

Celebrating Elm class!



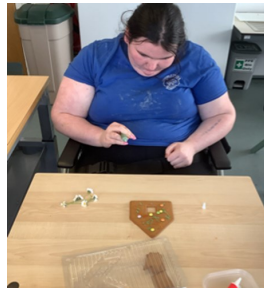
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Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Our theme is 'Caring for the environment' with a focus on our local area. Learners worked hard, growing our garden by planting seeds and veg tops. We investigated plants around us and used them in artwork. We have worked on independent living skills, communication and social skills and would love to share with you some of our work so far.

In **PSHE**, we looked at long term relationships and shared photos of our families. In **Emotional Literacy** sessions we took part in activities that would help us relax and remain regulated at school. These activities were generated by a comprehensive Motional snapshot and included decorating biscuits.



Love of reading: We visit our school library every week to tidy it up and share the resources together. We have been sharing a sensory story 'Anna's Allotment' together and we all loved the carrot cake smell at the end.

WOW

moments:



Exploring our World

We have been going on sensory walks in the environment, collecting natural resources such as flowers and leaves and using them to make environmentally friendly tote bags.

Investigating our World

We used ICT to make music and art in our 'We Control Technology' topic. We seem to have lots of fans of drum and bass in Elm.

Independent Living Skills and Health

We are getting more confident with brushing teeth and washing our faces and have continued working on hair brushing as well as part of our after lunch routine.

Education, Employment and Training

Learners are getting better at checking the job rota daily and completing their tasks with adult support, some are showing increasing confidence and are able to do some tasks independently now. This includes doing the washing up, drying up, putting away, tidying, sweeping, cleaning and working the washing machine.



Developing our skills

Some of us continue to develop our swimming skills on a Thursday, joined by members of Redwood class, while others work on their horticulture skills back in the classroom or outside. In PE, we explored obstacle courses indoors, due to poor weather and we hope to take our learning outside this term, especially with sports day coming up on the 18th June! We also did Rebound, weekly dance workouts and daily sensory circuits in the classroom.

Community involvement/British Values

We enjoyed a visit from Chris Avery - a folk guitar player who gave us an interactive performance that we all enjoyed.

Elm class have been taking part in weekly football club with HLTA Jake and loving it! Everyone got involved and enjoyed spending time in the sessions with their peers.

We also continue to enjoy spending time with the rest of our phase group in the hall for assembly on Fridays. We love singing and dancing and celebrating wow moments together.



Reminders!



Upcoming events!

18th June Sports Day —parents invited 1pm-1.30pm in the yard
19th June sports day back up day
29th June Arts week—Creative arts events all week for learners
3rd July Reports to go home
10th July End of year exploration assembly
17th July Graduation assembly for leavers and Upper School Prom

The class team..

Elm class is made up of teacher; Jo Conac teaching assistants; Jamie, Chloe, Eve and midday supervisor Rachel T. We also have Jake covering Jo's PPA time on a Friday morning. HLTA Jake will be working with learners in the outdoor areas and continuing football club with our Upper School learners.

Next steps in our learning...

This half term we will be continuing to work on caring for the environment. We are planning some lovely walks in the local area, some litter picking and some trips out for a drink with friends. ASDAN moderation is coming up and we will be compiling all the work the learners have done towards their ASDAN qualification, to see if anyone has earned a mini module certificate this year. Any certificates will be presented at our end of year Exploration assembly in July.

Don't forget...

PE - is on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday - 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— ensure your child has a change of clothes , wellies and rain coat if necessary or sun hat and sun cream

Snacks and Drinks—Please send in daily snacks and drinks for your child and don't forget to order dinners on parent pay.

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



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

Participating in the community.

Trips coming up will be in local cafes for our ASDAN unit 'having a drink with friends'. If any of you can support us by joining us on these trips please do let us know.

We were thrilled to have the help of Celia, Emma, Jackie and Mark, all Elm class parents who came to help us on our trips last term. It really does make all the difference having your support so thank you again.

