



Newsletter - 2nd February 2024

## Our Learning

# BRAMBLES



In Brambles we have been  
learning about nocturnal

# CLASS



In Brambles this week, the children have been making Stick Friends and making maps of the Forest School area. The children have also been consolidating their knowledge of digraphs this week in phonics, playing phonics bingo!

In their Gymnastics lessons, Oak Class have been learning all about balances on different points. The Year 2 pupils have been making forest friends with clay in Forest School and re-writing the story of Little Red Reading Hood. They have also been using a range of colours and media to create their own pieces of art in class.

Willow Class have been studying Roald Dahl's story The BFG (Big Friendly Giant). They have been creating their own pieces of writing around 'Dream Jars' using a range of adventurous vocabulary, including ellipses. In French, the children have been learning the vocabulary for classroom objects and practising this by playing card matching games.

Elm Class have been learning about forces such as gravity and air resistance in Science. They have been conducting a scientific enquiry to see if all objects fall at the same rate. In Art Lessons, the children have been learning to use watercolour paints to create a colour wash and in RE they have been learning more about Judaism.





In Brambles class this week, we have been learning about maps and what they tell us.

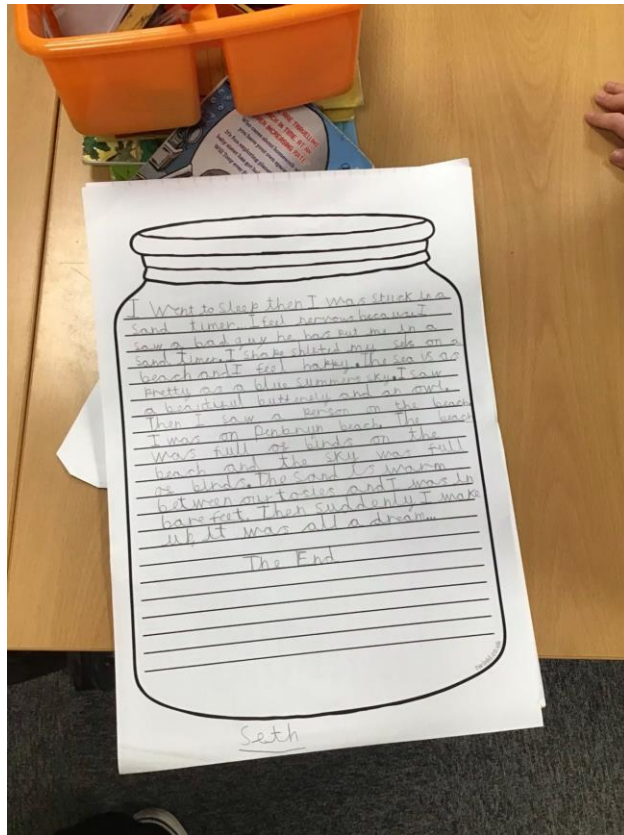


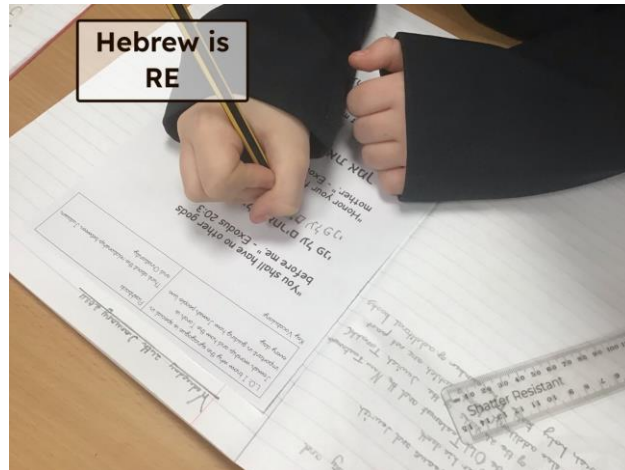


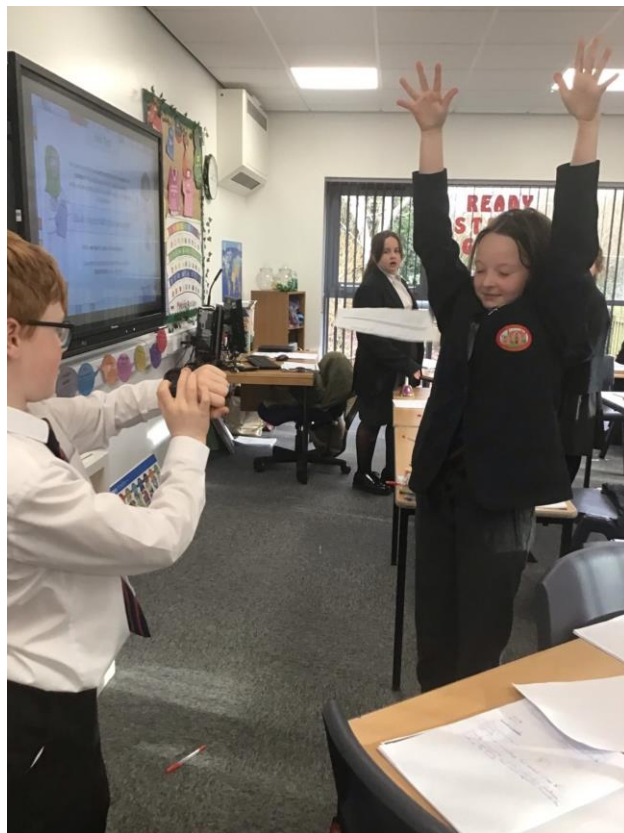






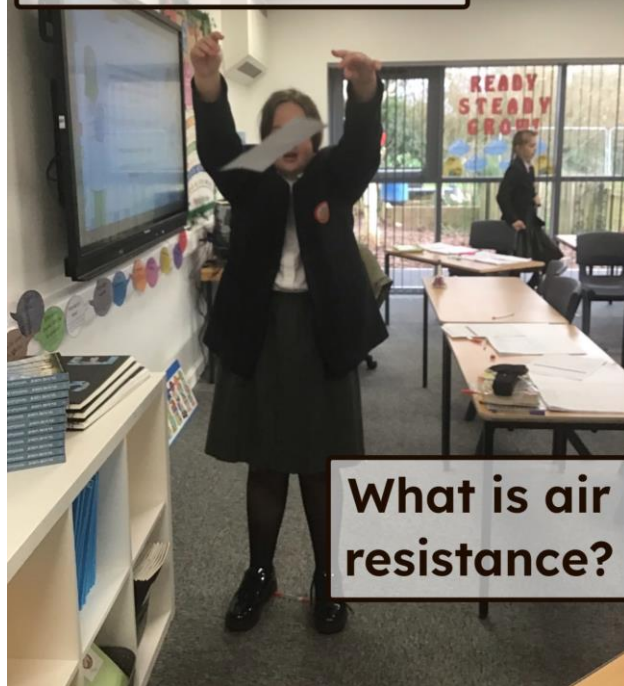








**Does the rate of gravity change?**



**What is air resistance?**

**Colour-wash portraits...**



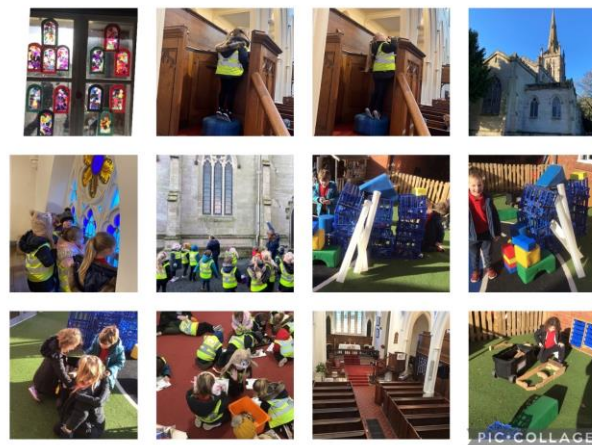
## Trips and Experiences



On Wednesday last week, Oak Class visited Westacre Middle School to join in with the Gymnastics Festival.

On Friday last week, Brambles visited St Andrew's Church in Ombersley. The children had a wonderful time. They loved looking at all the things they had been learning about in class. In the church they did a treasure hunt, designed their own stained glass window and enjoyed standing on the pulpit. When they got back to school children made their own stained glass window and designed their own church with the bricks and blocks.

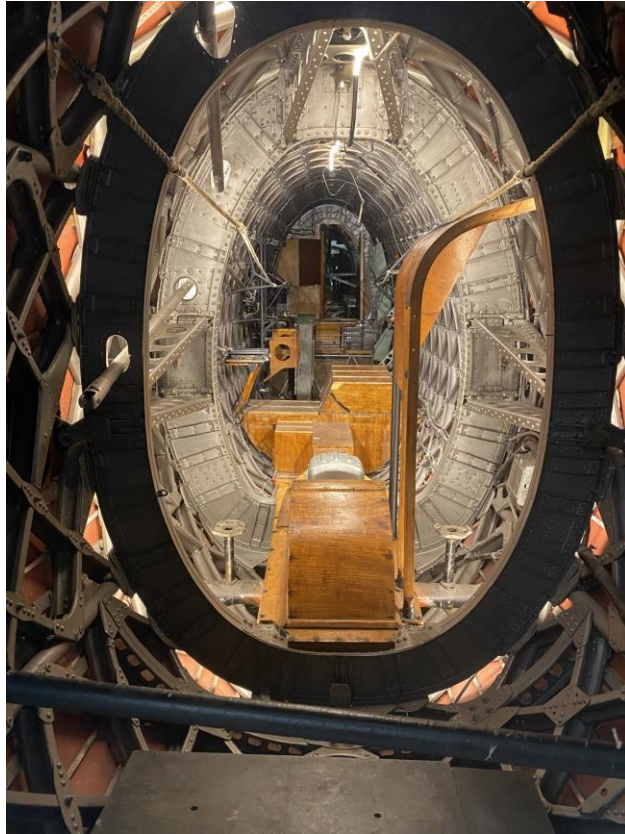
This week, Elm Class visited RAF Cosford Museum as part of the current History topic, World War II. It was wonderful for the children to be able to see History brought to life!





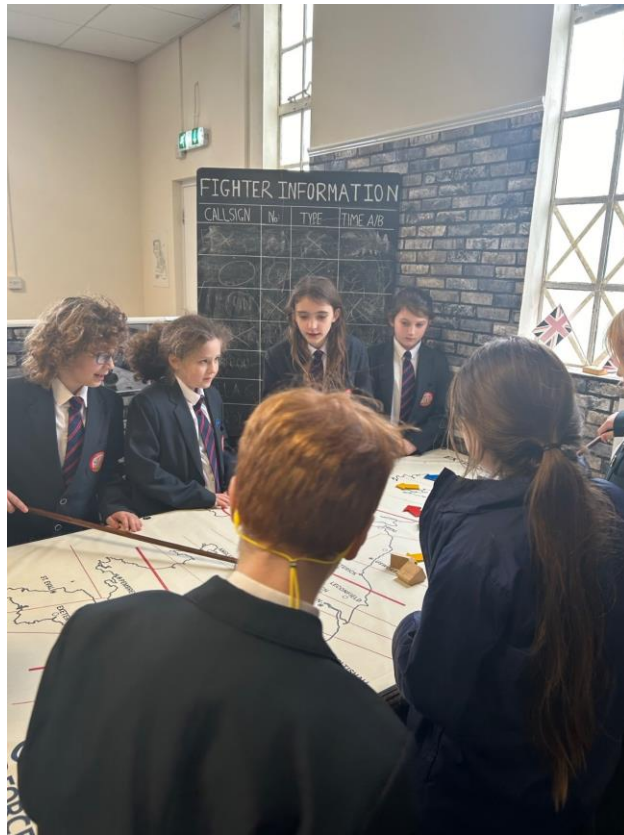












## Staff Changes



We are very sad to announce, that Mr Webster has decided to pursue a change of career and will be leaving us at Easter. We are really sad to see Mr Webster go as he has been such an important part of our team, but wish him the very best on his exciting new adventure! We are advertising currently for a permanent replacement.

Mrs Shearn (HLTA Oak Class) will also finish her contract with us at the end of this half term. She was appointed using COVID Recovery funding to support teaching and learning in Oak Class, but this funding has now finished. Mrs Shearn is currently working hard on building her Celebrant Business and we will miss her positive energy around the school!



On a happier note, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Lawson is expecting her second baby! She will be leaving on Maternity Leave in May/June. We are currently advertising for a Maternity Cover Teacher for Oak Class. Mrs Oliver has kindly agreed to take on the role of SENCO in Mrs Lawson's absence and she will be supported in this role by Mrs Richards and Miss Hothi.

Due to personal circumstances, Miss Morgan has had to reduce her hours and will not be working on a Thursday afternoon or Friday. We are hoping that she will be able to return to full time hours in the Autumn. We are really pleased, however, to say that Mrs Harding, who has worked with us as a Teaching Assistant in the past, is returning to cover Thursday afternoon and Friday morning whilst Miss Morgan has reduced hours. It will be lovely to welcome her back to the team!

PTA



The PTA are busy planning lots of events for this year, the first of which is a Valentine's Film Night. The PTA would like parents to be aware that 'By purchasing your child's ticket you give consent for them to watch the movie and acknowledge that your child needs to be collected at 5pm from the Hall.'



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

THE PTA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE  
YOU TO COME TO SCHOOL IN  
THE CLOTHES THAT YOU LOVE!

ON

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

SYCHAMPTON ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL





The PTA are also running low on the following pre-loved school uniform with logos.

We are in need of the following items & sizes.

Polos

Cardigans

Sweatshirts

Navy Blue P.E. Zipped Hoodies

26" chest (5-6years)

28" chest (7-8years)

30" chest (9-10years)

32" chest (11-12years)



PRE-LOVED

Sytchampton School  
**LOGO UNIFORM  
DONATIONS**

↑ Turn Pre-loved into Re-loved ↑

We are looking for donations of  
Sytchampton school uniforms with  
logos only

Please donate any items in a clean & good  
condition to the school office

*Thank  
you!*

## Barnabee Tea



- Brambles

Charlotte for being kind to her friends.

- Oak

Year 1- Albie - for being determined to produce a good level of work- good boy!

Year 2- Jovi - for being determined and believing in himself when it comes to his writing. Well done!

- Willow Class

Year 3: Ethan for his excellent effort in his creative writing - really believing in himself

Year 4: Farren for Determination in achieving her goals and meeting her targets.



- Elm Class

Y5- Isabella - for excellent determination in her Maths work! Well done!

Y6- Natalya - for always demonstrating all our key values. You are a modal pupil!

## Portacabin Rebuild Project



We are delighted to announce, that the Ombersley Conservation Trust have agreed to donate £15,000 towards the school's contribution for the new build! This is fantastic news and has taken some pressure of the school's central budget.

In addition to this, the National Grid have met with the third party land owner this week regarding the new transformer and they will now be obtaining the wayleave signing. This means that they now have permission to go ahead with the works to ensure that we have a three phase electricity supply. We don't yet know when this will be completed, but we will keep you posted.

We have been obtaining quotes for our sensory garden and are hoping to get the block paving sorted out fairly soon.

We are also in the process of arranging a replacement Summer House building for the Bird Hide in our Forest School Area after this fell down a couple of weeks ago.

## Diary Dates



Please see below some of the key diary dates for next term as it stands right now. Please be aware that these are subject to change, but that we will notify you if this is the case. We will also keep the school website up to date:

[www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk)



## Spring Term 2024

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<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TED Day – School Closed to Pupils
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Opens to pupils
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am – 10.30am Reception (Brambles) Hearing Tests Willow Class Trip to Bishops Wood (Vikings and Saxons)
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents are welcome!)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Census Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	1pm – 2pm Oak Class Gymnastics Festival (Westacre Middle School)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Brambles Trip to Ombersley Church (Parents to drop off at the church in the morning) 9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Elm Class Cosford Trip
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Oak Class Think Tank Trip Rob Holmes (Author) Mindfulness Q&A
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PTA Valentines Film Night
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome) Non Uniform Day (Wellbeing Champions)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Re-Opens to pupils
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Open the Book Assembly (Pupils only)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3.30pm – 5pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3.30pm – 6pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Drama Workshops
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Mothering Sunday Donations
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	(am) Basketball Player Experience (WOW Basketball) All Year Groups (pm) Beekeeper visiting Brambles
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Assessment Week (All Week)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2pm Parent Voice Meeting
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	1.30pm – 4.15pm Year 5/6 Girls Netball Tournament (RGS)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Deaf Awareness Day 9.30am-10.30am Reception Hearing Tests (for those who failed previously)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter PTA Easter Event School Closes for Easter



## Attendance



Thank you so much to everyone for making a big effort to be in school. We really want to make the most of every opportunity to help your child reach their full potential, so by ensuring that they are in school, you will be supporting us in achieving this. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on our school website.

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