

# Snowman Word Search

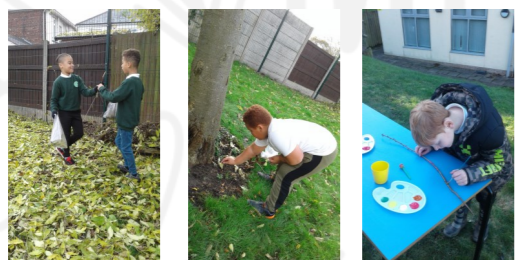
COAL SNOW  
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## Forest Schools

This term in Forest Schools' pupils have been exploring their senses and getting in touch with the natural environment. Pupils have been making fairy bracelets, fairy houses, dragon dens, leaf, rock and stick paintings. Children have been given the chance to work outside of a normal classroom and get in touch with mother nature, which they have enjoyed!



## School Council

During Autumn 1 term, children watched what was happening at COP 26, and then thought about how we could make The Rowan school an eco-friendlier place. A lot of great ideas were generated by the children, some of which are looking to get launched in the New Year. The talk of school recycling projects is in the process of being made, and a dedicated team in school to oversee the project.

Autumn 2 term, the focus turned onto rewards. The children voiced their opinions on what went well, and what didn't go so well with rewards, and came to a decision that children need a daily reward. Children suggested an end of the day "Green Time" where those who have had a full green day can at the end of the day to play interactive games, colouring, and board games with one another.



On Friday 10th December 2021, we took part in Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We raised a total of £22.89. It was lovely to see so many festive woollies!

## Reading and Timetables Rewards

Many of you will have seen the proud faces on your children after our assemblies we hold on Fridays every two weeks. At each assembly we celebrate pupils engagement in learning, achievements across the curriculum as well as work produced by children across the entire school site. Pupils work is shown in assembly and displayed for all to see. Children receive certificates for Reading, Writing, Maths work and completing Times tables challenges. We also are continuing with the Reading Rewards scheme. When your child reads at home, sign their reading diary and then teachers give children a stamp in their reading log. Prizes are awarded after 20, 40, 60, 80 and so on points. At the end of the academic year if pupils have earned enough points they will be invited to a special afternoon tea with the Headteacher!

It is always wonderful to present these certificates and give pupils a huge round of applause to show them how proud we are of their achievements. Not only that, but the huge smiles on their faces as they are becoming confident to come to the front of the assembly and receive this praise in front of their peers is always wonderful. It is great to see our pupils proud of their own achievements.



## Good to be green

*Throughout the second half of Autumn Term, the children have been accumulating Good to be Green Points for rewards. Through successful lessons and positive behaviour management, children reached target goals of 80, 160, 210 and 260 "Good to be Green" points for rewards. The children have a variety of rewards to choose; from stationary, sensory toys to sports equipment. Children who managed to hit 260 points attended the visit to Inflata-nation which they thoroughly enjoyed.*

## Dates for your Diary:

Spring Term 2022:

Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021, school closes at 12:15pm.

Term starts: Monday 4th January 2022, school opens at your child's usual time.

SAVE THE DATE!



# The Rowan School - Newsletter December 2021

## Special Celebration of Achievements

We would like to congratulate the following pupils for going above and beyond during this term

**Attendance**— A huge well done for being in school every day this term to: Kyran R and Shakira R—who have been present for everyday for the whole term! The following pupils have attended 100% for the second half of Autumn Term: Alfie A, Matthew H, Jared H, Tyler H, Daniel L, Reggie M, Owen W— a huge Well done for attending daily! Every day counts to making Outstanding progress!

A special shoutout to the following pupils who achieved "Star of the Class" reward: Tyler Jayne (Oak), Raegen (Willow), Mozes (Maple), Alfie (Cedar) and Jared (Elm). Super work everyone!

A huge shoutout to the winners of the "Exceptional Award": Daniel D (Elm), Reggie M (Oak), Jack K (Cedar), Jared (Elm), Daniel L (Cedar) and Riley-Jay (Cedar).

## Christmas Hamper Charity Raffle

On Tuesday 30th December 2021 raffle tickets went on sale for the pupils to purchase for the chance to win a fantastic Christmas Hamper. We raised an astonishing £95.00!! All the money raised went to a fantastic charity—Young Carers Dudley!



## Children In Need



Children took part in the annual Children In Need day. Children wore yellow or polka dots which are the colours of Pudsey the Bear! Children took part in multiple games and activities, such as Joe Wicks PE challenge, Wordsearches, colouring and much more! Children also donated money to children in need to help unfortunate children worldwide. Together we managed to donate a total of £51.18!

## Santa Visit

We had a very special visit from Santa at The Rowan School!. All of our children were on the nice list! Everybody who visited Santa received a chocolate Santa, chocolate box and a present!



## Firework Display Competition

The children were asked to design a poster based on safety at a firework display. We had some incredible entries! Thank you to all that took part. CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel D who came first place! Daniel received a family ticket to Dudley Zoo for winning the competition. Well Done Daniel!



## Message from the Headteacher and Directors

*The children have worked immensely hard over this term, they have enjoyed a very busy term. We have been very lucky to be able to take the children out this term on a number of visits, which have included Sycamore Adventure, Legoland, Clent Hills, Bishops Wood etc. The term has been a busy one, but very enjoyable one. Children have settled so well into the routines of school. We have thoroughly enjoyed our school assemblies, children have grown in confidence and are now sharing their learning and presenting in assembly with the whole school. A huge well done to all staff and children!*

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year,

- Snita Verma, Mike Searle and Ben Whittall

## Willow Class



Willow class have made an amazing start to the year across the curriculum. In English, the children have read a selection of books including Cave Baby, How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth and Tyrannosaurus Drip. They have all engaged well in the stories predicting what might happen at the end as we have been reading along and writing their character descriptions using alliteration, expanded noun phrases and rhyme.

This term in Maths, Willow class have been working on their multiplication and division skills using grouping and sharing to make equal groups. They have all been improving their times tables because of this!

For our topic this term, we have gone through the ages from the Stone Age to the Iron Age learning about how they lived and survived. We went on a trip to Bishop's Wood where we took part in fire-making, hunting, and scavenging activities. Also, they have used brilliant creativity in creating their own Round Houses out of cardboard and straw, and Stonehenge out of biscuits!

Willow have had a lovely couple of visits to Sycamore Adventure Centre where they all displayed great teamwork skills. They have also shown their creativity in Music lessons using body percussion and dance to follow rhythm to popular songs such as Dance Monkey.



## Cedar Class

This term Cedar class have continued their study of The Tudors. We took part in a re-enactment of Henry VIII's marriages, learning about the fates of each of Henry's wives and marriages. Further to this, we learnt about gruesome Tudor punishments.



In our Science lessons, we have been carrying out experiments, testing how exercise effects the human body. For English, Cedar have been focusing on our re-tells of stories about friendship, love, travel and grief through our study of Home Sweet Home and Lost and Found.

## Maple Class

This half term as always has been a busy one for Maple Class.

In Literacy we read 'How to wash a woolly mammoth'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this story and created diaries story maps and created puppets based on the story for a final story retell. We are currently reading the enchanting book 'The Night box'. The children are thoroughly engaged with exploring the contents of the night box and have created some amazing writing as a result. We have continued our learning about Prehistoric times and moved onto learning about the Bronze Age. We have learnt about everyday life in the Bronze Age and how it progressed from the Stone Age.

In Science we have performed some exciting experiments about Light and Dark. The children have used torches and mirrors to investigate light and shadows. We are growing and maturing as a class and are working together as a team. On a snowy day this term we worked together to create snowmen which was lovely to observe. We have also visited Sycamore Play centre and took part in creating cave paintings and other outdoor activities such as archery and den building.



## Elm class

This term in Elm we have had visits out, visitors in as well as learned a lot since starting the new Academic Year in September including a visit from our local PCSO and asked many questions about our rights and responsibilities now we are turning 10. We were also visited by a Magician which we all enjoyed tremendously, especially as we all received a balloon model to take home.

In Maths we have been securing our knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as new skills such as line graphs and reading timetables. We have practiced how to read mathematical problems and will be able take on further trickier challenges throughout the rest of the academic year. In English we have read stories based on The Anglo Saxons and The Vikings including Norse myths including Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, Thor's Magic Hammer and Erik the Viking by Terry Deary. We have written a range of text types including Newspapers, Diaries, Letters, Adventure stories and Stories that are based on familiar stories we know but we have enjoyed changing the plot or characters to add our own ideas. We have developed how we describe characters and settings really well and have got so many golden tickets and stickers for impressing the teachers with our writing.

Topic work has taken us through invasions on the UK throughout History from the Anglo-Saxons, Vikings to the Norman Invasion of 1066 at the Battle of Hastings. We learned about place names and words that are used today that come directly from Anglo Saxon, Viking or Norman settlers. We have also learned about the start of the monarchy in Britain with Saxon Kings, Viking rulers and then the battle for the throne from European invaders. Our Trip to Bishops wood helped us learn how Anglo Saxons and Vikings lived, how they worked and what daily life was like. We even had a go at making our own Bronze brooch in the traditional way.

Art work has been a real big enjoyment for. We learned all about the impact of colour and have it in our own works in the style of artists including Gauguin, Van Gogh, Kandinsky and Lichtenstein. We used contrasting, complimentary, primary and secondary colour schemes. We have used many different methods of creating art work including crayons, felt pens, wax crayons, paint, watercolour paint, clay and collage. Through our Viking unit we also experimented with weaving. We created our own wall hangings. It took a lot of patience and perseverance and we are proud of our efforts.



## Oak Class

Oak class have settled in really well and had an amazing Autumn term. In English, we have been writing factual reports, stories and even writing and posting a letter. In maths we have learned about the relationships between numbers and had fun working with shapes. In topic we have learned about London, creating maps and learning about landmarks. In our science lessons we have been learning all about animals and we were lucky enough to have 5 super visits to a local farm where Oak Class showed super behaviour and had the opportunity to walk alpacas and groom Shetland ponies. A super start to a new school year, well done Oak Class.



## Sports

During the Autumn term, the children have studied the topic of "Ball skills", children took part in a range of different ball games. Football, Knock the Cone and Basketball are just some of the ball games children took part in. The aim was to work on children's basic hand-eye co-ordination and team building skills.

During the second part of the Autumn term, we studied the topic of "Healthy Lifestyle". Children have been learning about what makes a good balanced diet, and what nutrients different foods give to the body. Children have also planned their own fitness sessions that they have led for their classes to promote a healthy lifestyle.

