

18th October 2023



St John's News

We hope that you have had a lovely fortnight enjoying the warm sunny weather. We have enjoyed outside learning and the opportunity to enjoy our social times over the last two weeks, particularly to do with our topic of All About Me. We have had a really successful visit from the Job Centre Plus team who introduced pupils to recognising soft skills which will support them in their future. Some of our classes have been out and about in the community, visiting the library and developing their safety in the community and leisure skills.

We are looking forward to our 'Hello Yellow' day on Friday in aid of Mental Health Awareness Day, where pupils will be wearing yellow and doing well being activities, such as yoga, mindfulness and healthy living.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Charlotte Wood
Head Teacher

P2

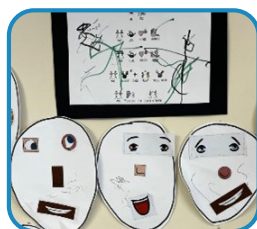


P2 has looked at Place Value whilst learning our numbers. We used number blocks with play dough to create our very own numbers.

This term is 'All about Me' and P2 looked at how to identify ourselves in photos. We then created a photo of our faces.



In Food Tech P2 are learning about different foods / fruits. We also looked at different fruits. We then selected out our favourite fruits and cut them.



FE2



FE2 have been going to the Forest School at the Grange.

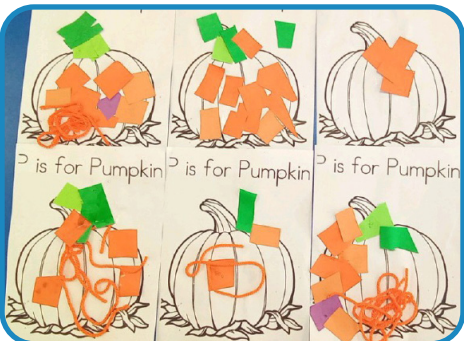
We have enjoyed exploring the area and doing exiting outdoor activities. We have collected twigs and sticks from Addison park and made bonfires.



J**** has been practicing climbing the rope ladder, he was very nervous at first but each week has got higher on the ladder. S***** enjoyed eating a s'mores made on the fire with marsh mallow. She said it was really good.

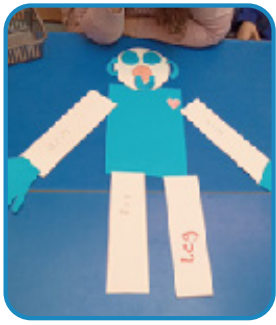
We all like going to the Forest school.

P1



P1 have been getting in to the autumn mood with some lovely pumpkin work.

We looked at the letter P and tried to copy the sound that it makes. We then used some glue and autumn coloured papers to make our lovely collages. Pumpkins are part of an autumn harvest, where all of the things that farmers grow over the year are collected. We also use pumpkins for another event, that is coming up at the end of this month, I wonder what that could be?



P3

During Science P3 have been learning about our different body parts. We enjoy learning about our different body parts through action songs our favourite is Mat Man.

We worked in small groups to build our own Mat Man and we were all able to identify and correctly place the different body parts.



J*** will anticipate what body part comes next when singing the song by touching the correct body part. We all performed the song to our peers in assembly this week.



S1

S1 have been learning to use our 5 senses to identify likes and dislikes. We have explored using our eyes to see and making pipe cleaner glasses.

We explored using our noses to smell some familiar and unfamiliar scents. We got to try

some new and some favourite foods and identify which ones we liked and which ones we didn't.

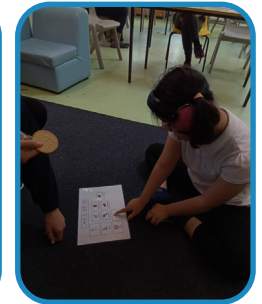
We also used our hands to explore touch and touched a variety of materials, identified what they were and then found an example of each.

N*** identified that she did not like the taste of the cracker as well as identifying that she uses her mouth to taste.

C**** identified that he liked the taste of the cracker and even requested more.

I*** identified that she can see with her eyes and that you can use glasses to see.

P**** smelled the strawberry powder using his nose and said he didn't like the smell when he was asked.



S8

S8 Have been recognising where and when they are developing 'soft skills' towards their preparing for adulthood targets.

They have been developing their responsibility skills by carrying their own library books back from Kempston library. Communication skills by asking the librarian questions. Teamwork skills by walking together safely from school to the library and back again.

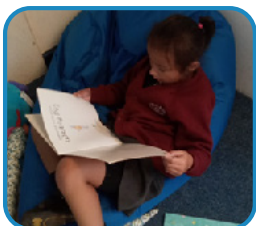


We were responsible for walking in the footpath line, not the cycle lane.

"I looked after William" said K****.

"I'm not going to be grumpy when offsite" said W***.

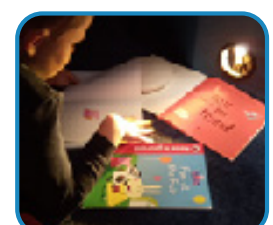
"I carried my book back" said G*****.



P4

We love stories! In P4 pupils have been exploring favoured texts! R**** chooses to explore Peppa Pig books and can often be found independently exploring these! A***** likes to spend time in the reading corner, often sitting on the bean bag and appropriately turning the pages of favoured books. A***** is expressing preference with books, often choosing the same book to explore.

We have been exploring the book "The Animal Boogie!" During these times pupils have been exposed to a range of sensory resources to allow pupils to shake like a bear or swing like a monkey! A***** can now tell us which animal comes next in the story and Shammah can show us how to slither like a snake!



Artsmark Award

As part of the work we are doing for our Artsmark award we would like to gain your views on what Arts and cultural activities you would like your child to be exposed to during the school year.



Please email stacey.fairey@biltt.org with any ideas or suggestions for consideration.

Other Notices

Zoom Parent/Carer Workshop
Autism & Demand Avoidance

Tuesday 28th November 2023
10am - 1pm

£15 AB Members / £20 Non-AB Members

This workshop provides you with the opportunity to explore and understand:

- What is meant by 'demand avoidance' in relation to autism and the controversy over the 'PDA' diagnosis
- The role of anxiety in creating demand avoidant behaviour
- How to prevent and manage demand avoidant behaviour

To book:
01234 214871
enquiries@autismbeds.org

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Zoom Parent/Carer Workshop
Autism & Sensory Processing

Thursday 23rd November 2023
10am - 1pm

£15 AB Members / £20 Non-AB Members

This workshop provides you with the opportunity to explore and understand:

- The impact of sensory processing differences on the lives of autistic individuals
- Resources and strategies to support health and wellbeing where there are sensory challenges
- When to ask for professional input

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COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL SKILLS

£80 FOR 4 DAYS

Hope Church, Villa Rd, Luton LU2 7NT

Monday 23rd October - Thursday 26th October

10:30am - 2:30pm

To book, contact Ebony at:
ebony.willis@autismbeds.org

Autism

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

6 WEEK TENNIS COURSE

For ages 10-17 years

Riverside Tennis Club
Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 3EA

Every Tuesday from 31st October 2023 to 5th December 2023

6.30pm - 7.30pm
Please arrive at 6.25pm for a prompt start to the session

£15.00 per person (AB Member)
£20.00 per person (non AB Member)

Book Now

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01234 214871 (general enquiries)

Diary Dates

Half Term - 23rd - 27th October 2023

Pupils return to school - Tuesday 31st October 2023

Grange Christmas Fayre
Saturday 25th November
12 - 2 pm

Any donations for the tombola, raffle or Christmas craft materials would be greatly appreciated.