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

November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another month passes by and we are already hearing Christmas songs and Nativity lines around the school – more on that next month!

It has been a busy month with visitors into school to support the Road Safety education for Nursery, Reception and Y1, Open the Book came to share a story from the Bible and we have been grateful (as always) to our regular volunteers who hear readers, support learning and school council in many ways. We are grateful too to the team of volunteers from FOSS who came and carried out some site maintenance including gutter clearing, door hanging, pond clearing and other jobs too – thank you for giving up your Saturday morning!

Some children participated in Cross Country and I know that the office has shared the results and some pictures. Some Y5 children participated in a dodgeball competition where points were awarded for team work, respect and honesty and we came 3rd – well done to the children.

There is lots to look forward to for the next few weeks including Festive Fridays (Swap your school jumper for a Christmas one) and all the other lovely activities we get to work on in December at primary schools!

But before all that begins, let us look at what the different classes have been learning about…

Beans Class (Reception)

Class One were visited by Warwick the Bear and the road safety officer who taught us about how to stay safe near roads.
We learned it was important to THINK, WALK, STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and HOLD HANDS.
Warwick will be coming home with the children next term and they can take him out and show him how they stay safe.





Oat Class (years 1 & 2)

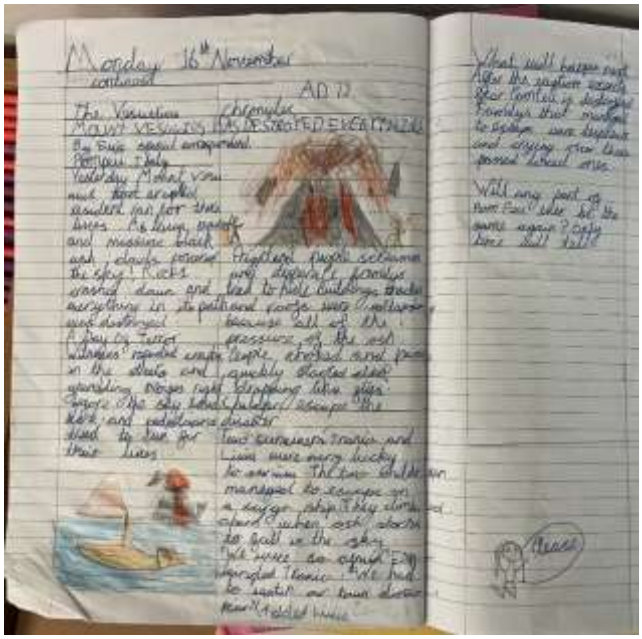
This month we have been learning about wolves by writing documentaries, warning posters and information texts. Maths has us dealing with larger numbers below 100 and putting them into order using words such as greater than, less than and equal to. Geography is giving us a tour of the Scilly Isles where we look at physical and human geography as well as using map skills and compass directions. We are building a windmill in DT and imitating different impressionist painting styles in ICT. We are also underway with our nativity, learning both songs and lines for the performance in December. A very exciting month.

Wheat Class (years 3 & 4)



This half term, Class 3 have been learning about **Boudica**, the brave Queen of the Iceni tribe. We have explored her life and the qualities that made her such an important historical figure, including bravery, determination, leadership and resilience. The children have enjoyed discussing why Boudica is remembered and which of her qualities they admire most.

In English, we have been reading *Escape from Pompeii* and learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. Inspired by the story, the children became newspaper reporters and wrote their own exciting reports about the eruption. They included dramatic headlines, facts, eyewitness accounts and descriptive language to bring their stories to life. We have been so impressed with their enthusiasm, imagination and fantastic writing!





We have also been learning about **earthquakes** in both English and Geography. The children have enjoyed taking part in imaginary earthquake drills, practising what to do if an earthquake happens. When the shaking begins, they remember to **DROP, COVER and HOLD ON!** by sheltering safely under the tables. It has been a fun and memorable way to learn about this important safety message!



Barley Class (Years 5 & 6)

This month has been a VERY busy one! The children have come to the end of 'Leila and The Blue Fox' and are currently writing an extended blog acting in role as the main character. We are combining the knowledge of all of our skills in grammar, spelling and punctuation to do this. We are deep into our 'Fractions' topic in maths, and the children have had to build lots of resilient when converting, simplifying, adding, and finding equivalents to fractions. Our History topic 'Keeping Healthy' has been very gruesome however the children have thoroughly enjoyed building up knowledge about the history of medicine and how it has impacted today's healthcare.



On Friday's we have been learning about lifecycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and dissected a flower to identify the male and female reproductive parts. We have been learning about perimeter and area in maths and writing (one of the hardest forms of writing I think) balanced arguments about kelp forests.



Both Year 5 and 6 have had their first week in Forest school to help support and rebuild teambuilding skills and relationships; this week we recreated faces in clay and took inspiration from the Green Man often depicted in Medieval churches. The children then made miniature dens for our Green Men thinking about structure for the following week's challenge!

The children have obviously been busy and more is to come!

Thank you for your continued support of the school and the children's learning.

With best wishes,

Mrs Silk