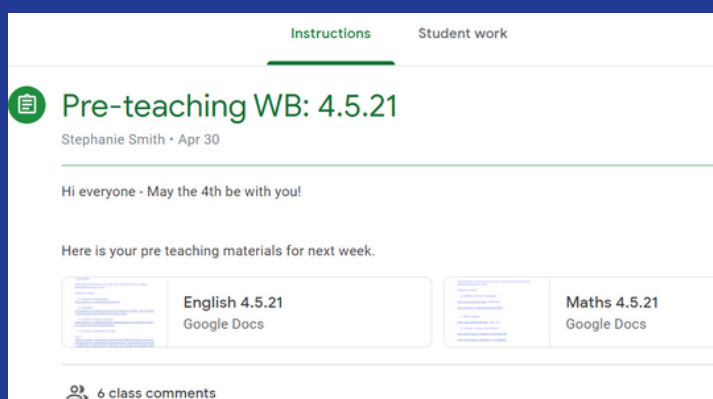


Kids Rock!

Can you believe we are already halfway through this half term? We hope you've enjoyed the pre and post-teaching learning the teachers have sent you. We would love for you to send in some pictures of what you've been doing and learning at home on Google Classroom.

If you have anything special to share with us like swimming certificates or medals you have won, we would love to see them and put them in our newsletter. Just pop an email through to Margaret in the office and you could be in our next edition of Kids Rock!

Harry J - Year 3



Congratulations to Carrie who passed her Shodan grading at karate!



Carrie has been training for 7 years, since she was 4 years old. - Well done Carrie!

Forest School

Last week we started our Forest School, spending time outside as a group exploring the environment. With partners, we collected sticks and other natural objects then created stick people, binding them together with pipe cleaners. Some were then brought inside to display, but some were not meant to be permanent and were left outside in the garden.

Amongst the stick people made, there was a monster alien with a dorsal fin, a fairy, a fly with leaf wings and a man so big that the children could lay in his tummy.



In our Forest School session this week, we all made woodland crowns by collecting flowers, sticks, leaves and other natural objects that we found. We then stuck them onto the crowns and we became kings and queens of the forest.

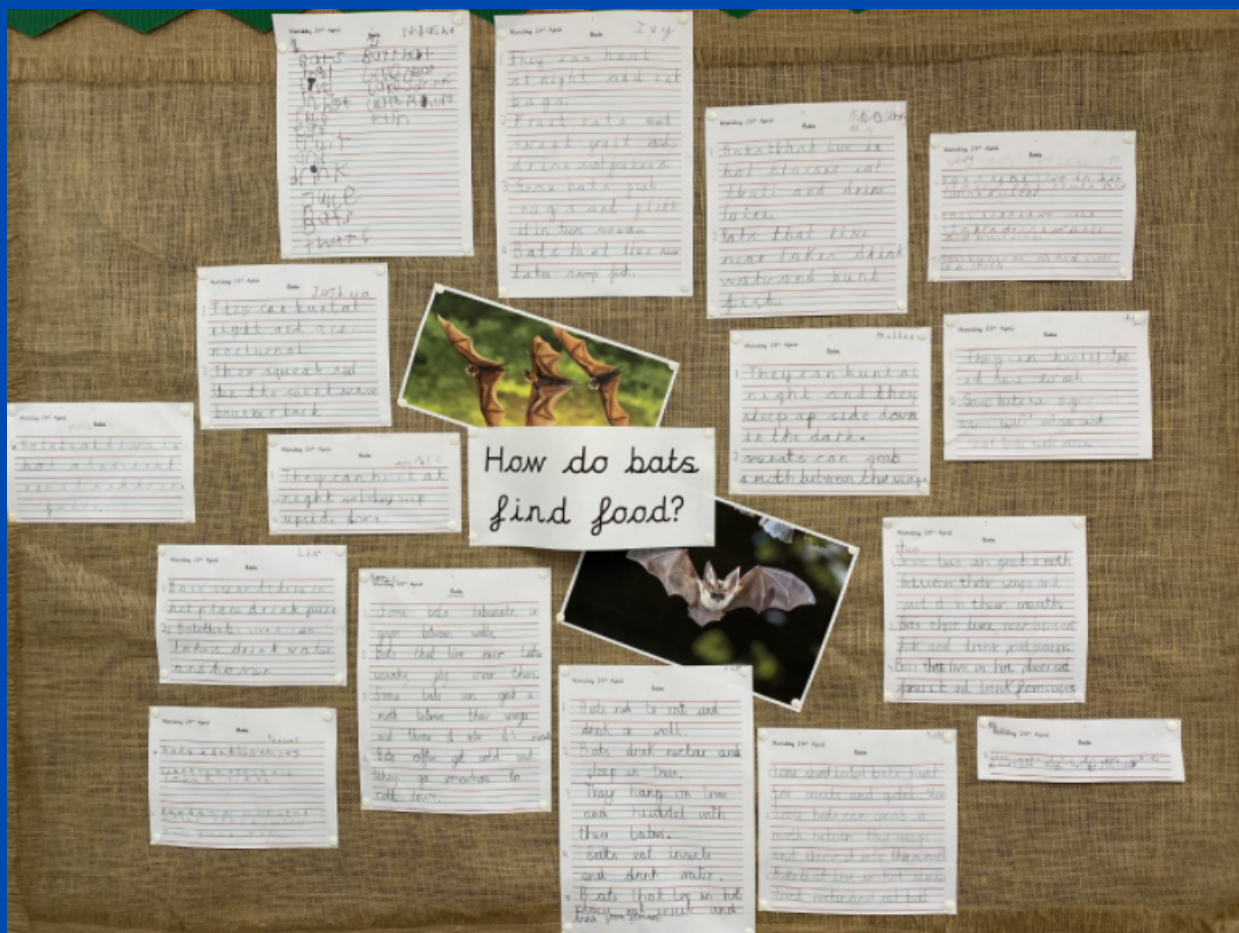
Amongst others, we were King of the Flowers, King of the Spring, Queen of Everything and King of the Water.



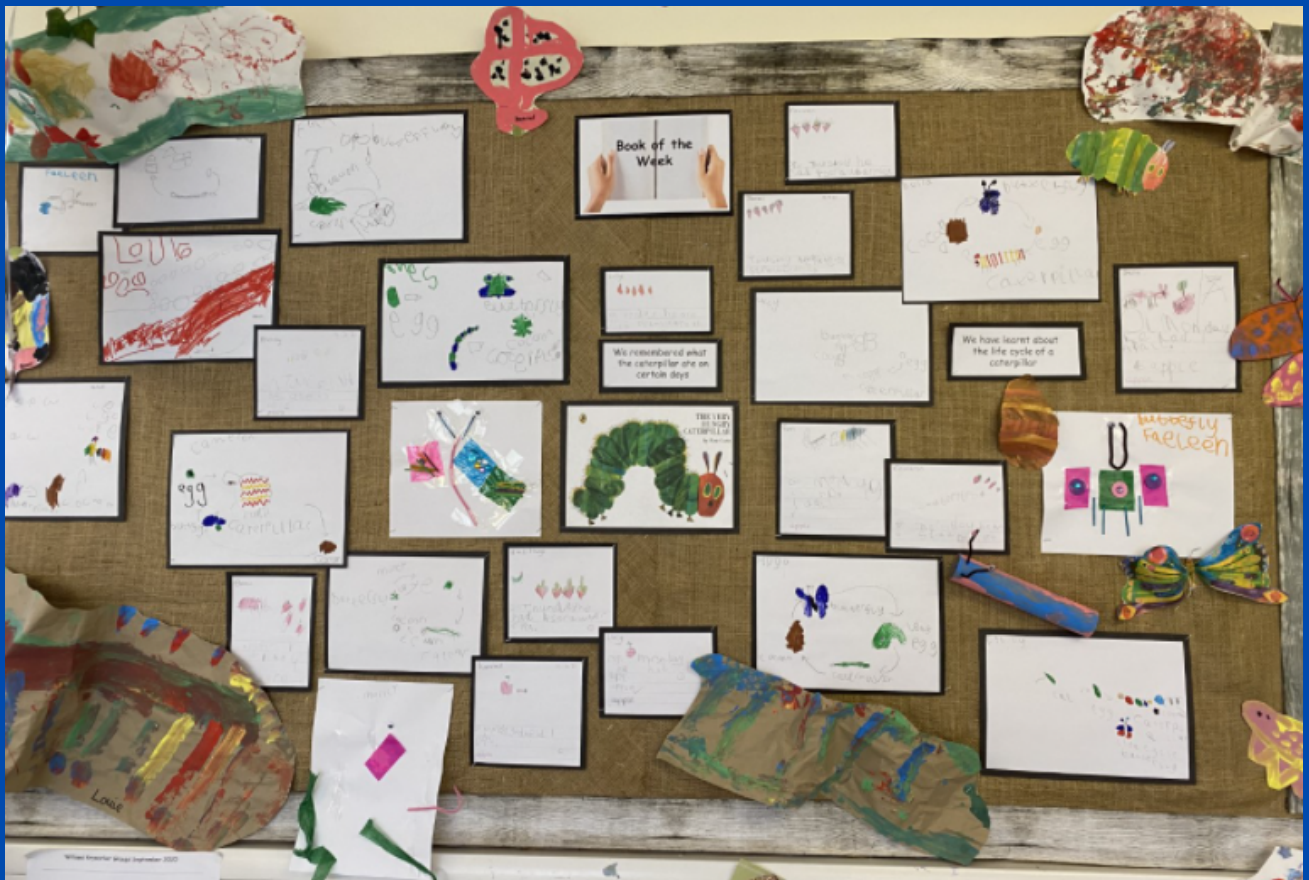
Oaks Class have been working on mixed media seascapes in Art. Here are some examples which we have on display in our classroom.



Rowans have been learning all about bats. Look at their beautiful handwriting!



Willows have been learning all about caterpillars. They have completed some fabulous learning looking at the life cycle of a butterfly - inspired by their book of the week - The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.



Silver Birches have been writing about their locality. Here are some examples of the work pupils produced.

To the jolly village of Whitwell (which can be found in England), normally on a Sunday in summer people gather together at the sea to have a festival to celebrate the village. On this special day, grown-ups get very, very drunk and everything up on side and it stuffs in that story, history and a museum in their mouth at the same time!

Captains

Our own someone has fallen in their garden but not the one we saw some more competition!

At village Village Day jump on a bucking mechanical bull and stay on as long as you can!

In Whitwell on a sunny summer Sunday the people of this village celebrate the wonderful place up at the sea. On this special day the High Street is decorated with colourful bunting and a parade happens by float driving slowly down the road. The day food is just eating and drink doing the same thing.

People bring cakes to the sea and judges choose the cakes very carefully.

In Whitwell the village has a swimming and people vote which ones are the best and the worst swimming. Seagulls get a silver plate!

In Whitwell, on a wonderful hot summer day, all of people in the village gather at the sea to celebrate the village. And on this lovely amazing event, the playground is full of people playing with lots of bunting, but if you go up to the sea there are some games where adults get drunk and children get sick.

We have a super funny seagull competition where we all make seagulls and compete to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

Some people make funny seagulls and some make really awesome ones. My friend Harry P made an old lady falling into a bush seagull. It was really funny!

At 7 pm there is the dog race where they have dogs to see how fast it takes to complete the obstacle course.

Meet the Staff

One of the lovely things about working in a small rural school is that we get to know all pupils and their families as part of our tight-knit community. This year we have missed welcoming you in to meet and greet staff and see what wonderful work our pupils have completed. Therefore we are starting a section in our Kids Rock newsletter to put names to faces for new and prospective parents. This week we are introducing our office staff and our Chair of Governors.

Sarah Brady - Office Manager

Hello, I'm Mrs Brady and I am the Office Manager, working alongside Margaret in the School Office. I have previously worked in corporate PA roles, but started working at St. Paul's Walden School in September 2019 after having my 2 children. I absolutely love working in such a wonderful, tight-knit team and interacting with the children on a daily basis and I look forward to seeing more of the children and their families as the Covid restrictions ease. I live in Henlow and enjoy long country walks, exploring new places and days out with my family.



Margaret Cox - Administrative Assistant

Hello I am Margaret. I have worked at St Paul's Walden School for 30 years, and I feel like part of the furniture! My jobs have involved being an MSA, working in the kitchen as a general assistant and working in the school office since 2000. I have seen many staff changes and hundreds of children go through the school.



I enjoy working in the school office, and I'm looking forward to when I will be able to interact with the children properly again. I love spending time with my family and looking after my grandsons. I also enjoy the nice walks around the village and reading.

Anne Reid - Chair of Governors



My name is Anne Reid. I first became a parent governor here when my three children were very young, which was quite a long time ago now! At that time, we had just moved back to Whitwell, having lived all over the world over the previous 10 years, including Chicago, Basle, Geneva, Melbourne and Sydney. I came back to the governing body when my children had left, as I know it is important for the governing body to have a variety of different governors, bringing different viewpoints and priorities.

Some of you may know that I have recently moved away from Whitwell again, and now live in just south of Hadrian's Wall. We are really enjoying it here, nearer to some of our family and friends, and surrounded by rather wild countryside which we are exploring on foot and by bike whenever we can. It's a bit different from being on the corner of the High Street - curlews, lapwings and hares out of the windows instead of the bin lorry traffic jam on a Tuesday! But friendly neighbours and lovely countryside in both places... I am planning trips back to Whitwell, as we haven't quite left yet.

As life returns to normal and more face-to-face meetings and visits become possible, I may need to hand over the chair of the governing body to another of our great governors - but while Covid has taught us all to be more flexible in our ways of working, I hope I can continue to work with St Paul's Walden School's staff, children and community. You really are special!