Ash Class

The Children's News

Oak Class

29th September 2026

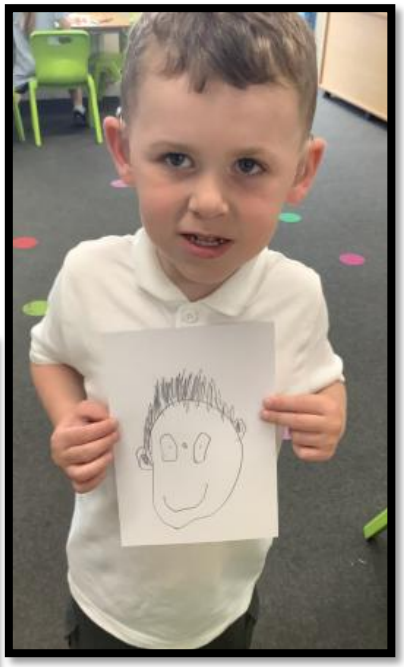
We have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks in Ash and Oak classes. We have been focusing on the topic 'All About Me'. The children have enjoyed telling us about themselves when sharing their Chatterboxes and last week, everyone made a self-portrait using materials that they had chosen from around the classroom. We had some very imaginative creations. This week, the children have been telling us all about their families and drawing pictures of them. Some children are also beginning to be able to write labels for their pictures 'mum, dad, cat' etc. We have been encouraging them to speak in full sentences and add in extra detail. We have thought about what makes a family and talked about how all families are different. We take all opportunities to explore diversity through conversations and high-quality texts. Next week, we will read the book Peepo by Allan and Janet Ahlberg and think about similarities and differences in homes in the past and today

Why not have a chat about who is in your family. What relation are they to your child? Where do they live? Are all families exactly the same? What makes them different?







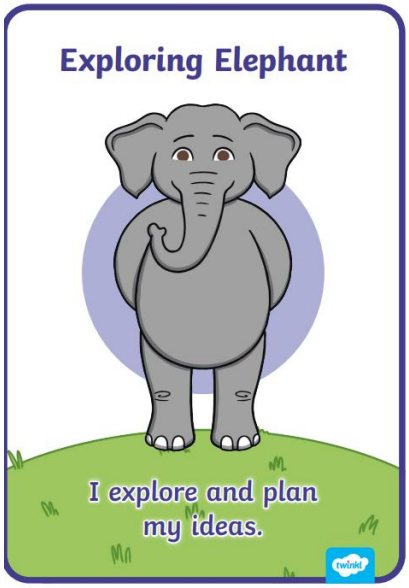


Both Oak and Ash class have enjoyed their first visit to Forest School. They have enjoyed exploring all the different activities out there and talking about what they can see and do when there. The children love being outside in nature and learn so much. A session out in forest school helps the children to develop in all areas of the EYFS Curriculum; Communication and Language, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Fine/ Gross Motor skills, English, Maths, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and Being Creative and Imaginative.

Thank you so much for sending your child in with clothing suitable for Forest School. At this time of year, the weather is so changeable so please do send your child in with layers of clothes and waterproofs/ wellies. Please do send them in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and please send them with long sleeved tops and trousers. Many thanks.

Oak and Ash class really enjoyed their first visit to the Library over the last two weeks. To allow the children a bit longer enjoying our library the books will be changed fortnightly.

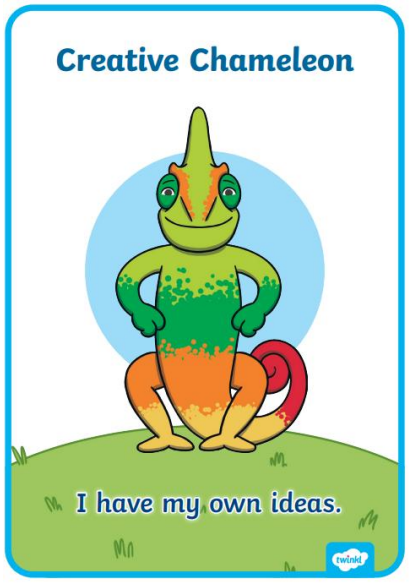
Learning Zoo (Characteristics of Effective Learning)
You may have heard the children talking about our Learning Zoo characters. Effective learning in Reception happens when children feel safe, curious, and engaged, allowing them to explore through play, build confidence, and develop key skills at their own pace. The EYFS Characteristics of Effective Learning describe how children learn best through playing and exploring, being active, and thinking creatively and critically. These characteristics help children to stay curious, concentrate, and develop their own ideas and ways of doing things. We have introduced the children to the following animals;

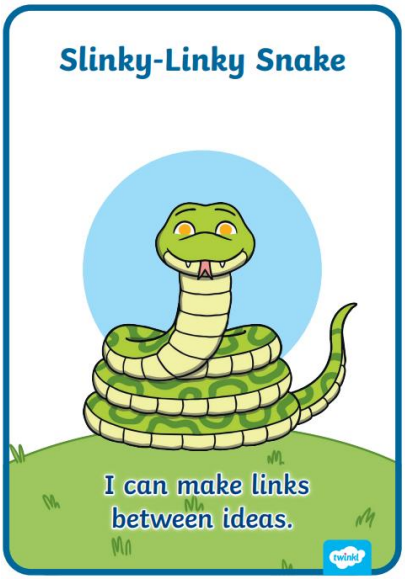












Diary dates

Wednesday 29th September – Individual Photos
Thursday 1st October – SEND coffee morning 9.00-10.30am
Friday 3rd October – School Harvest Festival assembly. Please send food donations in with your child.
Wednesday 7th October – Harvest Festival (donations for the Need Project gratefully received)
Wednesday 7th October – Open Evening 5-6.30pm
Friday 23rd October – Parents Coffee morning (all welcome)
Monday 26th Oct- Friday 30th Oct – Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 17th Nov & Thursday 19th Nov – Parent Consultation evenings (more info to follow)

Phonics



The children continue to impress us during their phonics lessons. So far the children have learnt the sounds, **s,a,t,p,i,n,m and d,** They have also learnt the 'Harder to Read and Spell words; **a, the.**

This video demonstrates how we teach the sounds in phonics and how to pronounce them. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc
In every Phonics lesson, we practise forming the letters. Each letter has a handy little rhyme that helps the child to form the letter correctly. Please see the document sent out with this newsletter – we are currently working on Phase 2. Please do encourage your child to mark-make and write as often as they can and when they want to form a particular letter, you can remind them of the formation.
Next week we will be learning **g, o, c, ck.**



Maths

The children started their first maths lessons last week in which they explored sorting and matching. They have enjoyed playing matching games and sorting different objects into groups. A great way to support your child at home with this would be to play a game of matching pairs or even get them to help sort the washing into groups. **We would love to see this on Tapestry!**

Forest School dates

Tues 6th Oct – Oak
Tues 13th Oct - Ash
Tues 20th Oct – Oak
Half Term
Tues 3rd Nov – Ash
Tues 10th Nov – Oak
Tues 17th Nov - Ash

Homework/ Show & Tell;

Please practise reading (or share a book together) **every day** and practice recognising the harder to read and spell words listed above.

Maths task; **New Task!!**

Please complete some of the tasks from the **Matching and Sorting** sheet that accompanies this newsletter.
Please share any activities that you do on Tapestry.

Important Reminders:

- We are finding that some children are bringing in large amounts of food at snack time. The children's snack time is not long before lunch so they really only need one snack such as a piece of fruit.
- Please can you make sure the children's jumpers and cardigans are named so that we can return them at the end of the day.
- Thank you for your patience at pick up time. The children are asked to wait in line until they get to the front so that we can ensure all children are safely sent home. On occasion, a different adult may be releasing the children from class and it is important we ensure they go to the correct adult.
- Please send your child's reading book into school every day.