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## LANGLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 23

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely first half term of this school year. The children have really shown how amazing they are with adapting to their new environments and learning. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at Parents Evening and the Harvest Celebrations. This half term the classes have been working hard on learning where everything they need is, adapting to the routines of their class. Every Thursday we learn new signs together in our Signing Assembly and practise these whenever we can. One of my highlights of the week is celebrating the wonderful work your children do in our Star of the Week Assembly on a Friday.

We look forward to seeing many of you on our lead up to Christmas and we will share the dates with you soon after half term so please look out for them.

Enjoy the half term break and remember that pupils return to school on Wednesday 8th November .



**When bringing and collecting children please use the pedestrian gates at the front of school rather than the mini bus lane.**

**Please see our School Attendance Policy for information on Term Time leave.**

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**Polite Reminder -Please be mindful when parking outside school premises that you are not blocking local residents driveways.**



**Please note children's school meals are £2.60 per day £13.00 per week.**



### Calendar Dates

**Teacher Training Days**

**Monday 6th November**

**Tuesday 7th November**

**Sleep Tight Course starts 8.11.23 for 5 weeks**

**Sen Socials Coffee Morning 14.12.23**

**Behaviour Workshop with Steve Brown  
25.01.24**



**Today we say goodbye to Bill our School Caretaker who has been with us at Langley for 18 years, he will be solely missed and we wish him all the best in his Retirement.**



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# Firs Class

Wow! What an amazing first half term we have had in Firs. Everyone has settled beautifully into the classroom environment and we have seen some lovely friendships forming amongst the children. This term our topic is Make Believe. We have really enjoyed our topic weeks around the theme - look at all the fabulous things we have been doing in our pictures! We loved our science week, where we made some lovely sensory slime and fizzy potions, and explored making shadows with stick puppets from the story Room on the Broom. We also had great fun making music to accompany the Pixar short, Presto. We explored a great music making app, called 'Blob Opera', which was so funny! We have had a lovely time in the Forest, too - Mrs Smith has helped us use hammers, thread confers and pine cones, balance and climb and explore the lovely nature that surrounds us. We can't wait to see what fun we have after the holidays!

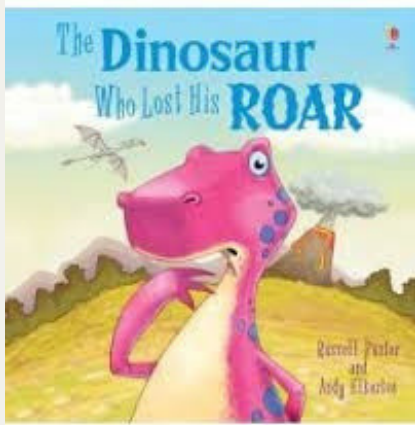
# Oaks Class

It's hard to believe that we are already nearly at the end of our first half term, and what a term it has been. All the Oaks have had a wonderful start to the school year. They have been busy exploring their indoor and outdoor environment, learning the routines of the school day, and building relationships with the adults and children.

We have enjoyed getting to know the children and learning their unique personalities and the best ways to help them learn. It has been great to see parents at drop-off times and to also meet with you at our recent parent meetings, where we have been able to share your child's progress so far. We are all really excited about the year ahead and we are looking forward to sharing our experiences with you, throughout the year.







## Beeches Class

We have been busy in Beeches class exploring our new environment and building positive relationships between the adults and children. We are proud of how well the children have settled in! The children have enjoyed learning about Dinosaurs and focusing on books, 'The Dinosaur Who Lost his Roar' and 'Dear Dinosaur'. The children have written fantastic letters to Rex the dinosaur and made some beautiful and creative pieces of art.

## Acers Class

Well, our first half term has absolutely flown by and what an amazing time we have had! The children in Acers have settled in so well. They have spent time learning the routines of the day and building positive relationships with both staff and peers. We are very proud of them, and we are really excited about the year ahead.

Throughout the term, the children have particularly enjoyed our 'Make Believe' topic work where we have built castles, made our own Knights shield and baked bread. We have also had great fun mixing our own potions, making shadow puppets, exploring musical instruments and listening to lots of wonderful stories about lands far, far away.



## Poplars Class

Poplars have enjoyed looking at dinosaurs this term across all the lessons. In English we have enjoyed 'The dinosaur who lost his Roar' story. We focused on sentence structures with colourful semantics and aided language display. In art and craft, we have made lots of fantastic creations, a moving dinosaur, a playdough dinosaur from scratch. We have worked hard at creating a positive climate of learning in Poplars and building positive relationships within the class.



# Maples Class

Maples have all settled back into their school routines. We have enjoyed making new friends and being back with old friends after the summer holidays. We have all found our first half term fun and have learnt all about the local environment. We took part in the Harvest Festival where we sang a song that we have been learning in music. Science has been great fun, as we have completed some experiments and watched things growing and changing. We now know how water travels and what plants need to grow. We have learnt how to write letters and our writing is improving all the time. We are even starting to use adjectives in our writing. We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you next half term.



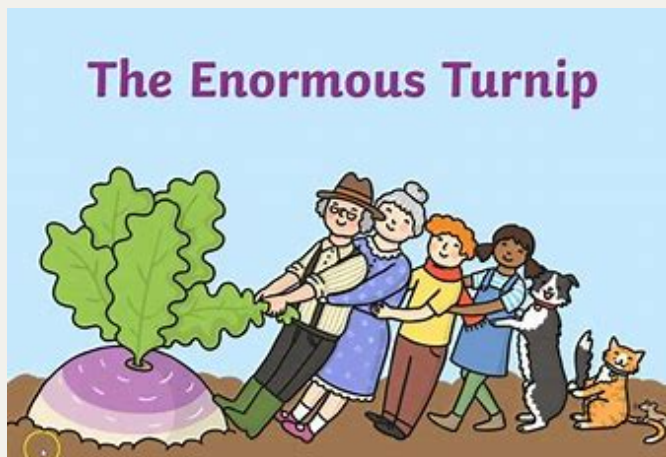
# Cedars Class

We've had a fantastic half term in Cedars class! We have settled into year 5 amazingly well and have spent time getting to know each other and our new teachers! We have explored our likes and dislikes in our PSHE lessons, finding common interests with our friends, as well as discussing the jobs we would like to do in the future. This term, Cedars have swimming lessons which are in a new pool this year. The children have shown great confidence getting back into the water! We've loved our topic of Fossils and Dinosaurs! In English we have re-written the ending to Tyrannosaurus Drip as well as writing our own, dinosaur themed, calligram poems. Not to mention writing letters to the Think Tank Museum ahead of our trip! In maths, we have been focusing on number and place value, including numbers up to and beyond 100. We have also explored addition and subtraction including using money.

In our topic and science lessons we have been looking at Fossils, dinosaurs and Evolution. The children loved learning about Charles Darwin and his theories. They were fascinated with the theory that humans could have developed from apes. They have enjoyed creating their own fossils and finding out where the dinosaurs lived! They are beginning to demonstrate curiosity about how things were millions of years ago!

We have had a very busy half term, with visitors to the class from West Brom to help us practice our ball skills; and of course Delyth our music teacher, coming in on Wednesday's where the children practice playing instruments in time to music, and commenting on the different music they hear. Lastly, what a pleasure it was to invite parents to see the children for their first Harvest Festival assembly - a massive thank you to those that could attend. They showed real confidence standing up and reading in front of lots of new faces and we were so proud. Well Done Cedars!





## Larches Class

Larches have had a great start to the year. We have been working on building strong and positive relationships between the children and the staff.

The children have enjoyed our dinosaur topic this half term and have looked at books including Tyrannosaurus drip and Dear dinosaur.

We had great fun preparing for our Harvest assembly with Maples and Cedars. We performed our version of 'The Enormous Turnip'.

## Rowans Class

Rowans have had a great start to the new year and the children are all settling in beautifully. We have been working on developing positive relationships between the staff and children. Whilst doing so, we have loved learning about plants in our science lessons. The children have had the opportunity to plant a chitted potato, watch a bean seed germinate and identify the different parts of a plant. The children also loved participating in our sensory harvest celebrations with their peers in the hall. This was themed around the story "The Little Red Hen" and they had the opportunity to explore different sensory activities linked to different parts of the story.

## Willows Class

Willows have had a wonderful first half term exploring bear books. We began by reading Postman Bear. We loved this book so much we even had a birthday party for Postman Bear. We baked shortbread and made party hats. We are currently reading We're Going on a Bear Hunt and have enjoyed exploring this as a sensory story, feeling all the areas the family travelled through. In maths we counted out the bear's 'one shiny nose, two furry ears and two googly eyes' when making our own bear. We used the same skills to make bear toast in food technology.

