

Classroom News



Class Name: Windsor

Topic Happy to be me.

Term: Autumn term 1 2025

What we have been doing this term:

In English, we have been writing about our experiences and trips into the community. We use switches, communication aids, Makaton, gesture, and our voices, to communicate. We have been working on our Happy to be me topic and have been exploring activities that we enjoy. We have been communicating our choices. It has been great to get to explore different environments in school, including the soft play and the library. We have also been making choices in our relaxation sessions, and lots of us love bubbles! We visited Newbury library and chose books, based on our interests. We have been working hard to develop our reading.

Windsor have started work on the Agricultural Challenge again this year. We will take our work to the final in June, at Arlington arts, and will showcase our work, alongside special schools from across Berkshire. We have made an Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork, with natural materials from our visit to Snelsmore Common and also from our school field. We collected leaves, acorns and fir cones, and have used them to spell Snelsmore and Castle. We have also started work on our Collage based on the story Oliver's vegetables. We have been exploring the vegetables in the story and have made lots of vegetable prints to add to our collage.

We have been learning about Diwali by making Rangoli and Chocolate sparklers!

Windsor class have been working on developing our understanding of capacity in maths this term. We have been exploring water, jugs and pots and have been using maths words including more, less, full and empty. We have also been developing our number skills, by competing individual target work involving adding, counting and number patterns.

In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of washing our hands. We have been reading A Germs Journey and have been completing experiments to show the difference between washing our hands and not washing them. We have been using anatomically correct dolls and stories from Chailey heritage, to support us with our learning, and have revisited some of our work on wearing deodorant, from last term.

In music, we have been exploring xylophones and some of us have been taking part in the Open Orchestra project. In drama we have been exploring sensory stories. In art we have been exploring shape and colour.

In our communication session, we have been exploring a weather song and a what's in the bag

Some photos of us!



game communicating more and finished really well. We have been using visuals to choose who is next.

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday. We are looking forward to lots of exciting trips and activities next term.

Dates & Points to remember:

End of Autumn 1 – Friday 24th October

Start of Autumn 2 – Monday 3rd November

10th November – trip to Newbury Fire station – TBC

24th November – trip to Newbury Library

8th December – trip to Thatcham Garden centre to see the Christmas decorations.

Last day of Autumn 2 – Thursday 18th December