE, we all love joining in with group games and our confidence in building relationships is improving.

## Community involvement/British Values

Lots of learners choose to attend Makaton choir on a Thursday and they love singing and signing along with their friends through the school.

In Science we focused in on birds as we undertook the national bird watching event along with the rest of Britain. Learners used symbols to aid in their counting, tallying and recording of sightings. Some learners and teachers also took part at home. Teacher Jo saw 43 crows!



**WOW moments:** Our class spent one week in the library due to renovations in the classroom and we were so impressed with the learners response to change. We worked hard to remain calm and were rewarded with a lovely, fresh classroom on return.

# Reminders!



## Upcoming events!

28th February Stand Up To Bullying Day	6th March World Book Day
10th March British Science Week	21st March World Down Syndrome Day
2nd April World Autism Awareness Day	5th April Easter Holidays

## The class team..

Elm class is made up of teacher; Jo, teaching assistants; Amber, Chris, Maria, Chloe and midday supervisor Jodi. We also have Lisa covering Jo's PPA time in the week. You may see our names in the diary from time to time.

## Next steps in our learning...

This half term we will be continuing to work on communication as we develop a News Broad-sheet. We will continue working on telling the people around us about things we have seen or about upcoming events. We use PCS symbols and a range of technology to communicate including Grid3, Proloquo2, choice boards and AAC personal devices.

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills and through TEACCH tasks and stage four of Bucket time. We also worked on following a sequence in Independent living skills tasks. You can help us carry on our learning by asking us to make you a snack or a drink such as squash, tea, coffee, milkshakes, toast or crumpets at home.

## Don't forget...

**PE** - is on a Tuesday - please send in a PE kit

**Swimming** - is on Thursdays, please ensure your child has a kit in school for this .

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

**Snacks**- Please remember to provide your child with a healthy snack daily.

**Home communication book** - Please check these daily for any daily updates/reminders, if you could initial these too to say you've seen them then that would be amazing, thankyou.



Our learners enjoyed making snacks including toast and crumpets this term. They learnt to read symbol instructions so they could increase their independence.

For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.