



# Rosewood Newsletter



## GENERAL NOTE FROM TEACHER

We have had a very busy and exciting start to the term in Rosewood class and the first few weeks have flown by! The children have settled well into the new routines and have proven themselves to be an enthusiastic and hard working class. Some of the highlights of this half term have been the Harvest Festival service, our class assembly about Sherlock Holmes and of course, the launch of the Victorian topic.

The next half term promises to be just as exciting!

Miss Hayes

### Literacy

After reading about the famous fictional detective Sherlock Holmes, the children were inspired to create their own detective stories. Their writing was full of suspense and structured with a story mountain template.

During harvest week we wrote our own harvest personification poems.

We are now creating information texts about the lives of poor Victorian children. This has involved researching the lives of chimney sweeps, factory workers, coal miners and street sellers.

*"The harvest poems were fun to write because we could imagine that harvest was a person"*  
(Archie).

### Numeracy

In Numeracy the children have learnt a variety of new skills this term. We enjoyed using the column method to add and subtract and many of the children are now able to complete large calculations using this method. We also learnt how to use the grid method to multiply.

Other areas that we have covered our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, data handling and division.

*"I liked learning the grid method because I answered some really tricky questions"* (Joe).

*"I liked finding inverses of numbers so much that I've been practising at home as well!"*  
(Ted).

### Our Sherlock Holmes Assembly



*"I loved being Lady Aquila as I had lots of lines to say"* (Isabel)

## The Victorians

Our Victorian enrichment curriculum got off to a dramatic start with the mystery of 'who killed Pip Davenport'? Working as police detectives, the children have been investigating the case. Along the way, they have been introduced to some of the suspects. After finding out a bit about each suspect, the children discussed their possible motives for murdering Pip Davenport.



We are looking forward to continuing the investigation after half term!

*"We had lots of suspects to find out about"*  
(Amelia).

*"I think Dr Barnardo killed Pip because he might have had access to poison"* (Ella).

## Other Comments

**RE:** *"We moved around the classroom to learn about different religions and symbols at each table"* (Harry).

**Science:** *"I enjoyed designing insulators to help the children trapped in the frozen building!"* (Marcus).

**PE:** *"We have been doing tennis. We learnt a new game called ladders which was really fun"* (Molly).

**Art:** *"I enjoyed art because I really liked making my William Morris print"* (Ailsa).

**French:** *"In French I have liked learning lots of different words"* (Cecilia).

## Harvest Week

*"I liked making harvest objects at the church"*  
(Isabelle)



*"I liked listening to the harvest stories at the church"* (Ben)



## DATES FOR NEXT TERM:

- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Acorn Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Cedar Assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November - KS2 Projects Assembly.
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - BSA Christmas Fair
- 27<sup>th</sup> November - Stibbington Trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> November - Advent Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> December - Acorn Christmas Play
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play Afternoon and Evening Performance.
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play Evening performance.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Projects Assembly.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service, Bourn Church
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - End of term