St. Andrew's C of E Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see all of the great learning opportunities the children have been engaging with since our return to school.

Reception class have been enjoying a range of wonderful stories, including Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, Super Duper You and The Tiger Who Came to Tea. This week, we had a streak of tigers in school who visited the Hedgehogs' classroom! At the start of the week, we saw some fantastic early writing as the children wrote lists of the things the tiger ate, using the sounds they have learnt in school so far.





Year 1 and 2 have been learning through a fabulous book called The Ground Beneath My Feet. The children have been using maps and photographs to learn about the geographical location of our school. In Design and Technology lessons, they have also been designing and making houses and buildings as they study local buildings.

The children in Year 3 and 4 have been very excited about their science work based on rocks. They have also been sharing a class story called The Stolen Spear. This, alongside the book The Whispering Stones, will help them to develop their background understanding of the Stone Age period in readiness for their history lessons after half term.

Year 5 and 6 have designed and started to create their own tote bags made from pillowcases. The designs look fantastic and I know the children are already very proud of their efforts. Mrs Whitehead has never re-threaded so many needles in her life! We are all very much looking forward to seeing the finished pieces.

I know it seems very early to start thinking about Christmas but our Friends of School have organised the annual 'Cauliflower Cards' which are always so popular. The children will be bringing home the design sheets today where they can crate their own Christmas themed drawing or painting. These can then be made into Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs or other gift items through following the online process. The items always look great and the school profits from the sales. Please make sure that you order and return your child's design to school by the deadline which is **Friday 2nd October**. I am sure there will be mixed opinions as to whether it is too early to get out the glitter!

Have a great weekend,
Donna Butler (Head of School)

Dates for the diary:

Harvest Festival – **2pm** on **Wednesday 7th October** in the school hall.

Hello Yellow Day – **Friday 9th October**. Wear something yellow/non-uniform day. Guess the name of the toy dog (50p) and cake sale in the school hall at 3.30pm. Donations of cakes gratefully received on the day, please.

Our Core Value this half term is:
Friendship

Autumn 1 Clubs –

Monday – Singing Club (Y1-6) Mrs Butler

Wednesday – Darch Martial Arts (Y2-Y6)

Thursday – Football Skills Club (Y2-Y6) Mr Evans

Thursday – Art Club (Y2-6) Mrs Morgan

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

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 97.3%

Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6