



102 Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see how well the children have settled back into school life this term. I hope that the many new families who have joined us have felt welcomed and had any questions you may have had have been answered over the past few weeks in our welcome meetings and parents evening appointments. Please do always talk to your child's class teacher if you have any worries or questions. They are always happy to help.

Every term at school is a busy one and this term we have enjoyed our annual harvest festival together. Many of you sent in donations for the Forest Foodbank and I know that through your generosity we were able to send more food than ever to help others in need in our community - thank you. We have also spent the last month considering Black History Month in our worships and classes. The children have learnt about a number of notable British black people and how they were able to make a change for good despite facing racism or

challenging circumstances. It is important for us at school that children not only consider the needs of others where we live but also learn about the world beyond our own village.

At Redbrook, we are extremely fortunate to be well supported by our local community. The Redbrook Village Trust has recently donated £1000 towards our new laptops and we are hugely grateful for their support. Last Saturday, the Redbrook curry night was a tremendous success, raising an impressive £1,300. This is an event where the local and school community come together and fabulous food is served. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in organising and supporting this wonderful event. Your dedication and commitment make such a difference to our school.

I hope you all have a restful break and return refreshed and ready for another exciting period of learning and, of course, Christmas celebrations! I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday, 3rd November.

With love

Natalie Frey

Executive Headteacher

Robin Class

What a fun and busy half term we have had! The children settled into the routines wonderfully.

Year 2, along with year 3, have explored the texts *The Heart and the Bottle* and *The Seed of Doubt*. The children have asked lots of questions around the texts, made predictions as well as revisited the importance of using capital letters and full stops! In Maths, the children are enjoying using Numbots/ TTRS to consolidate their number facts and times tables. All children enjoy 'Flashback 4' at the start of each maths session, to recap prior learning.

In the afternoons we have enjoyed learning about seasons and the properties of materials in our Science lessons. Year 2 enjoyed making bridges, folding paper in different ways and seeing how many toy bugs their bridge would hold! Year 1 have created some wonderful seasonal pictures and have explored how the weather changes from Summer to Autumn.

Computing continues to be a firm favourite lesson. This half term we have been using a mouse and keyboard, as well as beginning to 'touch type', using Dance Mat typing to support us. In art, we have been exploring spirals, and enjoyed using huge sheets of paper to

make a class collaboration! In PE, the children have been practicing their dribbling skills, and have enjoyed games including Football Traffic Lights and Dance Tag.

The children have enjoyed lots of time outside this half term, especially as part of Muddy Mondays. The children have made rain gauges, leaf and bark rubbings, as well as lots of experiments with water and making shelters!

Reception have settled fantastically and are enjoying acting out stories, as well as making dens for camping trips! As part of their learning about The Little Red Hen, the children enjoyed making 'dough', as well as exploring the farm small world and 'cooking' in the home corner. The children have been consolidating numbers 1-3, what these numbers are made up of and recognising them in the environment. Year 1 have enjoyed exploring part-part wholes recently, using concrete resources to make up the whole number and using language such as '5 is a part and 5 is a part and the whole of me is 10!'

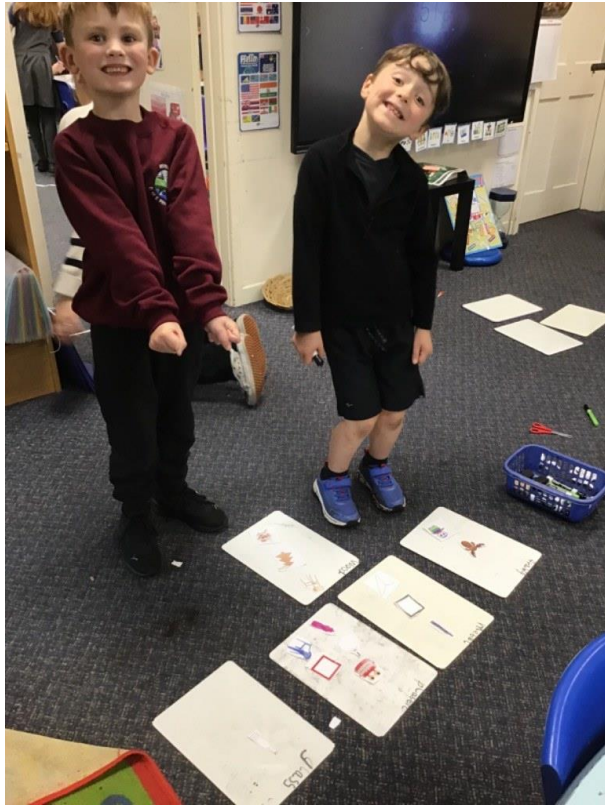
The children have enjoyed exploring the question 'How am I making History?' this half term. They enjoyed sharing photos of when they were younger and making memory boxes, as well as looking at photos of family members and what life might have been like before they were born. A big 'Thank You' to Yasmin and Tara, for giving your time to speak with the children about your experiences of Redbrook, what it was like to be a child in the village and what was similar/ different about Redbrook School!

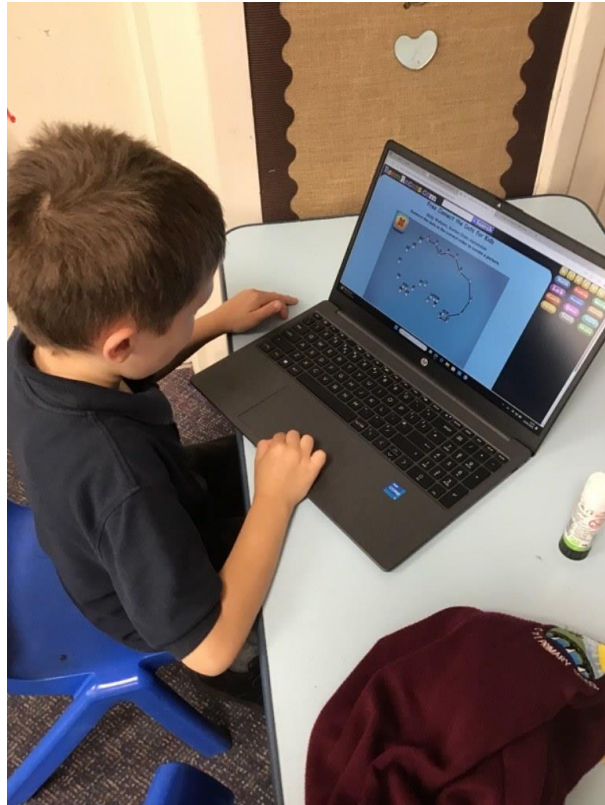
We hope you all have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell and Miss Taylor

























Kingfisher Class

What an amazing start to a new academic year. A warm welcome to all returning and new pupils. This year has seen a number of changes and the children have done a wonderful job adjusting to new routines. Well done Kingfishers!

Our English texts have been a huge success. They've engaged the children with ideas out of their comfort zone, taking them to Alaska and India, having them think about the wider world and empathising with characters in difficult situations. Reading is a wonderful and essential life skill and to encourage reading at home the reading raffle is continuing this year. Keep filling in and sending in those reading records!

Maths is a part of our daily routine. Arithmetic practice is a key part of this and an important opportunity to use the basic operation skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) as well as recap others such as fractions and decimals.

The children's progress and passion has been seen throughout the curriculum. Highlights include programming using Scratch in computing, role play in history, typography in art and yoga! One of the highlights the children have really enjoyed learning on a Monday, as part of our enrichment opportunities, is sign language. Whilst discussing different lives and experiences, the children were interested in those people who struggle with hearing and those who are deaf. Inspired by this, they wanted to learn sign language. We've been using videos and have currently learnt the signs for animals, colours and family members.

Swimming lessons for years 4, 5 and 6 have been a huge success. The children love being in the pool and it's an important life skill. Lessons continue for a few more weeks after half term.

The Harvest Festival was a wonderful showcase of the whole school. The Year 6s did a fabulous job of preparing and sharing the worship with us and the acrostic poems were a lovely opportunity for everyone to share a small part of their work. Thank you to everyone for your support and donations.

Homework projects for the next half term up until Christmas have been posted on Seesaw. There are a range of activities to extend, explore and further engage with our topics. Homework projects will be posted before every holiday.

I wish you all a fabulous half term break ready for the countdown to Christmas and another busy half term of learning!

All the best,

Miss Chambers

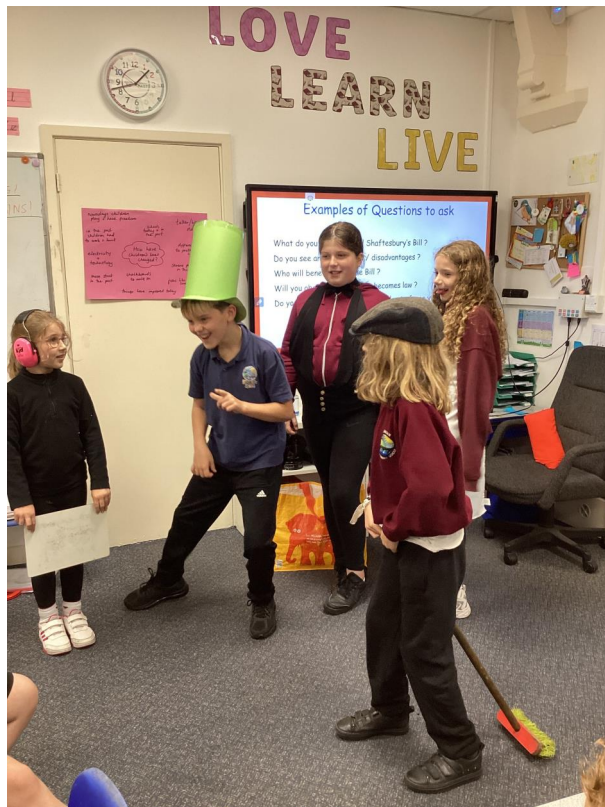
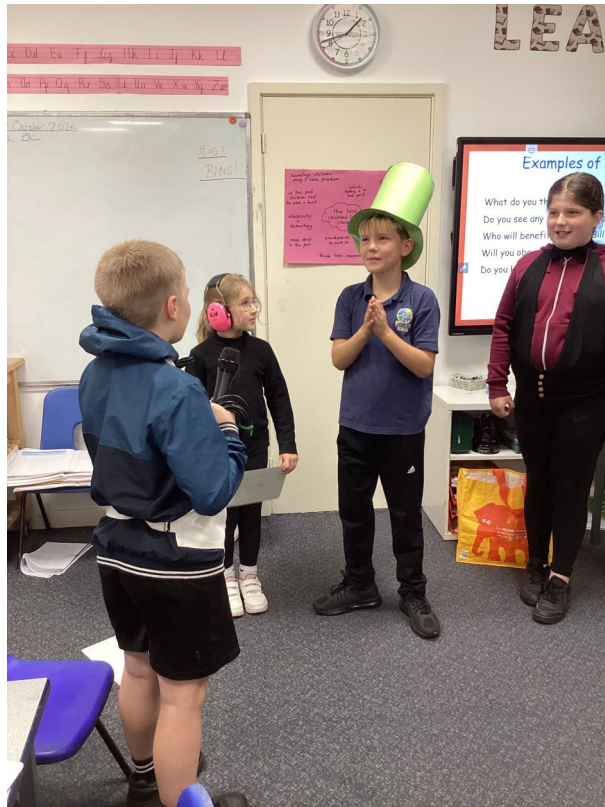












Many thanks to those that purchased raffle tickets , donated prizes and attended curry night ! Raffle prizes winners have been shared on the Friends of Redbrook School Facebook page. The money will help school buy much needed new ipads.

Money raised at the fete was given to the school to help purchase the new laptops the children are now using so that parents can see where money is being spent.

More events coming up:

- Board game club Thursday 20th November 3.20pm tbc
- School disco Thursday 28th November at Redbrook village hall 4-6pm. Tickets for sale in the school office after half term £5 per child (£8 for those with 2 children at the school)
- Christmas craft club Thursday 4th December at Redbrook church 3.20pm , please note this is a parent accompanied event.
- Please join us once again for festive refreshments before and after the Christmas carol service on Thursday 11th December.

Thank you!



Thank you to all who contributed food for the forest foodbank at our Harvest Festival. We have not yet had the results of how much we collected, but we will pass it on as soon as we know.

Many thanks!

Reminders



- **Carol Concert** - This year we will be doing our carol concert on Thursday 11th December, in the church at 2.30pm. If your child would like to play their chosen musical instrument at the concert please can you let Miss Chambers know by Friday 7th November.
- **Kingfisher Panto Trip** - The first instalment of the payments for the Kingfisher panto trip is due on 24th October. If you have not already paid please do, so we can finalise numbers. Please let us know if your child will not be attending.
- **London Residential Trip** - The next instalment for the London Residential is due on 31st October. If your child is going on this trip please pay any missed deposits.
- **Robins Perrygrove Trip** - payment for this is due by 5th November.



Pumpkin Carving Evening

Friday 24th October
After School until dusk
@Redbrook Church

Bring Your Own Pumpkin to carve and decorate

Join us for a cosy Autumn evening of pumpkin carving.
We'll carve together and then light them up to display
✦ Hot chocolate, tea and coffee provided ✦

All welcome – just bring a pumpkin and your creativity!

Parents please accompany children to this event



THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

SCHOOL DISCO

4PM - 6PM

Entertainment by.....
DNA KIDS

LUCKY DIP 50P A GO

£ 5 PER CHILD
£ 8 WITH SIBLINGS
SNACKS & DRINKS INCLUDED

YEARS R-2 GUARDIANS NEED TO BE PRESENT
YEARS 3-6 CAN BE DROPPED AND COLLECTED

AT REDBROOK VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER HALF TERM IN SCHOOL OFFICE

Dates For Your Diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Please note **dates may change**.

Fri 24 Oct - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Fri 24 Oct - Pumpkin Carving after school, Redbrook Church, parents to accompany

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 24 Oct

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 3 Nov

Tue 4 Nov - Yr R & 6 - National Child Measurement Programme and Vision

Fri 7 Nov - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Tues 11 Nov - Phonics Morning, details to follow

Fri 14 Nov - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Tues 18 Nov - Individual & Sibling Group Photographs - afternoon

Thurs 20 Nov - board game session 3.20pm, tbc

Fri 21 Nov - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Thurs 27 Nov - School Disco - all welcome

Fri 28 Nov - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 4 Dec - Christmas craft club, Redbrook church 3.20pm, parents to accompany children

Fri 5 December Kingfishers Christmas Pantomime Trip – Hereford

Thurs 11th Dec - Christmas Dinner

Thurs 11 Dec - Carol Concert - FORS will be selling festive refreshments afterwards

Fri 12 Dec - Robins trip to Perrygrove

Thurs 18 Dec - Christingle, details to follow

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri Dec 19

Tues 3 Feb - SEN parent meetings

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications.

Term Dates 2025/26

Please note these are for the academic year starting in September 2025 .

Term dates can be found on our website here:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933

Term Dates 2025/26

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Term Time		Holidays	
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