



Our children leave Snitterfield curious, inspired, with a sense of their own self-worth and contribute positively to society.

Dear Families,

September Newsletter

We have arrived at the end of September already – although the warmth through my office window does not suggest October is here! The warm weather seems to continue for now and the changing weather has definitely supported the growth of some bugs and illnesses! We have seen quite a few children, and staff succumb to a nasty couple of illnesses so we are reminding children of good hygiene, hand washing and coughing and sneezing habits to limit the spread where possible – please reinforce this at home too. We are pleased to have nearly a full school again as the children and staff have recovered and returned. Flu vaccinations in a couple of weeks should help too – please do take up this offer as it protects the wider school and family community as well as your own children.

At the start of the academic year the children live out the British value of democracy and vote in their House Captains, Sports' Captain and School Council representatives. I am pleased to share the "successful candidates" here.

House Captains:

- Arden – Dexter
- Halls Croft – Willow
- Hathaway – Sienna
- Shakespeare – Beth and Billy

Sports' Captain: Freddie

School Council Representatives:

- Year 1 – Erin
- Year 2 – Oswin
- Year 3 – Georgia
- Year 4 – Bill
- Year 5 – Parker
- Year 6 – Pippa

Alongside all these important roles, Year 6 children have taken on further responsibilities as buddies for the reception children; librarians; ICT monitors; play equipment monitors; bench and hall set up responsibilities and the bell ringing to signal different times of the school day.

Although we have not been back for long, the children have already got very involved in their learning and each class has shared a little message so you can hear how your child/ children are getting on.

Beans Class (Reception children)

Beans class have settled well. It's been a busy September with learning lots of new routines. We've been busy creating harvest collages which we look forward to sharing with you in church.



Oat Class (Years 1 & 2)

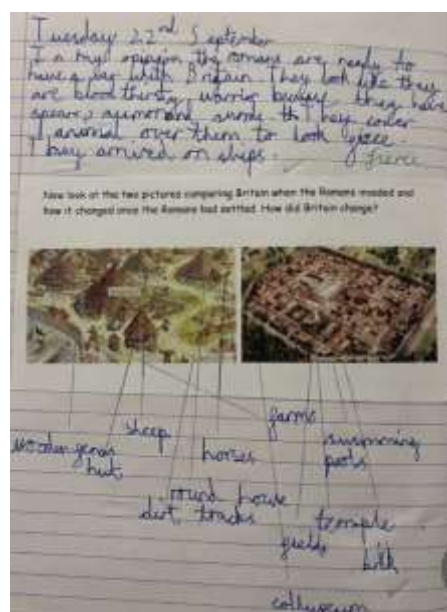
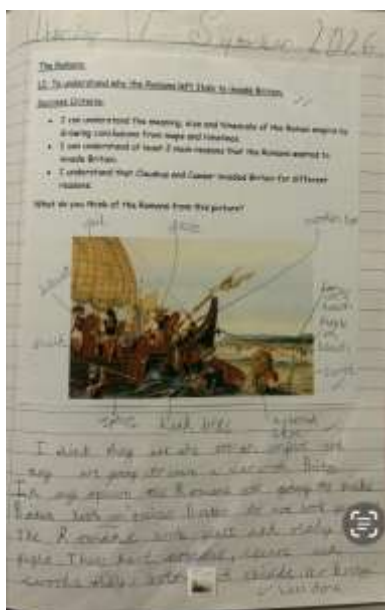
In class 2 we have been creating our own hero story based on "Billy and the Beast" where we have thought up different way for our hero to save the creatures of the forest. In maths we have looked at place value and addition using representations of numbers such as ten frames and part-part-whole models. In science we have looked at the five senses and history has been about the disaster of the Titanic. PE has been about football and handball with the whole class showing enthusiasm - running around is very popular. Finally, we have used shapes to construct pictures and art, and listened for the rhythm in pieces of music. Both have been thoroughly enjoyed by the class.

Wheat Class (Years 3 & 4)

It has been a fabulous start to the year in Wheat Class! Our Year 3 children have settled in well and are becoming increasingly confident in their new surroundings. Our Year 4 children have also stepped up brilliantly into their role as the older members of the class and are showing great maturity and responsibility.

In history, we have begun our exciting topic on the Romans. We have been thinking about the Roman invasion of Britain and what it might have been like for the people living here at the time. We looked carefully at historical pictures and considered how the Romans were often portrayed. The children had great fun bringing history to life by re-enacting the Roman invasion on the school field!

We have also been working hard on our handwriting and the children are making a conscious effort to take pride in the presentation of their work. They are keen to develop their times tables knowledge too. Thank you for continuing to support your children at home with spellings and times tables practise.



Barley Class (Years 5 & 6)

September in Class 4 has been incredibly busy! We have been diving straight into learning with some wonderful, high-quality texts such as: *The Tiger Rising*, *Can we save the Tiger?* And *The Hidden Forest*. We have been unpicking characters' motives and thoughts along with building our understanding of discussion texts and debating how we feel about endangered animals. In maths we have been focussing on place value of numbers up to ten million; reading, writing, partitioning, ordering and comparing them. We have more recently moved on to rounding of numbers within one hundred thousand. This will support the children when we move on to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division plus many other problem-solving areas. On Friday's the children have been learning about position within all four quadrants.

Our Geography topic is California, and the children have enjoyed learning about where this is, labelling maps and using atlases as well as creating their own line graphs showing the rainfall and climate of different parts of California. We have also begun our 'My Happy Mind' and we are looking at our brain and how it works; this links a lot with our emotions and how we can self-regulate. We have had a wonderful start to the term and are proud of how the children's learning behaviours and attitudes! We look forward seeing what October and beyond brings.



Thank you to all of you have come to open afternoons/ curriculum evenings and joined us for our celebration assemblies; we really have got back in to the swing of everything! I do hope many of you will take up the offer of the maths evening so school and parents can support learning across the day and into homework too.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival at the church on the 15th October!

With best wishes for a successful year for children, staff and the school community as a whole,

Mrs Silk