

INSPIRING LEARNING

OWLETS & ROBINS

The Owlets had another fun Little Hooligans session at Sutton Hoo last week.



PUFFINS & PARROTS

The Puffins and Parrots have been designing smoothies in DT. They did taste tests as part of their market research, designed their own product and then made them. Lots of children discovered that they enjoyed fruit that they'd never tried before such as mango and kiwi!

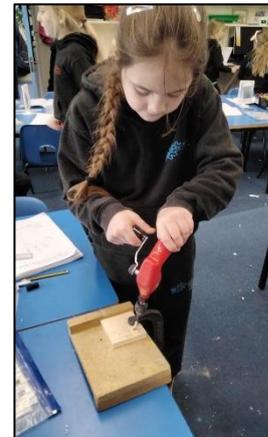


EAGLES & WOODPECKERS

The theme was Valentine's and their activities included a woodland treasure hunt and making a Willow heart. The children also enjoyed their hot chocolate and biscuit!

Little Hooligans is a monthly session run by volunteers at Sutton Hoo and enjoyed by all our Nursery children.

The Robins and Owlets have been reading Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We brought our bears into school, and they ran away! We found them having a picnic in the woods and we then joined them for a biscuit. We sang teddy bear songs with our bears.



In Design Technology, Eagles have been working hard to make their own wooden wind chimes. They have been working on skills such as sanding, sawing and drilling holes. They had to use the equipment safely and carefully to ensure the pieces were cut and drilled accurately. They can't wait until they finish and have the final product.

In Art, they have been learning how to use different techniques with oil pastels to create texture and tone. They enjoyed creating texture for different animals of the rainforest.



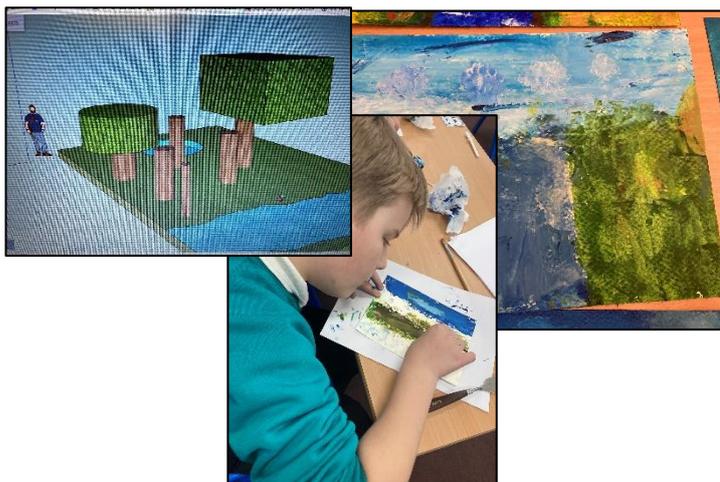
Woodpeckers have been enthusiastically designing, measuring, sawing, drilling and hammering together to make rustic, hanging bird houses. They have learned a whole range of skills in order to understand and work with

different tools safely and enjoyed the challenge of using some natural materials too.

Neighbouring classes are looking forward to some peace and quiet when the noisy project is finished!

PENGUINS & OWLS

Owls have been learning how to use Sketchup to create 3D designs of our class text, 'The Wilderness War'. We have also been learning different oil painting techniques using brushes and palette knives and have used these to create some landscape paintings. The class walked down to the River Deben to apply their new skills for a real life painting.



Owls have also been making bug hotels in our DT lessons. We sawed wooden pallets, sanded them down and cut wood to measure. We enjoyed doing market research, finding out the best style bug hotel, and using this to inform our designs.



AUTHOR VISIT

Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a virtual author visit by Julia Green, the author of their class text, 'The Wilderness War'. Julia talked to us about what inspires her and how she goes about the process of writing a book. She then led us in a short workshop to generate ideas for our own characters and setting ready for our own stories which we plan to write after half term.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents who joined the staff for the update meetings. If you were unable to make an appointment last week, the teachers are still keen to talk to you. Please arrange a time via Seesaw.

COVID-19 UPDATE

We are expecting the government to make an announcement on Monday about changes to restrictions going forward. Once we are aware of their plans, we will review our school risk assessment and operating procedures.

EVENTS & SCHOOL NEWS

GOOD TO GROW

Thank you to all the families that collected the gardening tokens from the Morrisons scheme. Attached is a picture of the children with all the gardening equipment we were able to get.



READING VOLUNTEERS

After half term we will be able to welcome back our army of ready volunteers who have been sadly missed whilst tighter COVID restrictions have been in place. Thank you to our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Nicole Barr, for her excellent organisation.

Robins	Henriette	Mondays
	Maureen	Thursdays
Puffins	Caroline	Wednesdays
Parrots	Anne	Mondays
Eagles	Peter	Tuesdays
Woodpeckers	Roland	Mondays
Penguins	Mary	Wednesdays
Owls	Nicola	Tuesdays

If you would like to join our volunteer programme, please contact Nicole: nicole.barr@melton.suffolk.sch.uk

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a week of book related activities including author visits and a potato model competition. Some details have already been shared via Seesaw.

RED NOSE DAY

School will celebrate Red Nose Day by inviting the children to wear red for the day. Donations can be made via the Parent Pay link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6155>

Please note that school will not be selling red noses this year.

Have a good half term break.



Alun Davies
Headteacher

KEY DATES

Monday 28th February School reopens

Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March Book Week

Monday 28 th February	Dominique Vale (author) for KS2
Wednesday 2 nd March	Sophie Green (author)
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
	Year 6 Residential Information meeting
Thursday 3 rd March	KS1 Vet talk
Friday 4 th March	Woodbridge School Maths Challenge
Monday 7 th March	Dan Worsley (author) EYFS & KS1
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 5 performance at Snape Maltings
Wednesday 9 th March	Key Stage 1 Ipswich Museum visit
Wednesday 16 th March	Years 5&6 Gocaching event
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
	Year 4 Lego event at Woodbridge School

Monday 21st to Friday 25th March Science Enrichment Week