

News Update

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Behaviour for Learning – The Empowerment Approach

Empowerment Approach

This week, children have been learning about their brains and neuroplasticity. Key learning points have been:



- a) Experiences build the brain by creating new neural circuits
- b) Our past experiences will have shaped the brain we have today
- c) What we choose to focus on now will shape our future brain
- d) We can 'rewire' our brain to create new, more helpful 'habits' and strengthen areas of the brain which control things we find more difficult.

Outdoor Play – Performance Area

The new outdoor play areas are now open for the children to enjoy at play and lunch times. We would like to make it even more fun for the children to enjoy by offering them a range of props for the 'performance stage.' Pupil Parliament have been busy researching and ordering new equipment to add to this exciting new area of the Academy but we need your help too.

Do you have any of the below items in good quality you would like to donate?

- Fun and interesting hats
- Scarfs
- Interesting material that could be used as capes.
- Wands
- Interesting bags
- Role play costumes
- Play microphones
- Masks



Any donations would be gratefully received

Safeguarding



It is **World Mental Health Day** on the **10th October**. Across the Academy we will have discussions on this topic, but we wanted to take the opportunity to recognise that this can be a difficult subject. If you have concerns regarding Mental Health or any other safeguarding issue, please contact the safeguarding team at: safeguarding@robsackwoodprimaryacademy.org.uk

Spelling strategy of the week:

Dots Game

Make a square of 4 rows of dots with 4 dots in each row. If the word is spelled correctly, the player can connect two dots. When a square is formed, he/she can write his/her initials in the box.



Hastings Sumdog Challenge

The Hastings Opportunity Area have launched another exciting competition that will run from 11th to 18th October. Sumdog is a series of online games where pupils are invited to practise maths, have fun and compete against other classes to become the Hastings Sumdog Champions! This is a great way to motivate children and encourage teamwork. Sumdog can be played in class or at home, so there are plenty of opportunities for the children to take part and improve their maths skills.

All classes from Year 3 to Year 6 have been signed up and pupils simply compete by playing Sumdog's online maths games. Pupils were given their log in details last year. If your child has misplaced their log in details, please talk to their child's class teacher. The winner will be the class with the most accurate scores over the week (though the pupils can log in before the week starts). All of the questions are tailored to each pupil's level, giving everyone a fair chance of winning! Willow class won the competition last time. Who will win this time?

autism

In this week's Autism Champion assembly we looked at the different ways people learn. We then took a closer look at some of the strategies people with Autism and other learning difficulties can use to support them in the classroom. We were delighted to see that so many children had participated in last week's challenge and had found out about the unknown differences between their friends and families. This was a wonderful way to celebrate our differences and further develop the idea that we do not always see the challenges people with Autism face.

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Book of the Week-we recommend you read.....

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The Secret of the Tattered Shoes
by Jackie Morris and Ehsan Abdollahi

Inspired by the Grimm brothers' fairytale of "The Twelve Dancing Princesses."

A young woman gifts a soldier a cloak of invisibility. What the soldier does, and the reasons for his choices, give food for thought and add depth to the story. The collage and mixed media pictures depict a world weary soldier and princesses with a variety of skin tones.

Pupil news:

"I took part in a golf junior world championship. I wrote a letter to Blue Peter telling them what I had done. I met Lindsey and Richie in Hastings and they sent me a Blue Peter badge." We love hearing these stories from our pupils and are looking toward to more!

