



GROVE NEWS

Autumn Term (1) 2021



Dear Families,

What an action packed half term this has been! The children have fully embraced the learning in their new year groups and have studied so many aspects of the curriculum already - please do keep an eye on our Facebook page for weekly updates of all the learning taking place in each class!

It was so good to be back in the church for our annual Harvest festival this half term. To be all together under one roof, singing and celebrating was a moment we have all looked forward to for such a long time. The donations we received from the local community for the foodbank were truly overwhelming - thank you for all your support!

In September, our academy sponsors, The Active Learning Trust, launched three new hashtags, which underpin their work: #ActiveLeaders #ActiveLearners #ActiveCitizens. We instantly recognised these as being the skills for life we promote in school so we have adapted the awards we hand out in our Friday Celebration Assemblies and will be handing out matching pin badges alongside the certificates.



Throughout the year, we apply for grants to support our activities in school. You may have seen we were one of the options for the Tesco tokens and are waiting to hear whether we were successful with this bid for money towards our outdoor environment - we will keep you posted!

Thanks to a generous donation from the PTFA, we have been able to invest in Junior Librarian to facilitate the loaning of books from our fabulous new library..

We are very pleased and excited to tell you that we will very soon have a new member of Team Grove! Mrs Bayfield and her husband are expecting their second child in early December so she will be starting her maternity leave in November. We wish her and her family all the very best and can't wait to hear of the new arrival!

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school, it really is our pleasure teaching your children and working with our local community.
We are so Proud to be Grove!

Enjoy the Autumn half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 1st November**.

Mrs Aldous & Ms Creed



Nursery & Reception

Nursery

In Nursery we started the year by talking about ourselves.

We learnt about where we live and found our school on Google Earth, we have created lots of messy maps and these are all on the walls of our classroom.



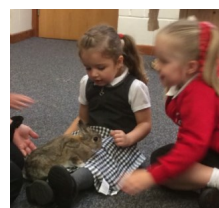
We have been enjoying going to the woods and have made homes for different animals.



We enjoyed the story 'Red leaf, yellow leaf' and collected leaves to make crowns and do leaf rubbings.

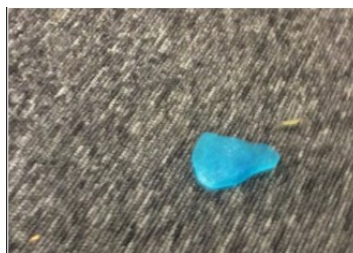
Reception

This term's topic has been Super Me! We have had a visit from Tommy the rabbit and Flash the tortoise to help us identify similarities and differences. We have talked about our own likes and dislikes and created a graph of our favourite pizza toppings. We have talked about what special skills and interests we have and also cooked our own toast for snack time.



We had a visit from a mysterious superhero who left behind some ice!

We saw her through the window and used the ipads to document what we saw making video account and taking photos. Ice girl left us a letter asking for us to make some more ice for her and to leave her a map so she could find it. We used our mini freezer in our Investigation Station to create blue ice with 'magic sparkles'. We have talked about what qualities we have as individuals and how this makes us all super in our own ways!



Years 1 & 2

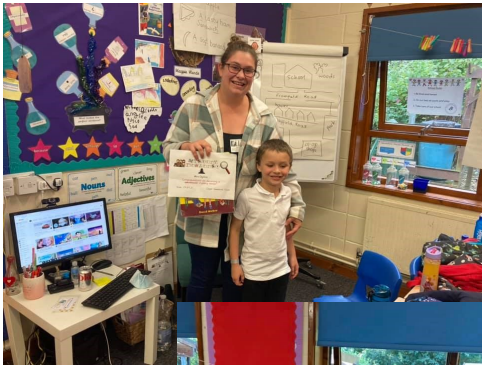
Key Stage 1 have had the best first half term exploring our local area. We have explored our school grounds, local park and surrounding area.

Speedwell welcomed a mystery reader! What a fantastic surprise.

We have helped Mr Grinling the Lighthouse keeper to get his lunch after finding a ruined picnic in our classrooms due to the pesky Seagulls. We have also written our own stories of the Lighthouse keepers lunch.

Our fantastic first half term together in Key Stage off has been topped of with our Halloween dress up day and disco! Just look at some of our wonderful costumes.

All of the Key Stage 1 team are wishing you all a restful half term and looking forward to seeing you all after the break for the count down to Chr... Our favourite half term!



Years 3 & 4

This half term Lower Key Stage 2 have studied our Geography topic- Where in The World . We have been collecting our work to give a presentation on all that we have learnt. We have looked at the equator, the tropics and time zones.

Our Harvest Festival was a huge success, with the children walking to and from the church in such a great manner. There was some fantastic reading from Lower Key Stage 2.



Year 3's have begun their whole class ukulele sessions, which have seen them learnt to read music on the stave. We can't wait for some performances in the future.



We had an excellent trip to Carlton Marshes to support our Science learning on plants, where we looked at classifying leaves, understanding parts of the plant and a nature walk.



A visit from PCSO Winn was enjoyable and informative which helped us all think about e-safety and how we interact with others online.

It has been a super start to the year, rest up over half term and we can't wait to welcome you back for the Christmas term!

Years 5 and 6

Firstly, the Upper Key Stage Two team have been so impressed with the mature, motivated and inquisitive learners we have had this half term. They have been such great role models for the younger children in the school and have grasped opportunities with both hands. Well done UKS2; we are very proud of you all.



Pupil Leadership

There has been a wealth of pupil leadership opportunities available for the children in UKS2 so far this term. Some pupils delivered some fantastic speeches in order to become House Captains which were voted for by the rest of the school. We have also appointed Community Leaders, Play Leaders, Reading Ambassadors, Eco-Warriors and No Outsiders Ambassadors. We are championing 'Active Leaders' in our school so there are ample opportunities for all children to be awarded a special 'Active Leaders' badge.



Our Science Learning



Our Science unit this half term has been Evolution and Inheritance. The pupils started by looking at animal adaptations and created some fantastic home learning projects. During the unit, we had evolutionary biologist, Ben Garrod, meet with us virtually to tell us so many amazing facts about how animals have evolved over the years. Our unit concluded with a visit to Carlton Marshes for a Discovering Darwin day to consolidate and extend their understanding.



Woodland Art Sessions

The children have really enjoyed their Woodland Art sessions over the last few weeks. The focus has been on collage and landscape art. They have explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy and created their own land art silhouettes. Also, they have developed their weaving skills and have used natural resources to create some effective weaving patterns.



Discovering Darwin Day at Carlton Marshes

This week, the children have visited Carlton Marshes to discover more about evolution and inheritance to further their Science knowledge and understanding. They had a range of different challenges to solve, working in groups around the marsh. They were all extremely well-behaved and demonstrated being Active Citizens. We look forward to taking them to West Stow next month.



Year 6 Bikeability awards



Wonderful examples from our Art textiles unit



Geography debate: Is all trade fair?

Sporting Success

During this half term, there has been lots of sporting action from ALT tournaments, North Suffolk Sports Partnership competitions and Sports clubs!

ALT Tournaments

Year 3 Boys football

Our year 3 boys football team played brilliantly through out and finished as joint runners up! They particularly enjoyed playing in the rain!



Years 1 & 2 mixed football

Both teams showed some excellent footballing skills and had such fantastic attitudes towards their games as well as showing such brilliant manners and respect.



North Suffolk Sports Partnership Competitions

Year 6 mixed tag rugby

The main focus was to develop the pupils respect and our team certainly did that! They participated brilliantly and had a great afternoon despite the weather!



Year 6 boys football & Year 6 girls football

Both teams played some excellent football and after four games each, both teams finished fourth! Everyone represented the school brilliantly.

Sports Clubs

This half term was very busy with a large number of lunchtime and after school sports clubs on offer. All clubs had a full register with at least 5 children on the waiting list! It was great to see so many children joining in and keeping active.

Upcoming Fixtures

Friday 12th November - Year 4 boys football @ Red Oak

Friday 19th November - Years 5 & 6 mixed basketball @ Red Oak

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

Diary Dates

There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!

Friday 22nd October	Last Day of the half term
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1st November	Children return to school
Tuesday 2nd November & Wednesday 3rd November	Parent Interviews – online via School Cloud
Thursday 4th November	Storie Storie sessions in school
Tuesday 9th November	Science Production in school for Year 5
Thursday 11th November	Year 5 & 6 at West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
Friday 12th November	Year 6 at Crucial Crew
Monday 15th November	Year 3 & 4 singing workshops with Snape Maltings
Thursday 18th November	Poppy Class at Norwich Castle
Friday 19th November	Children in Need Day
Friday 19th November	Snowdrop & Primrose Class at Norwich Castle
Wednesday 1st December	PCSO Winn assemblies in school
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 17th December	Online Panto
Friday 17th December	Last Day of the half term
Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 4th January	Children return to school

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Sapphire = 1224

Emerald = 1220

Diamond = 1091

Ruby = 1086

Congratulations Sapphire, your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE

Each week, our office team calculates the attendance for each class and the winner is announced in our Celebration assembly.

Already this year, Elder class have won 3 times, earning them a breakfast cooked by their teachers – you best get your pinny out Mr Bessey!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have had a fantastic range of lunchtime and after school clubs available for the children to enjoy this half term, including:
woodland, art, dragons den, film, gardening, sewing & eco warrior and rock choir.



WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website as we update this regularly.

The address is:

www.groveprimaryschool.org

You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @groveprimaryCC



Facebook: Grove Primary School



Instagram: groveprimaryschool

ALLERGY INFORMATION

As you will already be aware, we are a nut-free school - we have children who have allergies to a variety of different nuts as well as peanuts - and ask that parents check the ingredients of items in packed lunches, avoiding anything that states it contains nuts.

CONTACT DETAILS

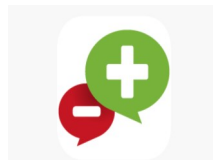
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.



PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail, this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.



Please speak to the school office, if you have any problems - paper copies may be available upon request.

People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



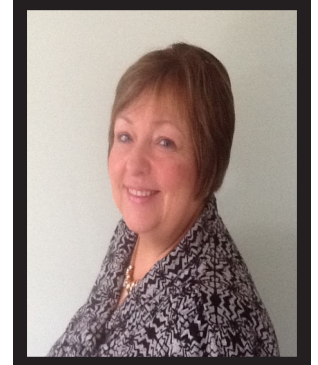
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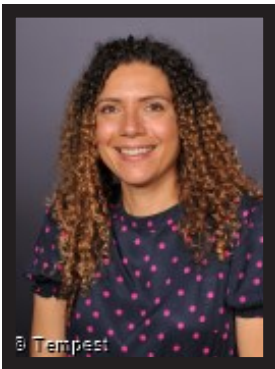
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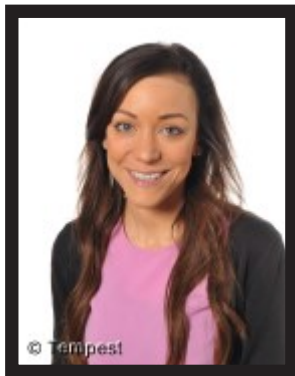
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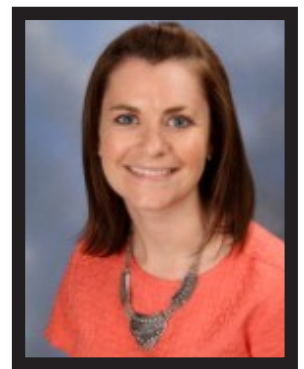
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