St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy

AUTUMN TERM 2025-26 NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each classroom has a really productive buzz about it as the children are getting into the new areas of learning for their year groups. It has been fantastic to go around the school and talk to the children about their learning and also for them to tell me the questions this has led them to think about in greater depth.

Hedgehogs, (Reception class) have been learning through the themes of 'All About Me' and 'Animals'. They have been sharing stories such as 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' and 'Colour Monster'. The children have painted self portraits and made their own Colour Monster collages. They have been developing their fine motor skills through using small tools to crack the monsters out of the ice! They have made a great start with their handwriting and phonics lessons and have particularly enjoyed their PE sessions with Mr Troman and Mr Goodhew.

Year 1/2, (Squirrels class) have been showing us some great maths work where they have been using resources to find more and less. The class have been using the Chrome books to learn how to log on, navigate a keyboard and click and drag. In science, they are learning about naming parts of the human body and how to stay healthy. As part of their design and technology work they are tasting fruit and creating and making their own smoothies. You may even hear them singing a rather catchy song which is helping them to learn and remember the names of the continents!

Owls class, (Year 3/4) have been very excited by their design and technology project where they are designing cars with mechanisms. They will be using slingshot or wind-up techniques to create cars, which they hope will travel the furthest and the fastest! There is obviously a lot of learning which will be taking place for them to decide on the best model possible. The children have also been working hard at learning their times tables. The government set an expectation for all children to be able to rapidly recall times tables (up to 12 X 12) by the end of year 4 and daily practice of this really pays off – keep up the great work!

Year 5/6, (Foxes class) have been producing some fabulous writing based on their mystery stories genre. The story openings they have written this week have used a wide range of techniques to intrigue and draw in their readers. Mrs Whitehead, Miss Grabham and I are all looking forward to reading the final stories. The children have also been learning how to make pop up books in their design technology lessons. They have been taught techniques to use and then will apply this to their own book creation.

It has been a great start to the school year and I am sure that the children will continue with this high standard.

Have a lovely weekend,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Our Core Value this half term is:

FRIENDSHIP

Autumn 1 Clubs –

Monday – Tennis Club (Y1-4) Mr Troman

Monday – Maths Homework Club (Y5-6) Mrs Whitehead

Thursday – Craft Club (Y3-6) Mrs Morgan

Thursday (lunchtime) Eco Club (Y5-6) Mr and Mrs Keam

Thursday – Forest School Club (All Years) Mrs Gordon-Watson

After school childcare is also available Monday – Thursday 3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:

Attendance – last week

Whole School – 96.42%

Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6