



October 2022

We enjoyed hosting our phonics session with our Reception parents and talking about how we teach phonics here at Dove Bank. We talked through our Monster Phonics scheme and then watched a lesson taught by Miss Hopper in the class.



Mrs. Fletcher

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World Mental Health Day.

The children loved our focus on Mental Health. We learnt about why it is so important to keep our mind happy and healthy and ways in which we can do this. We showed our support by wearing bright colours for the day and taking part in a range of different activities.



Maple Class

We have had a very busy half term. Our topic has been 'Stargazers' and we have been exploring, researching, drawing, painting and composing poetry all about space. We began our topic by finding out about the solar system and representing the relative distances between planets using fruit, on the school field. We have also studied the phases of the moon and how the moon moves in relation to the earth and sun. We have investigated this in science using Ping-Pong balls and making video presentations. We have also represented the moon phases in art and used stitching techniques to create a moonscape textile sample in design and technology. It has been a super topic with which to start the year.

Oak Class

Oak Class have had a fantastic start to their time at Dove Bank Primary School. We have spent this half term making lots of new friends and getting used to the rules, routines and expectations of school. All the children are enjoying their phonics lessons and are learning new sounds and words really quickly. We enjoyed our walk around the school grounds looking for signs of Autumn.



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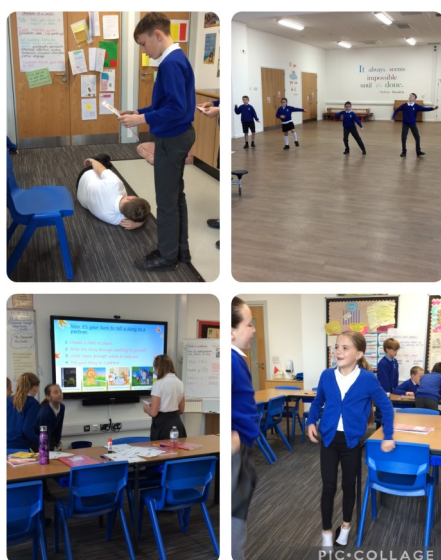
Pine Class

Pine have had a very busy half term. They have enjoyed lots of hands on activities such as Meditation and painting in an Aboriginal Art style. We have enjoyed investigating skeletons and then constructing skeletons out of paper. We have also spent a lot of time using maths equipment to help us solve tricky equations.

Larch Class

We have had such a busy start to year 4 life! As part of our topic we have been looking at 'The Wave' by Japanese artist Hokusai. We looked at all the different shapes and textures within the picture and decided to create our own version using 'Chigirie' an art form of tearing paper to create a collage. The torn effect really helped us to capture the rough curved edges of the waves.

We also enjoyed a hunt around the school field to find out all the different animal classification groupings which allowed us to identify and compare similarities, particularly those that are sea creatures.



Sycamore Class

It's been a real pleasure to get to know Sycamore class so far this term particularly finding out about the children's brilliant Maths and English skills. We have been working hard to learn the features and characteristics of fables ready to write their own after half-term. They have really enjoyed acting out familiar fables whilst narrating them as you can see by the pictures.



Birch Class

It has been a busy half term for Birch Class. We have really enjoyed our PE sessions where we have been developing our throwing and catching skills with our PE coach and our gymnastics skills, exploring different ways of jumping and rolling. We have read 'The Enormous Turnip' and explored the characters and setting and then sequenced the story verbally and through writing, we then went on to illustrate our work. This was all in preparation for writing our own versions of the story.



Visit to All Saints Church in Nailstone

Pine class had a fantastic visit to our local Church today where they met a range of people including Cathy Elkin, Catherine Senior and Joy Crane. The children enjoyed exploring the church building and learning about the history of the church before eating their lunch and then returning to school.

Welcome to our New Support Staff

Mrs Jessica Maqsood

Mrs Rachael Farrington

Mrs Hayley Shaw

We are also pleased to let you know that Mrs Rachel Baker will now be working full time with us.



Young Voices

We are delighted to have started 'Singing Club' on a Tuesday evening. Miss Hopper & Mrs Good are teaching the children all of the songs in preparation for our performance at the world's largest children's choir in Birmingham in January 2023.



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Parents' Evening.

Thank you to all those who managed to join us this week. There was a very positive atmosphere in school and it was so nice to welcome so many of you back through our doors. Thank you to everybody who left us a message on our board and to our Governors who supported us on both evenings.



LiFE Multi Academy Trust.

I am really pleased to say that joining LiFE at the beginning of September has been a very positive experience for us all at Dove Bank. We were already working very closely with other schools within the trust, but being officially involved has meant that I have had lots of support in beginning my new role and am looking forward to working with the trust moving forward. We will be supported by Mrs Amelia Smith and Mrs Nicola Koncarevic.

As a school, you may not have noticed any changes, but as a trust, we genuinely collaborate and celebrate the strengths and individuality of each school. We have been involved so far with developing our curriculum leads, focusing on the development of writing and maths assessment and the developing of our maths anchor charts, to name but a few.

Please look on the Life Multi-Academy Trust website to find out more.

<https://www.lifemultiacademytrust.org.uk>

A Message from Amelia Smith

I thought I would write a short message in the newsletter to say how thrilled I am to be part of the Dove Bank team. I have been made very welcome by staff and children and have enjoyed my visits into school. The children are delightful and I look forward to more opportunities to spend time at Dove Bank, where I will be working for the equivalent of one day a fortnight.

So a little about myself, I have been a head for 13 years at the same school in Leicester City. I care passionately about the children and the community that we are at the centre of. I play the trombone and spend many hours during the holidays and at weekend cycling around the Leicestershire countryside.

I look forward to meeting you – please say 'Hello' if you see me around school.

Amelia



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School Drop off and Collection

*Please can you ensure that you park courteously outside of school and near residents houses. Families need to be able to have full use of the footpath at all times .

*Our bus lane outside the school gates is not to be used for parking cars as this blocks the parking for the bus.

*We are still using the 'one-way' system for families to drop off and collect.



Readers

We are really pleased to be able to welcome families back in to school to support with our reading programme. Thank you to those who have signed up. If you think that you could give a little bit of time to this then please pop in and see Mrs Howard in the office.

Diary Dates

Non Uniform—Harvest Contribution	Friday 28th October 2022
Whole School Harvest Festival Assembly & Coffee Morning (all parents welcome.)	Monday 31st October 2022
FOD AGM	Thursday 17th November 2022
Whole School Theatre Trip to The Century Theatre.	Monday 5th December 2022
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 8th December 2022
Whole School Flu Immunisation	Friday 9th December 2022
Christmas Dinner Day	Friday 16th December 2022
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 16th December 2022
School Opens for Pupils	Tuesday 3rd January 2022