



Message from the Headteacher 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of a busy half term, which has been exciting. The focus of our new maths programme, Maths for Life, has been money and teachers are currently assessing our learners' progress, which we will share in the new half term. Our phonics scheme continues to support our learners' reading development and we have now been asked by White Knights the South East English hub, to support other schools in their implementation of their phonics schemes. We have also started our work with ibrick, who teach science once a week to a group of secondary learners and have continued to develop our community links with regular visits to SOAP, BLAP, the Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre and local shops to name a few.

Yesterady afternoon there were spooky celebrations on both sites, with pumpkin, spider and ghostly themed arts based activities for learners. We have some scary pumpkins and there has been a lot of creative work with paint.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on November 4th at the usual time.

Enjoy half term.

Best wishes

Lucy

Coming up:

Monday 4th
November
Return to School

Friday 15th
November
Children in Need
fundraising

Please see the
link for:
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Dates](#)



News from the Classrooms

Rainbow Class

Rainbow has had a fantastic first half-term of the school year, filled with plenty of activity and the biggest smiles!

It's been wonderful to see friendships blossom within the class—there's definitely been some group scheming here and there, which we absolutely love! As we continue building on different lessons in our routine, it's exciting to see how the learners are beginning to engage with one another more deeply, which is a lovely progression.

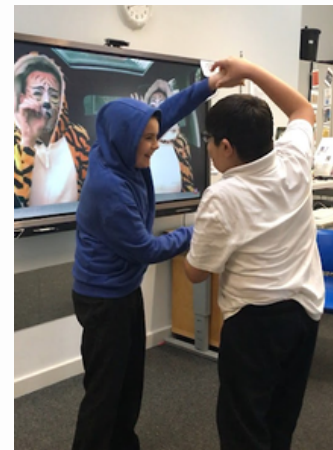
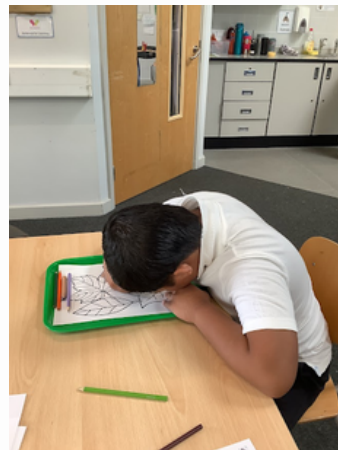


As always, sensory experiences play a key role in our classroom, and they remain at the heart of many of our favourite lessons. This half-term, we've especially enjoyed introducing our new phonics lesson, 'Play with Names,' which really adds the Rainbow flair to phonics. We've also had a great time in the sensory room and during our art lessons, all of which are leading to a larger project... stay tuned!

We wish everyone a wonderful break and look forward to an equally fantastic next half-term—with a bit of festive cheer sprinkled in!

Silver Class

This week in Silver Class we have been celebrating halloween through Music, Art and Play. We've been making lots of autumn decorations and monstrous portraits inspired by Picasso. In music, we have been exploring rhythm with drums, playing fast and slow to different beats. We've also been having a spooky 'cauldron time', exploring various spooky toys and gadgets. All in all it's been a lovely end to the term and are looking forward to coming back in November! Have a lovely break everyone!





Halloween





HEADTEACHER'S
AWARDS
AWARDED FOR LISTENING





Listening

The receiving, retaining and processing of information or ideas

There are lots of listening activities you can do with to support your son or daughter developing their listening skills. There are some great listening games and audio books to be found for free using the following links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zm72kmn>

<https://www.storynory.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCYQoiaTfcXUYDWjd8H5Cj5uEqBdV984o>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Please share with us any resources you find that are useful in developing great listening in your son or daughter.

Mabel's Reading Room is OPEN!

We are starting this term with a celebration of our community's love of reading. Reading together is so important and can lead to a life long love of books and stories. With that in mind we would like to invite all of our community (learners, staff and their families) to join in with a photo competition.

Please send us a photo, or photos (there is no limit of the number of entries) of you enjoying books. We will be sharing photos through displays around the school and in our newsletters. The best photos will be receiving prizes at the end of term. You can read anything, anywhere so please feel free to make your photos can be as creative as you would like!

It would be great to see as many members of our community involved as possible.
Have fun reading

Thanks
Tor

Keeping Safe Online



Parents & carers

Advice for parents and carers to help support children and young people in their safe and responsible use of the internet.

 Childnet



Homepage

Working with online safety experts, we're here to provide parents & carers with guidance, advice and support to keep children safe online

 Internet Matters /



Keeping children safe online

Learn more about children's online safety. Advice and support to help you learn about staying safe online as a family.

 NSPCC



Parents and Carers

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

 UK Safer Internet Centre



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