



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It has been a busy start to the year, our new teachers have been a great asset and we are enjoying having them on the team, we have also welcomed 2 Apprentices this year, one who is a teaching assistant and one who is an Administrative apprentice. We are excited about supporting both Miss Younger and Miss Patterson to fulfil their potential in the work place. We are also going to welcome Mrs Scott and Miss Hattle as full time members of staff after half term.

This year we are hoping to arrange two parent's afternoons/evenings to enable us to share the progress that your child/young person is making more often than the current once a year at Annual review. Part of our School Development Plan is to find ways in which we can listen to and involve you in the development of the school and the offer that we currently have. To this end we have relaunched the Parent View on our website and will be sending out a questionnaire to help us collect your views.

We welcomed 3 new pupils this term, they have all settled well and it is lovely to see new friendships developing in the classes.

Our senior pupils are beginning to plan and are visiting colleges and other options that maybe available to them when they leave in July 2018.

We are really pleased with all the changes that have taken place over the summer holidays, the new meeting room has been a great addition for clinics and other meetings.

We are looking forward to the year ahead, we hope that all our staff who have experienced such a difficult start to the year are soon back with us.

Thank you for all your support this term and myself and the staff look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries





Maple and Willow Autumn News



Alongside Theme work about Elizabeth I, Maple and Willow Classes have been learning all about colour.

Each week the children focussed on a specific colour with all their learning for the week based around the colour.

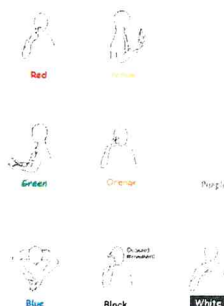


To recap the colours the class worked together with the staff to make tactile hula hoops in each of the colours.



Everyone had great fun playing with and exploring the textures.

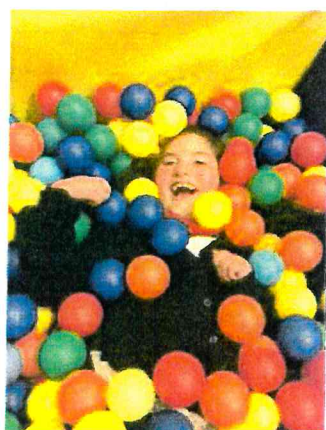
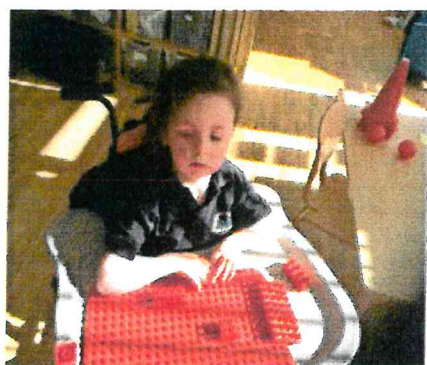
Makaton Signs for Colours



The staff and children worked together to learn the Makaton signs

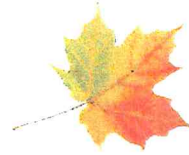
The children enjoyed

To finish off the term Maple and Willow enjoyed exploring the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of Diwali the Hindu Festival of light.





Beech Class



Beech class have had a fun start to the Autumn Term. We enjoyed carving pumpkin lanterns to celebrate Halloween.

All of the students in Beech class visited Barndale House school in Alnwick where we took part in P.E. activities. We hope to build on these friendships in the future.



Sycamore Class

This term we visited a range of environments to look at different habitats where animals live.

We had a chilly morning at Cocklawburn Beach!



We all tried to find interesting things



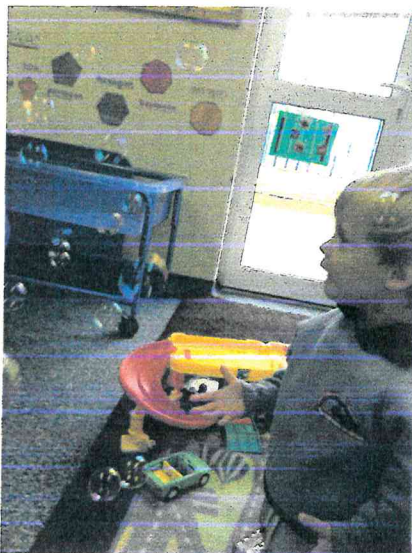


Elm Class Newsletter



We have been learning about Diwali- the Hindu festival of light. We enjoyed making and decorating our salt-dough Diva lamps and vegetable yoghurt dip for our Naan breads.

Science- looking after our wild flower seeds.



Sensory play with bubbles, paint, icing sugar and oats. Outdoor learning at the park.

