

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 'Party Planning'. So far, the learners have visited the Co op 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 self-esteem and we all looked at a range of sensory items to discover our preferences. We also began to look at private body parts in RSE and how to behave in public. With **emotional literacy** sessions we took part in activities that would help us relax and remain regulated at school.

Love of reading: We visit our school library every week to tidy it up and share the resources together. We have been looking at books that could inspire us with the parties that we have been planning. We found some anatomy books with skeletons in which helped us with our decorations for our disco.



Exploring our World

We were all very excited about planning a Halloween party and we had several practice parties and role play sessions along the way in order to help us all enjoy the parties without getting overwhelmed. We learnt the Hokey Cokey, baked snacks, made smoothies and chose our favourite music.

Investigating our World

We used ICT to create posters, explore Halloween images and create invites so that people would know when to come.

Independent Living Skills

We have been working on laying a table for a dinner party with friends. We employ our maths skills as we count the items and match them to our placemats.

Health

We have been increasing our confidence with personal care at lunchtime by brushing our teeth and washing our faces after lunch.

Developing our skills

We will continue to develop our swimming skills on a Thursday. In PE on a Monday and Tuesday we have been working on our dance skills and response to sensory input. We walked and danced over obstacles, sensory mats and benches. On National Fitness day we all took part in a sponsored 1km run.



Community involvement/British Values

We enjoyed a visit from the local firefighters, and the Cornish Food Company. We learnt how to make Cornish fairings. We attended a performance by Moonbeam Theatre as they transformed our hall into a shiny creative space to perform to us in. It was a multi-sensory immersive theatre production and we loved it.



WOW moments:

Elm class have all been taking part in group 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 well.

Reminders!



Upcoming events!

11th November– Remembrance Day (poppies on sale)

13th November - Children in Need (Wear Spots and bake sale)

14th November—School Photos

17th and 25th November - Garden Centre Trips



The class team..

Elm class is made up of teacher; Jo Conac teaching assistants; Chris, Amie, Chloe and midday supervisor Stevie. We also have Lisa covering Jo's PPA time on a Friday morning. HLTA Lisa works with learners in the outdoor areas on their ASDAN and DofE requirements so don't forget to send in wellies and waterproofs.

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.

We are going to be making lots of products in the next few weeks to sell to you at the Christmas fayre on the **5th December** at 2pm.

We will be using our newfound hospitality skills as we prepare for a Christmas afternoon tea event for our parents and families on the **12th December**.

Don't forget...

PE - is on a Monday and Tuesday morning - please send in a PE kit for the week

Swimming/ messy activities - is on Thursday morning please ensure your child has a swim kit or change of clothes in school for this day

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

Snacks and Drinks—you can send in daily snacks or a weeks provision

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



Participating in the community.

We enjoyed collecting for the Food bank with The Trussel Trust. We dropped off 43.2k of donations from the school to St Austell Foodbank. We celebrated a wonderful harvest with others in school including lots of wonderful pumpkins which we used at our disco and harvest celebration assemblies with Chris the Vicar.



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