



Dunsford Community Academy

Nurturing brilliance to catch our dreams

Thursday 23rd January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been filled with inspiring conversations about bravery, as our children explored what it truly means to be brave. They even worked together to create a scale of bravery, sparking some wonderful discussions about courage in both big and small moments.

A special highlight has been welcoming our Nursery children to join us outside at lunchtimes. It has been heartwarming to see our older pupils exemplifying our core value of thoughtfulness by playing inclusively and making everyone feel part of our school family. The children are so supportive of one another, showing kindness and understanding in their actions every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Mr Waters

Robins

This week in Robins, we've been exploring 'Special Friends' in Phonics, focusing on letter pairs like 'sh,' 'ch,' and 'nk.' In Maths, we've been creatively finding different ways to make 6, 7, and 8 using various resources, and the students have made great progress!

In PE, the children have enjoyed learning yoga, focusing on balance, flexibility, and mindfulness. We've also been learning about the incredible people who help us in our community, such as doctors, firefighters, and teachers, fostering an appreciation for teamwork and community spirit.



PE is on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Forest School is on Fridays.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have been hard at work this week in math, practising both addition and subtraction, and using number bonds to help us.

We have continued our RWInc lessons and worked on The Gruffalo-inspired adjectives in Sentence Builders.

In art, we experimented with watercolour techniques to mimic the gradients used in Andy Goldsworthy's work.

In PE, we have been busy dancing!

In RHE, we discussed bedtime routines and the importance of a good night's sleep.

At Forest School, we made bird feeders.



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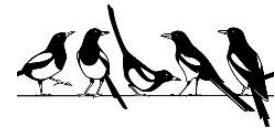
Forest School is on Tuesdays.

Magpies

In English, Magpies have been planning letters from Uncle Jim, which helps them practice creative writing and understand the structure of letters. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers, an important skill for mathematical development.

In Science, we are learning about how water travels around a plant, exploring the process of transpiration and how water moves from roots to leaves. During PE, we have been engaging in dance, which is a fun way to stay active and improve our coordination.

For Whole Class Reading, Magpies are reading the poem "The Pobble" by Edward Lear, delving into its whimsical themes and language.



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Barn Owls

In English, Barn Owls have completed their sentence stacking lessons focused on writing a biography of the renowned naturalist, David Attenborough. This engaging project has helped them enhance their writing skills by learning how to structure sentences effectively and use descriptive language. In Maths, we've been working on adding and subtracting decimals, a crucial skill that will aid them in real-life scenarios such as handling money and measurements.

In PE, Barn Owls have been enjoying tennis and dance, which not only improve their physical fitness but also their coordination and teamwork skills. Our Computing lessons have introduced the students to Scratch, a fun and interactive way to learn the basics of coding. In Art, we've been exploring the works of Pablo Picasso, inspiring the students to create their own abstract masterpieces. For Whole Class Reading, we've started new units on "No Ballet Shoes in Syria," a touching story that has sparked meaningful discussions about empathy and resilience.



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