

Year 2 Update 17.10.2025

Forest School – This was the children’s last session, they will need to be in uniform on Monday.

Year 2 began their sessions with a guided mindfulness meditation. Then Emma gave the children a talk about our topic for the day - fungi. They learnt about the fungi kingdom and different types of fungi that you find in the UK. For example, Fly Agaric and Chicken of the Woods. Then the children went on a hunt to find lots of hidden pictures of fungi. They had to match them to the right picture and name of fungi. After that, the children played a game of Fungi True or False. Emma called out different names of fungus - some true and some fake - and the children had to run to the true or false base to gain a point. The children were very surprised that names such as Earpick and Jelly Baby fungus were actually real names!

Back at the log circle, Emma read the children a delightful picture book story called ‘The Mouse and the Mushroom Blooms’. It was about the powers and magic (strengths) of different fungi with an overarching message about finding out what your individual magic is.

For the rest of the session, some children made their own fungi pendants using small pieces of wood and acorn caps. Other children had fun junk modelling with cardboard, parcel and tissue paper and made their own unique fungi hats. They were very proud of their creations! Other children hunted and explored fungi on the site and looked at the information books about fungi that we had brought along today. Some children were busy making a home for a caterpillar and ladybird they had found and there was a lot of imaginative play in the mud kitchen.

To finish the session, Emma reminded the children of the story and they took it in turns to share what they felt their magic was. Answers included: “Being creative”, “Working hard”, “Being nice to other people”, “Having fun”, “Never giving up”, and “Being positive”. Then we all sang the song ‘We Are the Wild Ones’.

RE

- In R.E this week the children have continued to look at Baptism and Noah’s Ark. We have thought about the promises made in both and created our own promises to God.
- Next week, we will be looking at being stewards of the world and what we can do to make a positive change.

Vocabulary: Baptism, promises, covenant, God parents.

English

- We have used our understanding of commands to help us write instructions on ‘How to be a good friend’.
- Next week, we will be publishing our commands in neat and sharing these with Year 1. We will then be completing a writing assessment showcasing our best writing skills.

Vocabulary: commands, inform, imperative verbs, conjunctions.

Maths

- This week we have continued our place value topic by estimating numbers on a numberline.
- The children have considered what useful benchmarks they need on a numberline.
- Next week, we will be starting our new topic of addition and subtraction by adding and subtracting to 20.

Vocabulary: tens, ones, digit, numerals, place value, fewer, greater, benchmark.

Science

- Our Science topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats.
- We have looked at food chains and created food chains for animals in different habitats.
- Next week, we will be ending our topic by completing an end of topic assessment.

Vocabulary: habitat, feature, dependent, producer, predator, prey, consumer.

Extra information:

- Please ensure children have plimsolls in school.
- Children should not be wearing any jewellery including rosaries in school.
- The trim trail is **not** to be used before or after school.
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – children's individual photo day.
- **Friday 24th October** – mufti day donations to be made on Gateway, term finishes at **3.30**.
- Please continue to use our donation boxes to donate to Watford Food Bank.
- We would be grateful for any donations of tissues.

Have a lovely weekend,

Bella and Megan 😊