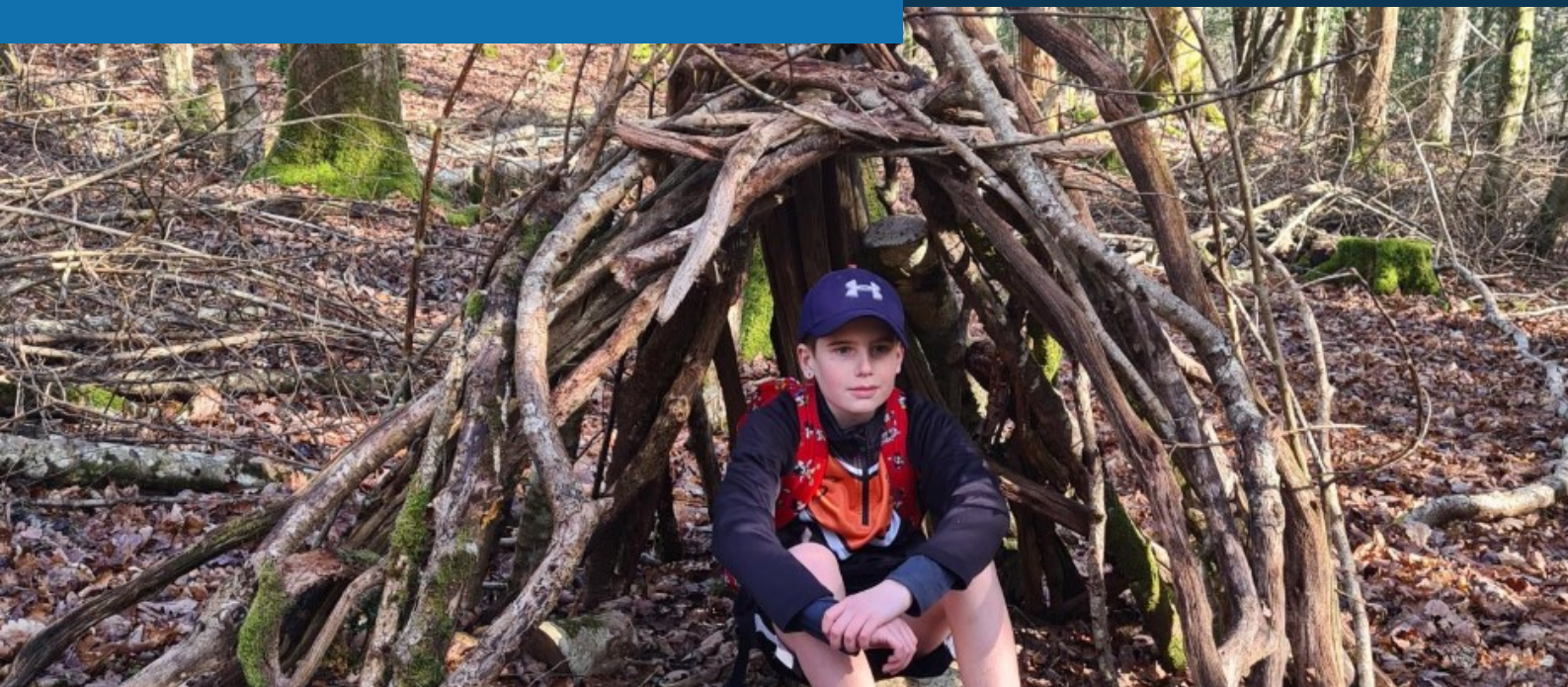


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SPRING TERM 2 – WEEK 1

Meet & Greet reminder- 28th February!

Don't forget about our Meet & Greet event for Parents & Carers on Tuesday! Visitors will be able to meet the entire staff team, before having a tour around the school. There will also be an opportunity to purchase items from Seth's Bake Sale, raising funds for a school gardening project. We are looking forward to seeing you! Please RSVP to the office email to let us know if you would like to attend.



Headteacher's Award

This week's Headteacher's Award is awarded to Junior for regulating himself and making sensible choices!

Stars of the Week!



Oak - Daylun & Delilah

Larch - Ozzy

Beech - Izak

Holly - Jasmine

Elm - Isabel

Hazel & Ash - James

Outdoor Ed

This week, learners have been visiting a wide variety of locations, including the beach for a very successful litter pick! Next week, learners will be visiting local woodland and looking at how to handle different first aid scenarios. Please make sure all learners bring spare, waterproof clothing.



Quest Stories!

Holly class spent all last term focusing on writing their own quest stories. They created some amazing work and we've included Mae's below!

Second floor up lived a shy, timid young man who spent too much time questioning who he was. His mind was as crazy as a mathematician. Alfie loved being alone in hotel De Caparo in France on the suburbs of Paris. At the end of the corridor laid an untouched, unused, door with a little light that caught Alfie's eye. If you were a curious person, then you'd probably step right in.

Knowing that something wasn't right Alfie planned a visit into the unseen room. The day Alfie entered; the creepy, cricked door it swung open dramatically. Looming in the distance was a vine pulling you him into the trickling waterfall that flowed towards the hotel.

Stepping inside the dark enclosed space somehow brought a positive and beautiful countryside, where trees breathed loudly then swayed towards Alfie's eyes. Peace becomes one with the nature around his confused body. Every step was an adventure of joy dancing in his heart. Alfie strode with great power even though his mind feared why all this beautifulness was calling out his name. His head was in the clouds.

Darkness was falling vastly on the under- Earth of the countryside. Something horrible was commencing at pace, whilst Alfie's mind wandered into dark secrets of this tiny world. One deep dark voice from the canopy treetops spoke powerfully to him. Warning him if you cut anything then you shall face your worst nightmare.....

Alfie reached into his pocket to find a knife, cut a dent in a tree, walked nervously away. Foolishly something unspeakable occurred from the Earth floor. The trunk, tree grew into a grey diseased plant, which dropped to the ground. A tear rolled down the broken leaves as if their heart was stabbed and then torn into. Soon after that, birds no longer fly. They seemed hopeless and motionless as the darkness ran at Alfie.

Finding the hidden door proved to challenge Alfie's stressed environment causing him to trip on a rotted root that cut into his bony legs. Turning occasionally to see what creatures were chasing, Alfie ran like the wind into the light he once saw again and locked the door quickly without thinking of what terrible things accrued next.

They say all stories have a way to show you something important to learn about, so let's do just that.

When you break something, it impacts others around you. Since Alfie made a bad choice, he now pays for his sin. All actions come with highs and lows. The plants in Alfie's room grow tall and vibrant with dazzling colours like nothing ever happened, but he lived with his nightmare for a lifetime of joy.....

Highlights from Food Tech

This week in food tech, Oak, Beech, Larch, Hazel & Post 16 made American style blueberry pancakes, what a treat! Students loved making these stackable, puffy pancakes bursting with berries. Holly & Elm practiced making quick wholemeal flat breads with avocado, feta toppings with a yogurt and rose harissa dressing - children and staff really enjoyed sampling these middle eastern inspired breads!

In Ash class, learners baked soda bread and made carrot & coriander soup. Star baker this week goes to Oliver in Beech class for flipping some marvellous pancakes, well done! This term our theme is breads and bakes and therefore, next week, Larch, Beech & Hazel classes will be making soda bread. Holly and Elm class will be baking banana & walnut bread. Oak will make homemade cheese straws and post 16 will be making flat breads with fried eggs, chilli and mango chutney.



Attendance

We are currently reviewing the attendance information for the school, and are keen to support all our learners with their individual attendance needs. If you are aware of any specific factors impacting your learner's attendance, or would like a general discussion surrounding this, please contact your class teacher.

Final reminder - Seth's Bake Sale!

A final reminder that Seth's Bake Sale will be taking place at lunchtime on Tuesday 28th February - this Tuesday!

Seth will be serving a variety of cakes and sandwiches, which learners will be able to purchase and help raise money for our garden project.

For those learners attending Outdoor Education on Tuesday, there will be an opportunity to purchase items before they leave.

Parents will also be able to purchase items at the Meet & Greet on Tuesday after school.



Fantastic displays!

This term, Holly class have been working on area and perimeter of shapes. Their display in class demonstrates that shapes with varying area can have the same perimeter.



Exeter Cathedral

Today, Alex, Erin and Grace took Holly class to Exeter Cathedral to see the Gaia art installation, as part of their Geography studies. The students were excellent representations of the school, with the Duty Chaplain commenting on their fantastic behaviour. We are looking forward to taking them out again soon!



Crafty creations

Harrison has made a wonderful turtle in the lunchtime craft club - what a brilliant display of skills!

Safeguarding

This week, our safeguarding focus is about keeping safe in the local area. Some of our learners are beginning to spend more time independently away from home, and it's really important to take the time to speak to them about how they look after themselves and what to do if they feel unsafe. Additionally, Police UK have recently launched a new scheme called '**Street Safe**', where you can anonymously flag locations where you don't feel safe. Please visit www.police.uk/streetsafe for more information.