



EDITH CAVELL ACADEMY & NURSERY

Autumn Term Newsletter 2016





Academy Calendar

January 2017

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Holiday Dates



A Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have completely immersed in our storytelling approach this term, where every class has engaged in oral storytelling and have written their own version of the story. The children have learnt to uplevel their sentence writing delivered through the Alan Peat Style of writing. Our long term curriculum maps on our website state all the many cross curricular learning opportunities the children have experienced in and out of the classroom this term. From Nursery to Year 6 we bring about projects inspired by stories. We do this so the children are immersed in a rich language environment and so that when it comes to writing they have a vocabulary to draw from.

Inside every classroom you'll find a reading/ roleplay area linked to their story and the area holds maths and writing opportunities too for the children to access independently. We add to the delivery of the National curriculum by taking on the children's interests and own ideas also, through what we term as spontaneous planning. Class teachers evidence this on their boards and children may choose to record any special events in their memory books.

Outside, the children have many opportunities to engage in play and have positive lunchtimes. We help to structure this time by providing a play leader to lead an activity or the children can take respite in the sanctuary club should they wish too.

We have experienced wonderful enrichment opportunities by visitors coming to school to share their work with us. We had a wonderful author in, Ella Burfoot with her story bowl of ideas and John Massey has visited us twice this term to teach playground games and games around the world. All children have visited the local library and attended a screening at the cinema.

Groups of children have attended maths, science, writing, art etc workshops at other schools too. Our revamped library has been successfully received by the children and is in constant use.

Our philosophy here at ECAN is that, 'Happy children achieve' please see how by reading each classes entries.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Ms P Jones





Nursery

Autumn Term

We have had a fantastic start to our school year, and we are so proud of how well all our new children have settled. The children are becoming confident with our routines, and demonstrating good learning behaviours. They have made lots of new friends, and recognise the importance of kind hands and words. We have learnt about so many things already! We have recognised festivals from all around the world, and have noticed the changing seasons. We have enjoyed lots of stories and chosen playful learning opportunities related to them. We now know so many Nursery Rhymes and love to sing, dance and make music!





Reception

Autumn term:

Reception have settled into school life really well. We started off by learning routine songs; days of the week, months of the year, line up song and number rhymes.

We then learnt Humpty Dumpty went to the moon. We have been learning Phase 2 and Phase 3 Phonics and were a part of the Christmas Nativity The Grumpy Sheep.



Spring Term plans:

Reception will be learning the story: We're going on a bear hunt. The play loft will turn into a home corner which will have a kitchen/living room downstairs and a bedroom upstairs.



Trips and outings this half term:

Reception went on their first trip to the Cinema to watch Inside out. Also this half term Reception have been to Lakenham for Harvest Festival and Remembrance Day where they laid down the Poppy Wreath they made. Just before the Christmas holidays Reception went on a local walk to a post box where they posted the letters they wrote to Father Christmas.

Parents:

We invited parents in from week 2 for Drop in sessions on Monday mornings to show our grown ups how we can choose playful learning opportunities independently. We also taught our grown ups a Phase 3 phonics lesson and we had an afternoon showcasing our learning where we performed Humpty Dumpty went to the moon.



Year 1

Autumn Term

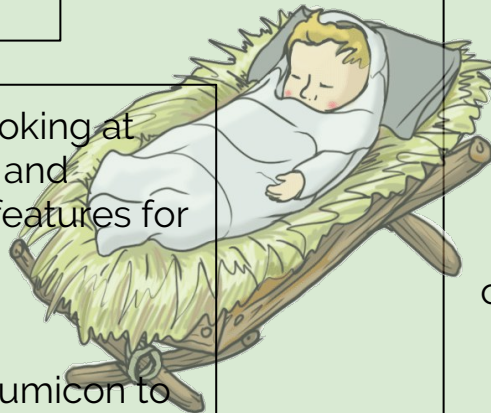
Year 1 have been busy with Julia Donaldson stories such as Stick man and Room on the Broom. We have been thinking about great adjectives to describe our favourite character from the story.

For Room on the Broom day, we made shortbread biscuit wands and used special tools to decorate them. We also enjoyed making puppets and used them retell the story.



In English we have also been looking at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books and noticing features for both.

In maths we have been using Numicon to support our learning with number bonds.



This Term

Year 1 went to the church at Lakenham for Remembrance Day and acknowledged war veterans local to the area.

The children really enjoyed the experience of watching Ice Age 2 on the large screen for the annual film festival. They thought that the movie was very funny.

Spring Term

The children will be learning the story Handa's Surprise which will start our exploration with stories from other cultures. Our role play area will be a castle and we will have trips to Norwich Castle and Easton farm.



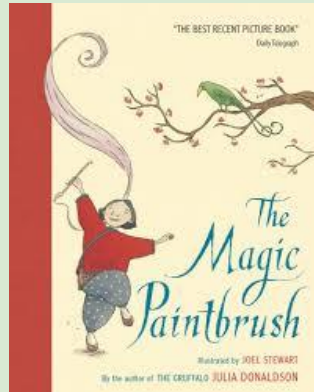
Year 2

Autumn Term:

Year 2 have had an amazing first term! They have all settled in excellently and are now showing a lot of independence and confidence!

Year 2 started the term by learning the story of The Magic Paintbrush. This led to learning about China, including making our own Chinese food - Yum!

We then learned the story of St Nicholas, and linked this to traditional stories. We also used this story as a base for maths investigations.



Spring Term:

When we return after the Christmas holidays Year 2 will be learning about Florence Nightingale.

This will lead into having our very own hospital in our reading role play area!

Trips:

A highlight of the children's first term in Year 2 has to be their weekly trips to the swimming pool. All of the children have shown a great deal of resilience and are growing in confidence whilst in the water. We (and their instructor) are very proud of them - Well Done Year 2!

We also thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the cinema to watch Ice Age: Collision Course.





Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful start to the year and a very busy Autumn term! The children absolutely adored our first story of Pinocchio and immersed themselves in learning all about Italian culture, history of the Romans and geography. Our second half term involved learning Alice in Wonderland, the children loved developing a rich new vocabulary and writing about setting descriptions. We also learnt about the Anglo Saxons and made a working plough!

Our story for the next half term is Pandora's box. Which will fit in very nicely with learning about Ancient Greek history. We have plans to make clay pots in DT, a net of Pandora's box in maths and writing newspaper and nonfiction reports in English.

Perhaps the highlight of the Autumn term was our trip to Norwich Puppet Theatre. The children showed off their extensive knowledge of puppets and got to hand make and design their own. It was a wonderful experience for us all. The following week, we were even lucky enough to have a trip to the cinema to watch Ice-Age. It's been a wonderful first term together!





Year 4

Autumn term - Year 4 have had such a busy term! They have really enjoyed learning new stories through the Storytelling curriculum. Before half term their story was set in Spain which led to lots of learning about Spain and it's culture. This half term their story has been 'When the Vikings came'. The children have loved learning about life as a Viking but decided that it's not something they would enjoy! Year 4 have also enjoyed visiting the local church for Harvest festival



Upcoming -

Next half term the children will be learning a story called 'The Dragon Slayer'. Their reading role play area will be a castle and they cannot wait to build it and use it! The children will continue to learn the ukulele each week and they are getting better all the time!



Trips -

Year 4 have been lucky enough to go on two trips this half term. They went to Tuckswood library where they learn all about libraries and lots of them joined the library. They also went to Vue cinema and enjoyed Kung Fu Panda 3.





Year 5

Autumn term; Year Five have been engaged in some fun, exciting activities and have learned a great deal about the Ancient Egyptians, the Hindu faith and have developed their fiction and non-fiction writing by using our Story Telling focus. Our reading, writing and mathematics skills have progressed and so too have our swimming skills! The children have even learned how to keep themselves safe in the kitchen and have developed their cooking skills.



Upcoming

Next half term the children will be learning stories from Aesop's Fables and will be identifying themes and morals. We will also be using our science topic of 'Light' to embed skills across the curriculum, which will include design technology, religious education, art and mathematics.

Trips

Year Five have had fun on each of their three trips out of school; to the Hewett Academy, where they learned some music and drama skills, to Tuckswood Library and they also went to Vue cinema and enjoyed Kung Fu Panda 3.





Year 6

Autumn term:

For the first part of the term we were using our storytelling text 'Abiyoyo' alongside the book 'The Fantastic Flying Journey' to learn about the people, animals and geography of countries all over the world. We then showcased all that we had learned in our International Market. We invited parents to watch our performances and take part in food tasting and crafts from the different countries. This term we have been learning about World War 2 and we have enjoyed it so much we have decided to carry on learning about it for the first half of next term too...!



Upcoming: As we have decided to carry on learning about World War 2 we will be learning about how the War affected people's everyday lives and learning some of the skills needed to 'Make do and Mend' such as knitting! We will also be doing some work on Myths & Legends later in the term and welcoming our new Year 6 teacher Mrs Keer!.

Trips:

We have done loads of trips already this term! As a class we took part in a hockey and football tournament with other school over at the Hewett High School. We have also taken part in a whole school trip to the cinema as well as a couple of trips to the local church for Harvest and Remembrance Day.





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