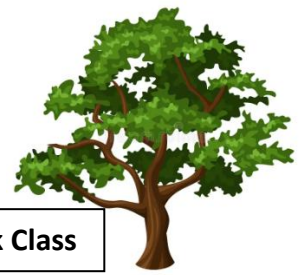
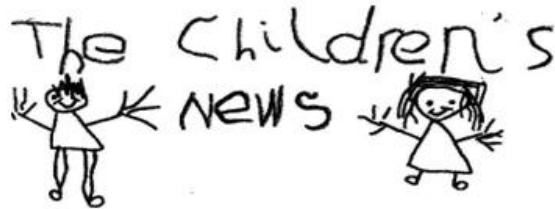


Ash Class

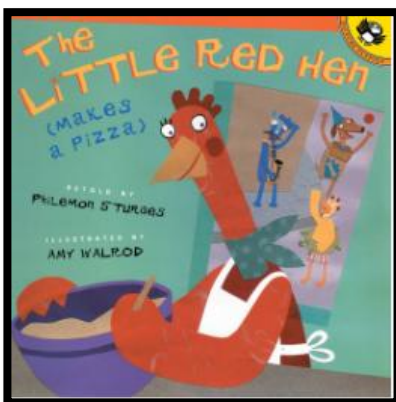
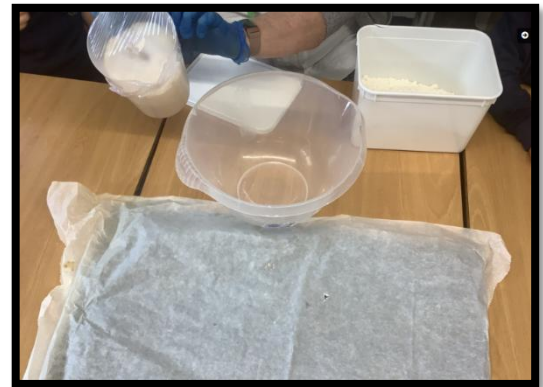


Oak Class

14th November 2025

It has been lovely to hear the children's half term news and to hear all about the fun they had at half term. We have really enjoyed hearing all about the Halloween fun they had.

Last week, the children enjoyed hearing the story of The Little Red Hen. They talked about what was happening in the story and joined in with the repeated phrases. This week, the children have made and cooked bread rolls like the Little Red Hen did. This is a great activity for developing their Knowledge and Understanding of the World skills (science skills) as they were able to see first-hand how the warm water and yeast work together to cause the bread to rise. They kneaded the bread and talked about how it felt and were able to see how the ingredients changed when they were baked. They had some great discussions, thinking about where the flour comes from and how it changes from the grains of wheat into flour. The best bit though was eating them!



We will also read an alternative version of the story; The Little Red Hen makes a Pizza. We will talk about what is the same and what is different to the original version of the story and think about why it is important to eat a wide variety of foods to help us stay healthy. They will look at the pizza ingredients and talk about where they come from e.g; the cheese is made from milk which comes from a cow, the tomatoes are grown etc. They will plan what they would like to have on their pizza and then make them using

skills such as spreading, cutting and sprinkling. They will make predictions about what the pizza will look like when it comes out of the oven. Again, the best bit will be eating them at the end!

Compassion



Pride



Respect



Responsibility



We have been focusing on our school values a lot over the last couple of weeks. These are; **pride, respect, responsibility and compassion**. We have been exploring what each word means in greater detail and looking out for children showing these values. We have seen lots of great examples; children taking pride in their work, completing it carefully and putting lots of effort in to it. We have seen children taking a little extra responsibility at tidy up time or doing extra jobs such as collecting the snack tray from the kitchen. We have talked about showing respect, remembering pleases and thank yous, waiting for our turn to speak, listening to others when they speak etc. And what a lovely compassionate group of children we have, looking out for each other if they are sad, making sure others aren't left out of games, helping each other when needed. Well done Ash and Oak class. **Please do share with us any examples of your child living these values at home and out and about.**

This week we have learnt about Remembrance Day and its significance. The children have produced their own prints of poppies using apples. They took part in the 2 minute silence on Tuesday. We were very proud of the children for living the value of respect. **Did your child take part in any Remembrance Day events out of school? Have they shown an age-appropriate understanding of what it is about? Please do share these with us on Tapestry.**

This week has also been Anti-bullying week and we have joined with the rest of the school in marking this important week. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect' giving us the opportunity to talk about the meaning of the word respect and what respect and kindness look like. We have thought about what bullying is and discussed kind and unkind behaviours.

Phonics

Last week we learnt the sounds; **y, z, zz, qu and ch** and the harder to read a spell words; **we, me & be**. This week we have learnt; **sh, th, ng, nk** and the harder to read a spell word; **push**.

Harder to read and spell words - Reception Autumn term

Harder to read and spell words are words which cannot be read using phonic knowledge and therefore your child will learn these by sight. Below, are the harder to read and spell words that your child learnt in phonics lessons during the first half of the autumn term:

I	the	no	put
of	is	to	go
into	pull	as	his

During this half of the autumn term we will be learning to read and spell the following words:

he	she	buses	we
me	be	push	was
her	my	you	

Your child is also learning to decode and blend phonically decodable words. Each week new sounds are introduced. Some parents have requested the link we sent out before half term which gives guidance as to how to pronounce the sounds clearly. Please find it below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary every day so they are ready for when it is their turn to read to an adult.

Maths

The children have been learning all about the numbers 4 & 5 over the last couple of weeks. They have worked on recognising the numerals and different representations of the amounts. They have worked on subitising (being able to see and say a small quantity quickly without having to count). We have worked on representing 4 or 5 on a 5 frame and looked at different ways of arranging 4 or 5 objects encouraging the children to verbalise how they know it is 4 or 5. They are getting very good at this saying sentences like 'four is made of two and two' or 'Four is made of one and three – one and three make 4.' We have looked at 1 more and 1 less and sang 5 Currant Buns in a Bakers Shop and 5 Little Speckled Frogs to help us to think about 1 less.

Please share any examples of your child doing this on Tapestry.



Forest School dates

Mon 10th Nov – Ash

Mon 17th Nov – Oak

Mon 24th Nov – Ash

Mon 1st Dec – Oak

Mon 8th Dec- Ash

Mon 15th Dec - TBC

Homework/ Show & Tell;

Reading & Phonics;

Please practise reading (or share a book together) every day and practice recognising the harder to read and spell words listed above. Please write in the reading diary each time you do this. **If your child has read the book we encourage you to reread it with them several times to develop fluency.**

Maths task; NEW TASK – please see the document accompanying this newsletter for the Maths homework task for this half term.

Diary dates

Friday 14th Nov – Children in Need day

Tuesday 18th Nov & Thursday 20th Nov – Parent Consultation evenings
(more info to follow)

Thursday 20th Nov – Flu Vaccinations

Monday 8th December 2.00pm – Reception and Acorn A Christmas show

Thursday 11th Dec 2.00pm – Reception and Acorn B Christmas show

Wednesday 17th Dec – Christmas lunch and party day. Wear Christmas jumpers to school.

Friday 19th Dec – Christmas Carol service – for pupils only.

Friday 19th Dec – End of Autumn Term

Important Reminders:

- We are running very low on boxes for junk modelling please do send in any small boxes/ packaging. Unfortunately, we can't accept any packaging that has contained a nut product.
- Now the weather has become wetter, please don't forget to send a change of clothes for after forest school as the children are getting very muddy.