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Positive Living and Learning for People with Epilepsy and other Complex Needs

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The learners have returned to school refreshed and eager to learn. They have produced some fantastic work this week and all of the classes have had a really lovely working atmosphere.

Despite the colder weather the learners continue to enjoy walks around the site and make good use of the playground. We are definitely in autumn now as the leaves begin to fall from the trees!

In assembly today we celebrated All Saints and All Souls and explored the themes of love, loss, friendship, grief and kindness.

I hope you are finding the new school bags useful and that the home/school communication books inside them are giving you an insight into your child's day at school as well as providing you with a direct line to the class team.

As a centre we are looking forward to St. Elizabeth's Day, which we will celebrate on Wednesday 17th November. It will be a lovely day, as always, and I will let you know our plans for the day next week.

Have a good weekend.

Stuart

Stuart Bruce
Assistant Head of School

Pippin Class

A big hello to everyone my name is Charlotte and I am the new class teacher of Pippin. This has been my first week and am enjoying being a part of the St. Elizabeth's team. This week our focus has been on developing our literacy and sensory skills, we have loved learning about lots of stories and have made glitter fireworks to celebrate this evening.
Have a lovely weekend from all the team.

Jubilee Class

Jubilee class has been learning about France. We found out about the French Revolution some French words numbers and colours. We have enjoyed cooking and tasting some French food. We also learnt about All Saints Day for assembly and prepared the learners for Bonfire Night as well as learning about firework safety. The class had lots of fun at the end of the week where the learners got to face paint each other with the French flag and joined singing practice with a French song for everyone.
Have a lovely weekend
Jubilee class team.

Bramley Class

This term our theme is entertainment and we are retelling some traditional tales that you might also learn about through Pantomime. This week we have learnt about Red Riding Hood and we have learnt a lot of songs to do with this story. We also did some dressing up and thought about what foods we like to eat when we are feeling ill. We did some role play and we also took a walk in the orchard, but we didn't see any wolves. However, we did see some pheasants. We picked some apples and tasted them to see which ones were the sweetest.

We have also been learning about All Souls Day, Diwali and Bonfirenight in RE and for assembly. We also did some lovely art work to do with fireworks and made some friendship bangles.
Regards,
Lyn

Winston Class

Happy Friday from The Winston Team.

We have enjoyed our return to school after half term. We have shared with one another all of the things we have been doing in our week off and we have worked a lot on our communication. This afternoon we played a game called 5 Second Rule (adapted slightly) but the class did really well and everyone participated, with some great answers. We have done our usual dancing, yoga and fitness. We have started to look at money in numeracy. Some of the students have done this before but it is a very important life skill and we need to make sure the class are understanding which coins and notes are which and how important it is to get change!
We have also been looking at friendship and how to be with our friends. The class are doing well and are developing some good friendships and showing empathy and understanding with one another.
Next week we are going to start developing some Christmas products that we are hoping to sell at a Christmas pop up shop.
Have a great weekend
Mel and The Winston Team!

Discovery Class

Discovery class have been pleased to be back this half term.

We have started our new topic of Entertainment, getting ready for the run up to Christmas and panto season!

Our sensory story this half term is based on Disney songs, exploring different items related to the Disney stories. Some of our learners are continuing to work on their understanding of colourful semantics whereas others are extending their vocabulary using symbols and photos.

In sensory art we have been thinking about fireworks. We used balls and paints to make firework pictures, rolling the balls across the paper to make different patterns.

We have been continuing to practise our life skills, making toast for our snack time and choosing the toppings we wanted.

In RE we thought about our world and the changes which happen during autumn. We made lovely autumn pictures and some pupils chose symbols to help write autumn poems.

IN PSHE we have started a topic about emotional literacy, focusing on identifying and exploring feelings through different practical activities.

Have a great weekend

Letty and Gill

And the Discovery team

Stirling Class

This week Stirling have continued reading "The Diamond Brothers: Public Enemy Two" by Anthony Horowitz.

The students have been working on plurals towards their City and Guilds English units looking at plurals ending in s, es, ves and irregular plurals such as "geese" and "sheep".

In Maths the students have been working with the 24 hour clock and durations of time.

The students continued our mini project about the Crusades in our work on English history.

The students carried out science experiments about bubbles where we learnt about CO₂, the gases in air and citric acid.

The students also continued work on personal finance creating extra evidence as required by the City and Guilds unit of work.

Enjoy your weekend

Stirling Class team