



# Highwood Round Up



## September 2020



We have settled well into our Nursery "bubble"!

### Nursery

We are learning new routines.



We love outdoor play!



We are making lots of new friends.

We are having so much fun!





We had our very first day at school this month! We had great fun meeting our teachers and making new friends!

## Ash



We explored the outdoor area and found lots of objects to jump off!



We found some signs of Autumn for our Home Learning. We touched a conker that was still in its spiky shell!



It was very hot this week so we enjoyed eating our snack outside! We love bananas and apples.



We practised kicking, throwing and catching a ball. We were fantastic at this! Some of us are so good that we need to try using a smaller ball as a challenge!



We had our first day at school and we had lots of fun! We liked playing outside and making new friends.

## Oak



Luke, "That's a conker, its shell is spiky."



We enjoyed exploring autumn and found some conkers!



Rosie "They're conkers and the shell is where they hatch."



We have been practicing throwing and catching. Some of us are so good we need to find a harder challenge!



We also enjoyed having our first lunch at school.

"People come in many shapes, sizes and colours. We may all look different, act different and sound different... but we are all people."  
 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers



**Pine**



We have been painting self-portraits.



"We did writing. We used conkers, sticks, cones. Write Levi, that's me!" said Levi.



Exploring nature. We made small dens, dancing sticks, forming our names with things around us and finding out what we can do in our outdoor classroom environment.



"I have been making a magic wand. I used a stick and some long colour stripes. We tightened the rope around them. I used my wand to make my name in the air." said Ayla.



"That is a tent by using sticks with some of my friends. I used aprons. We passed the string around it with Miss Traynor's help!" said Archie.



**Elm**

Throwing and catching with Game On. We had lots of fun learning to throw and catch with two hands and then one hand.



After reading the book Funnybones, we made our own skeleton using art straws.



"I liked the story. I liked it when they got chased by the crocodile." George

"I liked making the skeletons using straws. Mine looked like a real skeleton." Ella



"I liked it when the dog said 'foow' in the story." Yasmin



We have been learning about the artist Pablo Picasso. We made our own abstract portraits using photos of ourselves.

"I liked throwing and catching the ball but I found it hard to catch it." Evie

"We liked trying to clap two times when the ball was in the air and then trying to catch it." Callum and Jackson



"I like the portraits because they are split into pieces." Aston



"The portraits look funny because they are jumbled up together." Maya

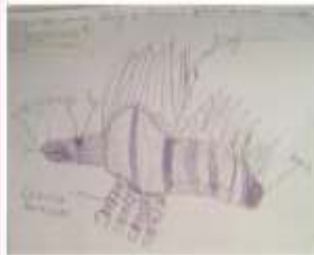




We explored atlases to learn more about where we are. We loved looking at the globe on Google Earth.



"There are animals, too. They come in even more sizes, shapes and colours," - Oliver Jeffers, author



We designed and labelled our own animals.



We designed our own Earth using tissue paper and paint. We mixed blue, green and white to make different shades.

### Birch 2 Quotes

"I liked it when we put glitter on our planet Earth." - Poppy

"It was fun mixing all the different paints together." - Dolcie

"I liked designing my own animal with different animal parts." - Noah



Birch



**Beech**

We have started off the year with a wonderful book titled *'Here We Are'* by Oliver Jeffers. All of our learning was centred around the themes in the book. Here is some of our learning.



We have been learning about how important it is to care for all creatures great or small on our planet. We designed our own animals, using parts from some of our favourite animals.



How do clouds work?  
Catherine

We pondered deep philosophical questions.



### Maths

In Maths we explored number patterns. We have also been learning about the growth mindset and that the more we practise, the more our Maths brains grow.



We have been learning about just how big the universe is and how we are a tiny but important part of it. We created our planets using painting and collaging.



# Maple



The Stone Age Boy  
We have been reading 'The Stone Age Boy' in English. We created freeze frames for different parts of the story.



## Place Value

We have been using Base 10 to help us solve addition calculations. We have been exchanging and regrouping the tens and ones.



# Cedar



## Art

During Art lessons, we have been creating beautiful Stone Age drawings. We used earthy colours on our area of the playground.



We have been reading the book 'Stone Age Boy' in class. We have been acting out scenes from the story.



We have been reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and worked in small groups to retell the story using freeze frames.

# Hawthorn

## Welcome to Egypt

I enjoyed acting out and working with my friends and that made me happy.  
Kian



I like the Egyptian Cinderella story because I liked looking at an Egyptian version and I got to write my own story too  
Amelia

I enjoyed dancing like an Egyptian, my partner was really kind and fun to work with.  
Arianna

We have started to create our own Egyptian inspired dance sequence in pairs. We have been exploring moving in different directions and at different speeds in time to music AND our partners. **OUR KEY TEXT**



# Hazel

I liked mirroring because we were doing balancing moves and it was a bit wobbly!  
Mia

I enjoyed doing the freeze frames because it felt like I was in the story.  
Faridah

When we were doing freeze frames, my favourite was when we all got in the boat.  
Alana-Rose

In English, we have been looking at a book called 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. We created freeze frames of the main events in the story.



In PE we have started to create our own Egyptian inspired dances. We have been working on moving at different speeds in time with the music and mirroring our partner.



**Poplar have been learning all about the Vikings and how they used to raid Anglo-Saxon Britain. We've been writing stories and news reports set in the Viking period. Lots of us have made Viking objects for homework.**

# Poplar



I enjoyed imagining how the Vikings raided Lindisfarne and learning about what the Vikings did to the monks. *Isaac*



Writing about the Viking raid was something that we could turn into a story that's very descriptive and exciting. *Maariyah*

## **PE / Dance: The Haka**

There was a lot of shouting in it and there were a lot of funny moves too. I was a bit threatening. *Imogen*



The Haka dance in PE was really fun. I loved making angry faces to add to our dance. My favourite part was when I was shouting. *Neissa*



# Willow

"I found it really fun, because it was a good way to express my emotions." *Isabel*



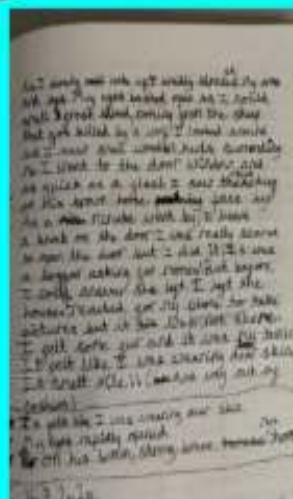
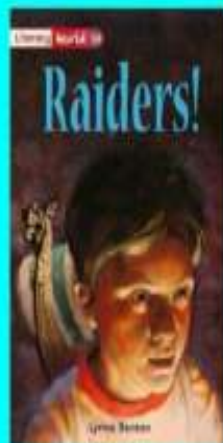
This half term we are studying the Vikings!

In our P.E. sessions, we have been learning warrior dances; here are some examples of the Haka (a Maori warrior dance).

Hopefully next month we can show you photographs of our own Viking warrior dances!



"It was quite funny because they were making funny noises while dancing! And I enjoyed taking the photos." *Dylan*



In English, we have been reading the book, 'Raiders', where a boy is able to travel back in time, in a tent, to the Viking period! Here are some of our descriptions of the village.

We read 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. It was all about how to look after each other and be kind.

# Sycamore



We have been talking about our feelings! We drew posters to show the different emotions that we felt when we couldn't come to school.

The letter I wrote to the special person was Edim because he's always been there for me if I was in trouble or needed help. He has been my friend for 5 years. Nishil.



I feel happy coming back to school so I can see my friends again. Online school was a lot less hard and not challenging because you would not wake up on time and the explanations for the lessons would not be as good as real teachers. Edim



'The Village By The Sea' is a very good book about a family that live in Thul. My favourite part is when Hari goes to Bombay. Noah

We wrote letters to the people, or pets, that we love, to tell them how much they mean to us.

# Chestnut



This month, we have been reading 'The Village by the Sea' by Anita Desai. It is an amazing story with excellent characters. Natalie

In Chestnut 6, we created butterflies using chalk, black card as a template as part of our whole school display.

We have been learning about hockey in P.E. It's been really interesting learning the new rules, how to dribble and how to pass. Jack.

