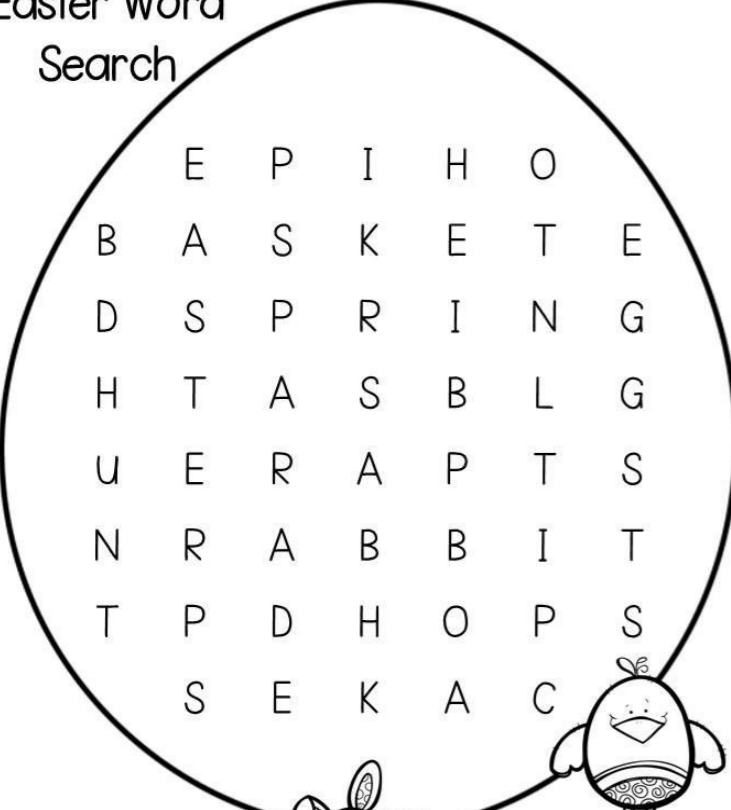


Easter Word Search



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Reading Rewards
 We have celebrated many reading achievements this term. So many children are reading at home regularly as well as in school which shows in their improved reading. It's great news that some classes have also been able to visit Coseley library again following its reopening. This is something all classes will enjoy during the Summer term to widen the variety of books they can access.

This term some pupils have received their Green and Violet rewards from collecting their stickers and stamps from reading both at home and at school. The more often you read to an adult the more rewards you can collect. There is still time for you all to collect more prizes and work towards the Afternoon Tea celebration open to all of the children who meet the Gold Level requirement of 175 points.



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Attendance The following pupils have attended 100% for the Spring Term : **Cedar Class:** Daniel L, **Elm Class:** Jake, Cain, Daniel D, Lawson, Owen, **Willow Class:** Raegen, Tyler **Oak Class:** Leyland, Oliver, Reggie, Kyran, **Maple Class**—Grace a huge Well done for attending daily! Every day counts to making Outstanding progress!



Class Star of the Spring Term 2022— **Oak:** Matthew H, **Maple:** Daniel L, **Elm:** Cain G, **Maple:** Ethan J-K, **Willow:** Lincoln S

How many golden eggs can you find in The Rowan School Newsletter?

Good to be green
 Spring 1 was a very positive half term for the children, with the majority of the school achieving all the good to be green rewards up for grabs. These rewards included, Snazzy stationary, sensory toys, board games and even a cheeky bath bomb too! at the end of the half term, there was a chance for all children to go to Laser tag at cannon raceway. For this, children needed 240 GTBG points.

Spring 2 had an unfortunate and rocky start to the term, with covid 19 cases rapidly increasing both inside and outside of school, it forced a full school closure for a week. With children moving to remote learning, the rewards for resilience and attitude towards learning didn't stop there. Children who accessed remote learning at home, completed work in their work packs were accredited their full GTBG points which went towards the rewards. These rewards included coloured pencils, card games and even a soft ball. The final reward trip to flip out, the trampoline park took place, we had an amazing time there!

Enrichment
 Our enrichment sessions are well underway! Since January we have been providing the pupils of The Rowan School with enrichment sessions. So far as part of our sessions we have done, fruit kebabs, water/fire safety, make your dreams come true, Chinese new year, Children's mental health, Random act of kindness week, Pancake Day, World Book Day, International Women's Day, Mothers Day and Easter! We really have had a busy few months! All of our pupils have fully engaged in these enrichment lessons and they have really enjoyed them! We have some very exciting sessions planned for the rest of the year also.

Sublime Science
 On Tuesday 22nd March 2022 as part of Science Week we had a fantastic visit from Sublime Science! The pupils had a fantastic time watching some brilliant experiments and making their own slime! The children learnt about electricity, heat, forces, polymers, gravity, and chemical reactions.

Ukraine Crisis
 At The Rowan School we have all been devastated by the war that is currently ongoing in Ukraine. Everybody at The Rowan School participated in fundraising for those that have had to flee Ukraine due to the war which has meant they had to leave their home in a hurry with some only having a small bag of items. We had an incredible amount of pupils and families donating to the cause. We had many bags of food and clothes donated! Our pupils and staff also donated money to the cause and we raised a fantastic £145.10! The Rowan School directors have also donated to bring our total to an incredible £300! Thank you so much for all of your generous donations.

Live, Learn, Survive.
 This term The Rowan School pupils have been very lucky to have a virtual water and fire safety lesson from Trent "Maxi" Maxwell and Leigh Mason. Maxi is a lifeguard and firefighter who is best known for is many years on Australia's famous TV programme "Bondi Beach". Maxi and Leigh were very impressed with how much the children learnt from the session and how much information they retained! Our pupils were fantastic! They all learnt very important water and fire safety skills that they will be able to use in their everyday life.

Live Learn Survive

Message from the Headteacher and Directors
What an unusual Term this has been! I have been immensely proud of all the children, there has been a number of changes that have had to take place due to ongoing pandemic, we are hoping Summer term is much more settled. The children have worked so hard over these last few months, it has been a very busy term with Chinese New Year Celebrations, World Book Day, raising a phenomenal amount of money and a huge amount of donations for Ukraine, Mothers Day, Easter activities and we even managed to squeeze in a trip to Thinktank in the last week! Their books are beaming full of so much work! I look forward to the summer term when we will be showcasing the fabulous work that the children have produced. Myself, Mike and Ben wish you all a restful, safe Easter break. We look forward to the Summer Term!

Snita Verma, Mike Searle and Ben Whittall

SAVE THE DATE!

Dates for your Diary:
 Spring Term 2022:
 Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022. School closes at 12:15pm.
 Summer Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022, school opens at your child's usual time.

Willow Class



Willow class have continued to work well across the curriculum since the Christmas break. In English, the children have read a selection of books including Firework Maker's Daughter and Escape from Pompeii. They have all engaged well in the stories taking part in roleplays and creating their own diaries and newspaper articles to showcase their writing skills.

This term in Maths, Willow class have been working with money from 1p all the way up to £50 notes. They have also been measuring the length of objects around the classroom in millimetres, centimetres, and metres using rulers. They have all shown a great understanding and eagerness to learn with these practical skills.

For our topic this term, we have researched our Extreme Earth and looked in detail at volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. We have learned what causes these natural disasters and even took part in an earthquake drill in the classroom protecting ourselves under the tables!



Oak Class



Oak class have had an amazing Spring term!

We have been learning about dinosaurs- where they lived, what they ate, how they became extinct and written some super stories and factual reports. We visited Dinosaur Adventure Golf too which the children really loved!

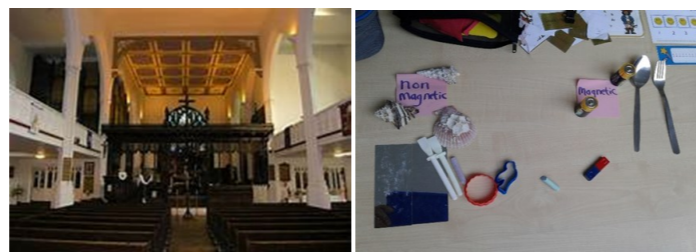
We have also been learning about space, ordering and making fact files about planets, why space travel is important and how to be an astronaut. Our science lessons have been focusing on materials and we have completed some investigations which the children loved!! Well done Oak class- an amazing term.

You have all worked so hard. Keep it up!



Maple Class

The Spring term has been a busy one in Maple Class. The Children thoroughly enjoyed our texts Fantastic Mr Fox and The Tin Forest in English. Fantastic Mr Fox introduced the children to the farmers who with their funny names and appearances amused the class. We enjoyed the poems from this text and the constant fight between Mr Fox and the farmers. The Tin Forest brought to light themes such as climate change. The class were able to relate to this and produced some fantastic arguments and discussions about the effects of climate change. As a class we are becoming resilient writers and producing longer pieces. Our reading progress as a class is also pleasing as we are reading for pleasure during our sensory breaks. In Maths Maple Class learnt about Statistics looking at block diagrams, bar charts, tables and pictograms. The class also learnt about the significance of these in real life in addition to interpreting and creating their own. In Science this term we celebrated Science Week as a school and enjoyed taking part in some exciting experiments based on the themes Growth and Colour. The class have also learnt about Forces and Magnets where we have investigated friction and the strength of magnets in a series of practical investigations and experiments. The children have also made visits to the locality such as a visit to Christ Church and also to Build a Bear. The children on both occasions were fantastic ambassadors for The Rowan School displaying sensible and safe behaviour and impeccable manners towards the staff and vicar. Well Done Maple Class!



Elm class

Elm Class have once again been very busy this term. We have been on a journey to the two extremes of weather studying the polar regions in Spring 1 then the continent of Africa in Spring 2. We have enjoyed a trip to the Snowdome in Tamworth to experience the cold extreme conditions that Explorers such as Ernest Shackleton experiences. We also enjoyed the sledging and sliding while we were there. We have discovered the Inuit tribes who live in the North Pole region and created carvings inspired by their indigenous artwork.

Through our Africa topic we learned about the traditional art work created in many of the Africa countries. We created our own designs using paint as well as on the Brushes App in the iPads. We have really enjoyed this App and use it in our Golden time too to practice our Digital art work skills. We researched the history of Enslavement of African people and learned about how abolition of slavery and held many mature conversations about injustice.

We have worked very hard this term to keep Green, collect our reading points and go on Mathletics to earn certificates. We are very competitive in Elm class and always want to be on top of the leader board.

In Elm class we have been involved in many activities across school including World Book Day, Mario Day and Pancake Day. We have enjoyed a visit from a Scientist into school and are looking forward to visiting the Thinktank in Birmingham to get hands on experience of Forces in Action.



Cedar Class



In their English lessons this Spring term, Cedar class have enjoyed reading and writing from the books Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. We wrote character profiles, examined different perspectives of 'good' and 'bad' characters and even wrote courtroom documents to put Mr Fox on trial for theft.

We have also worked on our writing using The Day I Was Erased by Lisa Thompson. We really enjoyed this book and empathised greatly with the main character Maxwell. Through this story we have written about the cause and effect of Maxwell's actions, planned and wrote diary entries from the perspective of different characters and created our own social media hashtags.

In Maths, Cedar class have worked through different methods of multiplication and division, using grid, partitioning and bar modelling. We have recently been working on fractions and decimals, through word problems and visual representations.

Our Topic this Spring term has been focussed around Frozen Kingdoms, looking at the differences between polar regions and writing about famous explorers. To understand more about exploring in the snow, we even took a trip to Snowdome. We were very cold.



Sports

During Spring we focussed on ball skills. The children completed both theory and practical sessions, showcasing their ability to perform in sports/activities which focussed on different shapes and types of ball. Children didn't only focus on football, but they got to participate in a wide range of different ball sports. These sports included basketball, dodgeball, knock the cone, banana bombs and end zone. Children learned various types of throws and kicks throughout the term. They were able to tell us what use each throw and kick had, and what sports they were used in.

In the second half term, we focused on multi sports. We looked at a wide range of activities which focussed on reactions, throwing & catching, running, jumping and dodgeball. These sports worked on different fundamental movements, and the children showed us they could use their bodies in many ways. In theory lessons, children learned about what reactions are and how they have applied it in sports, the different types of jumps and what agility is.

