

Adaptable Autumn

Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School 2020

Welcome to our newsletter which shares some of the things the children have been involved in throughout the first half of the autumn term. Despite all the challenges around us, the staff and children have been fantastic adapting to various changes.

It has been lovely to have a level of normality by having everyone back and hearing the sound of children enjoying themselves (although sometimes we do require ear plugs!)

Willow Class Autumn Work

Being in year six this year has been really nice this year we have been doing many things as well as working hard. This year is different from any other year and it has been quite hard to come back to school after such a long time. Some of the work has been quite challenging, but I have learned a lot.

Rosie

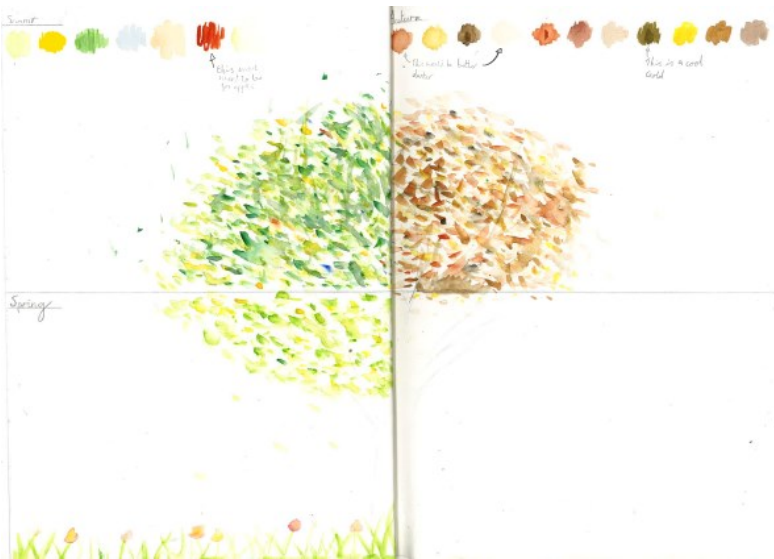
I have been enjoying this first term of school. I have really enjoyed the art lessons and the variety of books that we have been reading in class. We have talked about social media as well which I think is a big issue in Years Five and Six. We have had a lot of visitors and a really good one was the mental health expert. She talked about a range of things and Mr Brown gave reference to mental health issues that some of us may know of. This has been a great year so far and I'm eager to learn more.

Elliot



The Year 6s in Willow Class took part in Bikeability this term, and braved the elements to develop their skills and learn how to ride safely on the road.

Willow Class have also been working very hard at their artwork this term. We have been experimenting with colour pallets to understand how colour can define and change with the mood of a piece of work, and how different colours represent different emotions and times of year.



We have also been enjoying using our new Chromebooks to supplement our learning in class. We have been trying hard to understand how to use Google software and we have really enjoyed being able to do this in our classroom. Here we are using a programme called Read Theory, which develops reading comprehension skills (and gives us points along the way!)



Beech Class Autumn Work

Linked to their study this term of the Vikings (Norse men), pupils from Beech Class have spent time during Forest School time making Anglo-Saxon villages and representing key features of them using natural materials. While making their villages in small groups, they thought about defence strategies, food production, water sources and how to store items for trading. At the end of their making time, members from each group talked about how they had created their village.

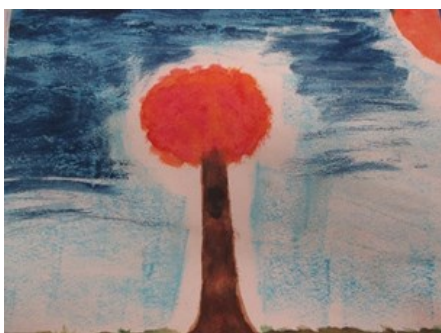


During another of their Forest School sessions, Beech Class carried out an apple pick and worked well together in pairs and small groups to fill several sacks. It was a lovely autumn afternoon and later on everyone sat around the camp fire and enjoyed a well-earned cup of hot chocolate.





In an Art lesson recently, pupils in Beech Class have also done some designing and colour mixing when producing some paintings and mixed media pieces of work which have been inspired by the coming of autumn.



Also, we have managed to create two scarecrows using all kinds of found materials. One is called Farmer Wonder and he can be found at the entrance to the MUGA and orchard. The other one is called Pomona and she will be on display just inside the main school gates. We hope that you like our scarecrow characters.



Oak Class Autumn Work

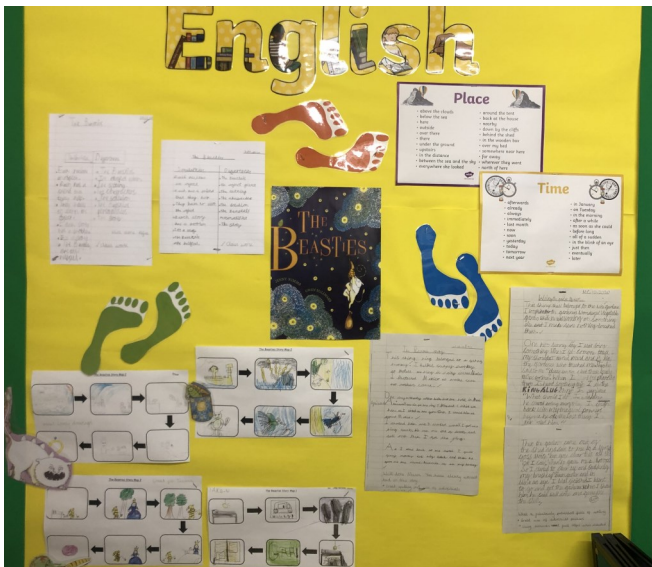
Oak class have settled well into the school routine and are all working hard to show their fabulous knowledge and skills.

On a lovely sunny day, we thoroughly enjoyed working as a team to collect lots of apples. We realised how much we could achieve together.



In English, we have been reading a story by Jenny Nimmo called 'The Beasties'. Oak were fantastic at retelling the stories of the beasties and eventually created their own imaginative story.

We loved reading some of our pieces of writing in class.



During our art lessons, we have been working on collaging techniques. The children were then given time to produce their own piece of art using their new skills.

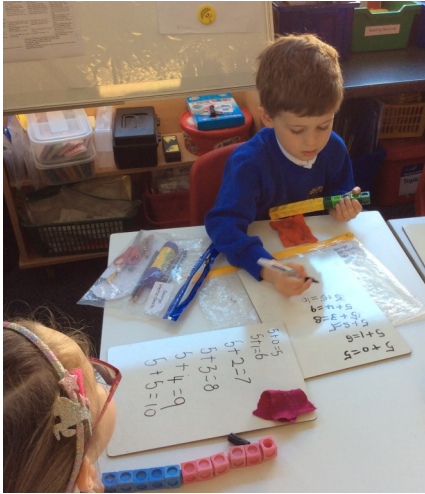
Well done Oak class.

Here are some of our Halloween pictures.



Ash Class Autumn Work

Year 1 have been trying hard to learn their pairs to 10 in maths - here they are using counters for ladybird spots to find all the combinations.



They have then been adding by counting on and recording number sentences.



Performance poetry
Beginning to learn and perform Zim Zam Zoom by James Carter.



Apple Pick

Ash Class had a fabulous time collecting apples and worked very hard to fill the sacks. The weather was very kind to us too!



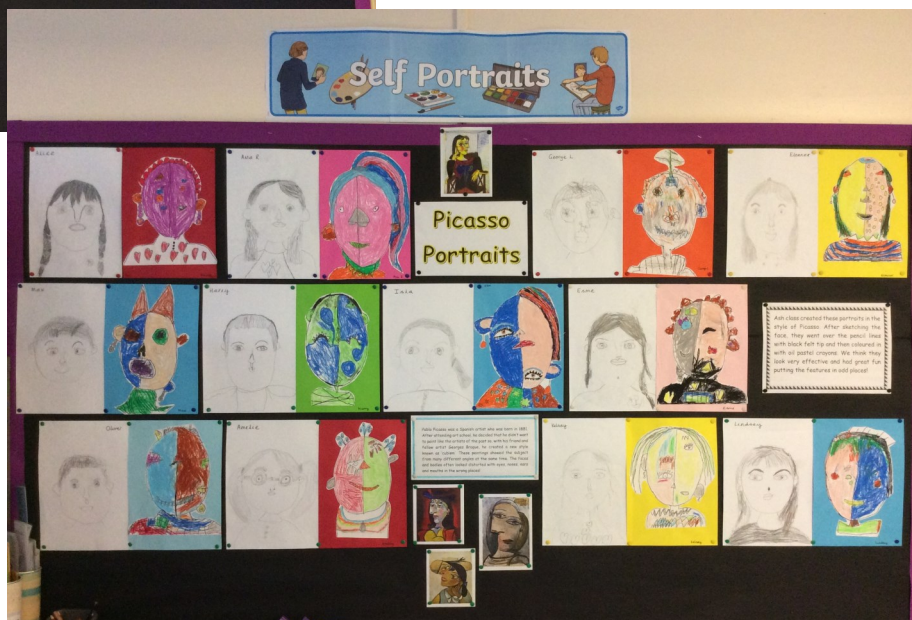
The apples came in all shapes and sizes!



Self portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso have been studied in art sessions. Children drew their own Picasso style portraits with pencil and then went over them with a black felt pen. They coloured them in using oil pastels and had to be really careful not to smudge them.



As you can see, they have produced some fantastic pieces.



Elm Class Autumn Work

Reception children enjoying the outside area during continuous provision. All learning how to share and play well as a group.



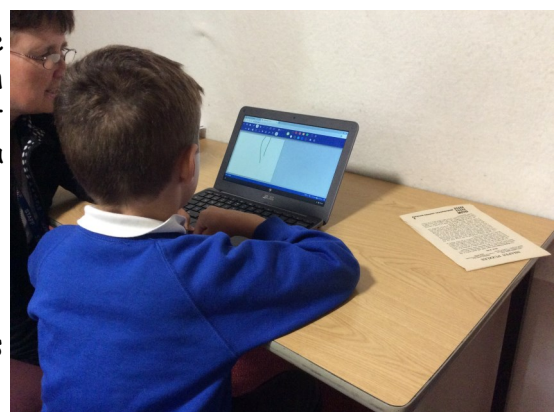
They have made the most of the outside space even though the weather has been unpredictable - they are very impressed with the new water tray!



Year 1 children enjoying the challenges of the year 1 maths curriculum working in pairs to estimate the amounts.



Year 1 children are getting to grips with Phase 5 phonics - but enjoying working in a small group.



Mrs Shilston has been helping the year 1 children to access the new Chromebooks.

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