

WEEK 10

On Friday last week, Y1 and Y3 were fortunate to have a **STEM ambassador** visit (Science Technology Engineering Maths– STEM) The aim of this is to raise the profile of science and to enthuse children about science learning. The children were able to participate in lots of practical learning tasks– more information on the back page.



This week, as part of **National Anti-Bullying week** we all made an extra special effort to think of others before ourselves, spread a bit of kindness and to do at least one kind deed a day. As part of our friendship week the children were read the story of 'A bucket full of kindness' and then we thought of lots of different examples of how we could fill someone's bucket by doing something kind but then also filling our own bucket by feeling good about ourselves for doing it.

The end of the **Friendship week** was nicely rounded off with **Children In Need**– raising money for those less fortunate and learning something about the daily challenges faced by some children due to a disability or family situation. The children had lots of fun at the same time as learning the important message. **THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CHARITY.**



BUILDING UPDATE
WINDOWS IN– WATER TIGHT
EXTERNAL CLADDING GOING ON!



PARENT LUNCHES: It was lovely to see so many Y2 parents join us this Wednesday for a roast dinner. Next week, we look forward to welcoming the manager and residents of Takeley Park Residents Association on Wednesday 21st November. Over the years, TPRA have so kindly opened up their award winning garden to our reception children so that they can continue the Forest School outdoor learning experience. **On Wednesday 28th November it will be Y3 parents . Please arrive by 12.00.** We would also welcome feedback about the new school menu and caterers once you have attended either verbally, by email or by completing one of the 'general comment' slips available at the main office.



ROSEACRES TERM DATES 2019/20

The term dates and inset days for next year have now been agreed by the Governors. They are attached to this newsletter and will also be available on the website. To note 2019/20 we come back one day earlier than Essex schools– this is an inset day and therefore, closed to pupils. The owed day of holiday is Friday 14th February to sit alongside the February half term– therefore, if you are looking for a cheaper holiday deal this may help by breaking up one day earlier than other schools thus allowing flexibility to get a Friday flight!

A reminder to ensure that family holidays/special events/surprise treats are booked in the school closure periods. The Regulations now include the criteria of a penalty notice being issued if holiday is taken in the first two weeks of September specially, this is in addition to the usual criteria. The full attendance policy is available on our website.

Prospective Parent Tours for Reception Entry 2019

Information and tours for parents/carers interested in a school place at Roseacres school for

Reception September 2019:

Main event Thursday 29th November 6.30-7.30pm

Day time tours: 3rd and 5th December at 1.30pm and 7th December at 9.30am

Places must be booked for the daytime tours as places are limited. Please note that we are not able to accommodate prams inside the building but baby carry seats are fine. Parking is available on the residential road (Roseacres), please respect our residents and park responsibly to allow them free access to their drives/ homes.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 21 NOV TPRA LUNCH WITH RECEPTION**
- 28 NOV Y2 TRIP AM– CHURCH**
- 28 NOV Y3 PARENT LUNCH**
- 29 NOV SEPT 19 ADMISSION 6.60-7.30PM**
- 30 NOV NON UNIFORM– XMAS RAFFLE PRIZE***
- 3 DEC RECEPTION '19 TOUR @ 1.30PM**
- 5 DEC Y4/5 PARENT LUNCH**
- 5 DEC RECEPTION '19 TOUR @ 1.30PM**
- 7 DEC RECEPTION '19 TOUR @ 9.30AM**
- 12 DEC RECEPTION NATIVITY AM***
- 13 DEC KS1 CHRISTMAS PLAY PM***
- 14 DEC KS2 CONCERT PM***
- 19 DEC CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- 20 DEC LAST DAY OF TERM**
- 7 JAN INSET DAY– CLOSED TO PUPILS**
- 8 JAN PUPILS RETURN**

* more info to follow

Celebration of Achievement

Assembly

Well done to the following children for their efforts and achievement with learning this week...

Y1: Esmae

Y2: Zak

Y3: Reece

Y4/5: Grace

Keep it up!

FRIENDS/PTA

Friends welcome new members as well as suggestions or the offer of talents/ business.

Contact email

friends@roseacres.essex.sch.uk

XMAS TEA TOWEL ON SALE NOW £4!

DINNER MENU

NEW MENU: next week: **WEEK 1** See website/ notice board.

Polite Reminders

Safety:

Pedestrians:

Please always **use the path** when entering or leaving the site and not exit via the car park on foot.

Drivers:

Please park safely and responsibly on the road without obstructing the driveways or access to local residents' properties/garages. Please park further down the road from the school and avoid, stopping, turning or reversing in front of the school. This is a very busy place for children and adults crossing. Very young children often run or scoot ahead of their parents and we would like to avoid a nasty accident occurring.

Attendance/sickness absence:

If your child is off school, please ring on the first day of absence **BEFORE 9.15am**. If we have not heard from you we will activate our 'First Day Call' procedure. If your child should get sickness and/or diarrhoea then they should be clear for **48 hours** from the last episode, before returning to school.

Punctuality/ drop off & collection: The gates and class doors open at **8.45am** each day (15 mins early) to ease congestion. The gates are **locked** at **9am**. We would kindly ask you to be prompt. Latecomers must enter via the main office and provide a valid reason for late arrival (which is a legal duty placed upon schools). At drop off time: KS2 children should say goodbye to their parents in the main playground; please only go around to the class door if you have a message for the teacher. KS1 parents may drop off and collect at the class door (please keep the entrance way clear). Reception parents may come into the class to help settle their child/ make a lunch choice but please leave the site by 9am so that we can secure the site and begin the day's learning. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Dental/eye appointments

General check ups. These should be booked for outside the school day or during school holidays.

Medical/hospital appointments:

If this occurs during the school day, please let us know in advance and provide us with the letter/ appointment card so that we may copy it for the records. On the day, come to the main office to sign your child out.

Contact details: If you or your other named contacts update your phone number or move, please remember to inform the office **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

Class Information: This year the classes have been given class names with the theme of composers:

Year group	Teacher	Class Name	Topic	PE Day/s
Reception:	Ms Mann	Elgar	LIGHT, COLOUR,	Wednesday
	Miss MacKinnon	Beethoven	SHAPE AND PATTERN	Wednesday
Year 1	Miss Cook	Vivaldi	Amazing Animals	Tuesday & Friday
Year 2	Mrs Watson	Holst	CHINA	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Miss Whates	Mozart	Egyptians	Monday & Friday
Year 4/5	Miss Bruce Britten	Britten	KENSUKIE'S KINGDOM	Wednesday & Thursday

ARE booklets and curriculum leaflets for all year groups are now on the class pages of the website. This term there are new curriculum leaflets for Reception, Y2 and Y4/5.



LEARNING NEWS:

Reception: Elgar & Beethoven: Reception have been learning how to jump in different ways in their P.E. sessions this half term. They have practiced creating sequences of jumps using different apparatus and equipment to jump off, over or into. This week they had to add a balance to their sequence, taking time and trying to hold the balance for a count of three.

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Year 1: Year 1 had an excellent opportunity of taking part in a science activity with a STEM ambassador linked to their science topic. The session started with the children learning the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. Afterwards the children completed some sorting and classifying activities where each child was given an animal that they had to put it into the correct container based on what the animal ate. By the end of the session everyone was able to confidently name the three groups and could give an example of an animal for each group. In maths this week, Year 1 have continued their learning on subtraction, starting off with the cumulative law where they learnt that $10-7=3$ is the same as $3+10=13$. They used lots of practical apparatus such as number lines and reinforced the strategy of 'jumping back' for subtraction sums. They then had to use their knowledge to complete learning challenges.

Year 2: This week the children have been learning to add a single digit number to a two digit number using known number facts. In literacy we have started to learn a story about Chan and the Magic Brush linking to the topic on China. The children have also been studying famous artists, such as Picasso, and had a go creating a portrait in a cubist style. In ICT they have learnt how to use the timer and repeat commands using them in their own simple programs.

Year 3: The STEM ambassador, Jennie, was a scientist in the past so she was very knowledgeable. The session provided Mozart class with a chance to be introduced to magnets. The children started by exploring the magnets and working out what happens when you put certain ends (poles) together. Other activities included creating a race track and comparing different magnets. All the children were excited and they all enjoyed the morning of science activities. Lots of learning took place and they described the session as 'really fun!'



Year 4/5: Year 4 and 5 would like to say a big thank you to all the children, teachers and parents for getting on board with the Children in Need day. They are thrilled to have chosen this year's events and very much enjoyed seeing all the costumes and efforts made to support such a worthy cause. Thank you.

Curriculum Enrichment

Monday: 1:1 Music Lesson: Guitar (weekly); Thursday: Y2 swimming (weekly)

Autumn 2: Afterschool Clubs: w/c 5th November

Monday: Multi-sports: lunchtime- (free) all pupils; Afterschool (field/hall) / IT Club (Y1 class) 3.15-4.15

Tuesday: lunchtime sports (Miss Whates) KS2 (free) / Magical Maths KS2 (Practical room) 3.15-4.15

Wednesday: lunchtime choir (Miss Bruce) Yr1-5 (free) & Golf (field/hall) / Construction (Y2 class) 3.15-4.15

Thursday: Afterschool Karate 3.15-4.15 and Cookery (Practical room) 3.15-4.30pm (please note later finish time for cookery)

Please note that due to insufficient numbers Street Dance club on a Tuesday night has been cancelled this term.

OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CLUB FOR ROSEACRES PUPILS:

PLACES AVAILABLE for pupils who attend Roseacres school for full time/part time/ ad-hoc child care.

learningtoflychildcareservices@mail.com website: <https://leighparnell.wixsite.com/learningtofly>. Please be aware that this is a privately owned and run club and operates independently of Roseacres Primary School. It is registered with Ofsted, meeting their requirements for this facility. Whilst we are able to signpost childcare and other provision in our office foyer, parents are advised to assure themselves of the suitability of any provision.