



Woolpit Primary Academy

NURTURE • RESILIENCE • INSPIRATION • RESPECT

NURTURE:

We took part in the national 'Mental health week'. Children were very respectful and nurturing when discussing challenges people face and then finding ways to keep their minds healthy. They explored different opinions and strategies to support and help those around them.

The children have all run the Mila Mile at school to support a friend of the school, our previous PATHs coach Rosie, who the children worked closely with. Rosie had a baby in August who was rushed to hospital after having a cardiac arrest at 6 weeks old and since been diagnosed with dilated Cardiomyopathy. We are trying to raise money to support them as the children cared for Rosie and worked closely with her. If you would like to donate please contact the school. The children have shown such nurture and empathy for the family and showed resilience for the cause.

RESILIENCE:

Over the last half term, our school community has been through many challenges. Firstly, keeping the school open and running as normal as possible while many of our staff and children battled COVID, having their friends not in and on occasions only a few children or their teacher out of school. The children continued to learn and be resilient, which is a testament to them all.

INSPIRATION:

We started learning our new topic— exploration. It was exciting to be part of this new learning and watch children being immersed in learning about different explorers and ways of exploring. Year 5 and 6 children have produced some amazing writing on Shackleton's journey and had fun finding out about the challenges he faced and the resilience needed.

RESPECT:

We have learnt about respect in many different forms. How to respect people that have different opinions to ours, how to respect each other on the playground when friends want to play different games and how to express our opinions in a respectful way.

Dates for your diary

SPRING TERM 2022

Wednesday 5th January- Thursday 17th February
Monday 28th February- Friday 8th April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April- Friday 27th May
Monday 6th June- Thursday 21st July

Parents' evening

Wb: 3rd April

Friends Of Woolpit (FOWs) AGM

On Tuesday 16th March 5pm at school, we are holding an AGM to recruit new positions for our FOWs. We would love to see lots of new faces there and all are welcome.

The agenda will be to ascertain roles for the future due to Sarah Brown stepping down as chair person.

In order to continue to run, we need a new chair person, a treasurer and a secretary.

The FOWs are an important part of the school and supporting the school with funding. We are currently fundraising to build a new library for the school.

Thank you...

A huge thank you to Pete Hunt and Hannah Alderton, who spent most of the half term painting one of our classrooms out of pure kindness. Such a kind thing to do and we will love learning in our new, fresh classroom.

Also, a big thank you to the FOWs for the hot chocolate and cookies on the last Friday of half term. They raised an impressive £147.80 towards a new library.

Mila's mile

Last academic year, we had a regular visitor in school—Rosie our PATHs coach. The children worked really closely with Rosie and loved working with her. Rosie had a baby girl, Mila, in August. However, she has been very poorly in Addenbrookes hospital with a condition called dilatated cardiomyopathy, which was diagnosed after she had a cardiac arrest in A&E at 6 months old. Last week all of the classes ran a mile around the school field to raise money and awareness for Mila. If anyone would like to donate for Mila for your child who has run the mile please donate on the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rosie-Bayley1?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=8c059643-513d-41d8-bb35-5a003bb88b8d&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1642611087787

Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog class have been loving our Power of Reading text: How to Find Gold. We have created our own maps; written instructions and made our own plans for how to find gold. In maths we've been consolidating our knowledge of addition using Part-Whole models. We are so impressed with how well our Year 1 and Reception are retaining their number bonds to 10, what superstars!! We have also been exploring measuring (length) and solving problems using measurement.

In DT we have designed and made treasure boxes with a specific question in mind, we have then evaluated whether we achieved what we planned. We have learnt about Chinese New Year, that it is the Year of the Tiger this year and wrote our own non-fiction pages about Tigers on the laptops.

In Science we have been learning about different materials and their properties, magnetic materials, materials which can float or sink and exploring what affects whether a material floats or sinks. We have also been learning in Geography about the names of the continents and oceans of the world and where we live.

Bumblebee Class

Bumblebees have truly shown a lot of resilience this half term. We have had so many disruptions but they have all kept on going and so many of the children are making huge leaps in their achievements and progress.

We are being inspired by space explorers in our History and English lessons. The children have really enjoyed researching about life in space as an astronaut and learning about some of the ways in which they live on the International Space Station. They have also enjoyed learning about the beginnings of space travel and the 'Space Race' culminating in Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission landing on the moon in 1969.

The children continue to nurture and respect each other in our daily routines but this has been really evident in our PE lessons recently when we have worked in teams to play handball, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. This was also true in Children's Mental Health week where they thought about who can nurture them as well as who they can nurture to be the best they can be.

Nightingale

Nightingales have had an amazing half term acquiring new knowledge and developing a variety of practical skills. The children have learnt how to produce a recount and persuasive pieces of writing, which has been closely linked to our class text 'Shackleton's Journey'. In Maths, they have been building on previous knowledge about division and fractions, this will continue next half term.

The children have been very active this half term demonstrating their rugby skills on the field, making amazing progress in their weekly swimming lessons and running the 'Mila Mile' for charity.

Not only have they been physically active, but they have been thinking about their mental wellbeing. As part of Mental Health awareness week, the children made their own 'support balloons', listing all those close to them who provide support when they are having a tough time.



As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, as a class we decided on one activity that would make us happy, this was baking. The children loved making chocolate brownies and took great care measuring, mixing and tasting their treats!

Owl

This half term year 6 have been fully engrossed in learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to the Antarctic. The children have written persuasive letters to Shackleton in response to the advert he put out for crew. They have also written motivational speeches after the ship Endurance became stuck fast in 3 foot layers of ice. The children were also lucky enough to take part in an online lesson with the Cambridge Polar Museum learning about the harsh conditions of Antarctica and Scott's attempt to be the first to reach the South Pole. Our work on Shackleton has linked to a new expedition taking place to travel back to the Antarctic and search for the wreckage of Endurance. The children have been following the progress on Newsround.

Our science work this half term has focused on light, and the children can clearly explain how we see objects. We have carried out many different experiments- including how objects are distorted when viewed in water due to light travelling through matters of state. We just about managed to draw and observe our shadows on the last day of term- in between the sun being covered by clouds. The children learnt that the higher the sun appeared in the sky the shorter the shadow.

We have continued with our swimming and the children have made fantastic progress. Everyone can now swim. Not only is it a fantastic life skill but the children are certainly keeping fit.

Fox

We have had a great month in Fox Class now that we are back in the old routine, after an unsettled winter. In English, we have been looking at our sentence structure and seeing how we can make sentences more exciting by adding adjectives, adverbs and extra information. Seeing the way that some of the children transformed the boring sentences they had been given has been amazing. We have also been looking at speech punctuation and writing direct speech. We have finished our book, The Mousehole Cat, which the class enjoyed.



In Geography and History we have been developing our understanding of sea travel and are starting to look at the different features of rivers. We have combined this with our Art, looking at seascapes by JMW Turner and having a go at our own abstract ocean pictures.

Away from the usual lessons, we have enjoyed learning about Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. For Mental Health Week, the children thought about the goals they would like to achieve and the support network they have to help them reach these goals. The children then drew their support networks around a template, creating many beautiful balloons. Safer Internet Day generated lots of discussion and thought. The theme was Fun and Games, and was designed to keep us both safe and respectful when playing games online. This was a big part of many of the children's lives and we enjoyed looking at different scenarios and talking about what we would do.

Mental health week pictures



All Stars and Dynamos Cricket at Woolpit Cricket Club

Our local cricket club are offering a wonderful opportunity for children to get into cricket. There are two courses available for children to sign up to: All Stars, aimed at 5-8 year olds and Dynamos, aimed at 8-11 year olds. Both of the courses are delivered from Friday 6th May and run until the end of the Summer term.



All Stars

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies.

These sessions will be led by ECB UKCC Level two coaches and you can sign up here by following the link and searching for Woolpit Cricket Club [England and Wales Cricket Board \(ECB\) - The Official Website of the ECB](#)

Dynamos

Dynamos cricket provides a fantastic next step for those older children and caters for those with and without experience. Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket. Every child who

Clubs

Please see the timetable below with the clubs that we are offering. All clubs are free of charge except the football club which is run by the Sports Partnership. Clubs start next week, except Football which starts this Wednesday

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
Monday	Sewing Club	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Years 4-6. 10 children maximum, please sign up using school gateway, 1st come basis.
Tuesday	Dance Club	3.15-4.15pm	Whole school. Children have already signed up to this.
Wednesday	Football Club	3.15-4.15pm	Years 1-3. Children have already signed up to this using school gateway.
	Construction Club	Lunch time	
Thursday	Around The World Club	3.15-4.15pm	Years 2 –6. Please sign up using school gateway
	Book Club	Lunch time	Years 3 one week then year 4 next week.
Friday	Hamma Bead club	Lunchtime	R– Y3.