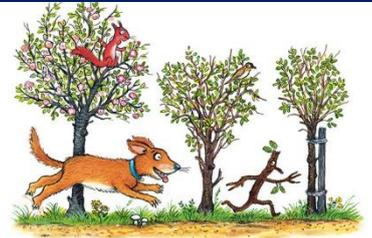




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Catch the Stick Man!

Where Reception had their first ever school trip, Owl Class led a salute to service, and Year 1 parents learned some phonics



Reception had a forest full of fun on their first school trip to Holdenby. They boarded the double decker bus which caused lots of excitement and had a great day in the wonderful woodland. They followed clues to find stick man (based on the book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler), made their own stick man using lots of different natural resources, ordered the story by finding clues around the woods and a real highlight was toasting marshmallows by the campfire and drinking hot chocolate!

Last week, Owl class led their fabulous class assembly all about remembering our heroes and learning that what makes you special is being you...just the way you are! Preparing for the assembly was a huge lesson in developing self-confidence and speaking in front of others and we could not be more proud of the children for showing resilience and self-belief in themselves, and in each other. For the remembrance part of the assembly Mrs Plesca put together a slide show of photos of service men and women, past and present, who are connected to our school families. It was a powerful and moving moment at the time we are remembering the end of the First World War 100 years ago and interesting to see how so many families have a connection to service in different ways. We have been asked if we can share this slideshow but unfortunately we can't for security reasons. A huge thank you to all of the families who provided us with the photos of their precious loved ones who have been involved in the military past or present.

On Thursday we hosted our annual phonics workshop for year 1 parents and following feedback from previous years changed the format which was really successful. Mrs Thomson (our Phase 1 and Phonics Leader) held the information session in the morning for the parents followed by going into the Year 1 classrooms to watch the phonics sessions in action with the children. The feedback has been excellent (thank you!) and it really helped the parents to see how phonics works and also how good the children are at it. Huge thanks to Mrs Thomson for organising this and also to Miss Walker and Miss Rowse and the Year 1 team for a fantastic job.

Last Friday we also had a special treat for being the leading school in the Burton Latimer library summer reading challenge. The reward for the children who completed the challenge was a free picnic courtesy of Subway.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a group of year 5 mathematicians to work on a project involving their maths, design and problem solving skills. This unique project is being run in partnership with Macoi, the company that has provided us with some of the fantastic furniture that we have installed around the school. The group of children met with Andrew and they discussed what factors to consider when designing a space. Their task before the next workshop is to accurately measure the KS2 breakout area using the tips that Andrew gave them

Next week we are hosting 'Engineering Week' as an immersive learning week for the children based around engineering, science, maths and design technology. Each class has lots of amazing things planned for the week and on Friday at 2:30pm you are welcome to join the grand exhibition and see what the children have been doing (FYI Years 1-5, NOT Reception!).

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