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Friday 13th December 2024

Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week at school we have been preparing decorations for the Christmas tree and celebrating Christmas Jumper day. The students have also been learning about the Rights of the Child and Advent.

Next week will be the final week of the Autumn Term and we are eagerly looking forward to our Christmas Dinner and a visit from Santa. The sensory room will be turned into a Winter Wonderland and all the students will get the opportunity to visit.

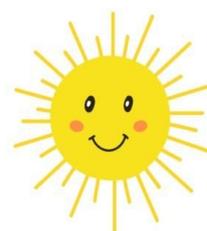
In the new year our OT will be working on hygiene, teeth cleaning skills and introducing our young people to different foods.

We have almost finished our progress meetings and I want to thank all our teachers for the great job that they have done and all of the parents and carers who joined us online, by phone or in person. At school we believe that communicating the successes and next steps of our young people is of the greatest importance and it has been lovely discussing how well your children are doing at school.

We wish you all a very happy weekend!

Margaret Carey

Headteacher



Term start date:	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Term Ends:	Friday 20th December 2024
Half Term:	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024
Christmas Break starts:	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

Class News

Crane Class



Winter



Term



Crane



Class



Activities



Crane students have smashed it this week, full of energy and working hard every day! Having got the hang of the different shapes over the last few weeks we have moved into number bonds which are proving pretty tricky, but hopefully the catchy songs we have been learning will help us to remember them over time. In English we are now working on recognising the words for body parts from our From Head to Toe book as we can recognise all the animal words already and we know all the moves! In gardening we looked at all the plants that grow outside and discovered what they felt like and what they smelled like and then we used the ferns to make snowy treescape in art! In Science we continued to learn about water and how it turns to ice when it's really cold and into steam when it gets really hot. We had the best fun playing with the ice. In PSCH we learned about the different ways we can communicate, such as Makaton. In cooking we made tuna and sweetcorn sandwiches. We're getting really good at making sandwiches now! Finally, we made some Christmas decorations for the tree in our reception area, they look great!

Class News

Robin Class



This week in Robin Class, we embraced creativity and curiosity through a range of exciting activities.

In Science, we explored the cross-section of seeds, learning about the seed coat, baby plant, and food store. The children asked fantastic questions, sparking investigations into why plants are green and how one tiny seed can grow into a whole plant.

In Maths, we focused on area and perimeter, exploring different ways to calculate both and developing the skills to solve these problems with confidence.

In Humanities, we journeyed back to Tudor times, learning key facts about the six Tudor monarchs and uncovering the story behind the iconic Tudor Rose.

Our Art lessons were filled with creativity as we crafted mixed-media snowmen. Using card, circular and triangular shapes, and other materials, the children produced wonderful and imaginative designs, showcasing their individuality.

“Creativity is intelligence having fun.” – Albert Einstein

Well done, Robin Class, for a fantastic week!



Class News

Dove Class



This week in Dove class, we have been continuing our measuring activities as we make Christmas biscuits and measuring each other's height. We are preparing for Christmas by decorating our school tree and learning about the season of Advent. In our computing lessons, we have started using PowerPoint to create presentations about ourselves. Additionally, we have enjoyed playing games in PE, which everyone had a lot of fun with while running around.

Class News

Goldfinch Class



We made Santa Clause and colourful ornaments to put on the Christmas tree. In Literacy, after Mexico, we travelled to Germany and explored their traditions like advent calendars, Christmas markets and festive foods. For food tech we made delicious puff pastry treats; everyone had fun spreading chocolate on the treats and using the Christmas cookie shape cutters. In Science, we learned about the different parts of plants we can eat, exploring roots, stems, leaves and flowers. It was a tasty science lesson. And to end this week we discussed children's rights and how we can stand up for them. We also want to wish Samrat a happy birthday! What a joyous time to share cake. Well done all of you!



Class News Phoenix Class



Everyone has been feeling very festive this week. As part of our art lesson we made decorations for the school Christmas tree using air drying clay. The main focus of this lesson was on colour mixing. We looked at the colour wheel and discussed how colours could be made by mixing primary colours. We then created our own colour wheels to show primary, secondary and tertiary colours.

As part of our 'Extreme Earth' topic, we looked at the water cycle and drew our own diagrams to demonstrate the processes of evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection.

In English we finished our 'information texts' topic, creating some wonderful non-chronological reports about reindeer and in Food Technology we made gingerbread men.

Our assembly this week focused on the rights of the child and Advent.

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Students are nominated weekly for a class award.

**This week's EPS Eagle
Class Award goes to:**



Crane: Hafsa

“For joining in with the rest of the class.”

Robin: Khuleg

“For his maturity and ability to self-regulate more quickly.”

Dove: Jakub

“For creating fantastic sentences in English.”

Goldfinch: Ari

“For staying calm and following instructions.”

Phoenix: Marcus

“For demonstrating patience and focus in our colour mixing lesson.”



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WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MENU

MAIN COURSE

Roasted Chicken Breast with Roast
Potatoes & Trimmings
(Carrots & Parsnips)

VEGETARIAN COURSE

Mushroom & Cranberry Wellington
(Wheat & Milk)

DESSERTS

Fairy Cakes & Mince Pies with Custard
(Wheat, Egg & Milk)



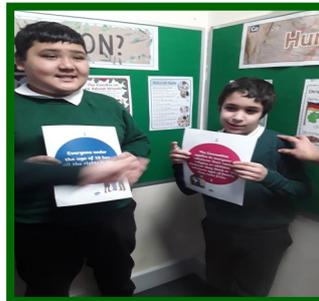
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SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY IN ACTION



Goldfinch class students have been working on a range of different skills this term! A few students have been working on developing their inferencing skills and ability to form grammatical sentences, while others have been busy developing their social communication skills (e.g., taking turns, following and giving instructions). We've used fun activities to help us work on these skills like Jenga, Lego and Mr Potato Head!



In Crane class, we have been working on skills such as following instructions, making requests (e.g., "I want...", "more", "finish") and taking equal turns with peers in the class. Students enjoyed playing with sensory toys such as bubbles, balloons, and a clapper, and building body parts to make Mr Potato Head! They've learned and practiced some new vocabulary too!



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Labelling items



Please ensure every item of your child's clothing - including gloves and hats - is labelled with their name. This ensures items can be returned to their owner and saves time when getting ready to go outside. We have some items of clothing that can never be returned to their rightful owner because they are not labelled.

Reporting pupil absence



In line with our Attendance Policy, parents/carers must telephone the school (0203 8765076) or sent an email to admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk to inform us of the specific reason for their child's absence on each day of absence

(unless the illness is prolonged, e.g. chicken pox). Symptoms must be provided; advising that children are 'sick' or 'unwell' does not give enough information. In accordance with Government recommendations, a pupil suffering from diarrhoea and/or vomiting must remain off school for 48 hours before returning. For example, if they are sent home from school on a Tuesday after being sick, they can return on Friday, provided there are no further episodes of vomiting on Wednesday or Thursday.