



Whiteshill Weekly News

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This week, the children in Elm, Maple and Oak have started their design and technology projects for the term.

In Oak, they have spent the week pulling apart mechanical toys to learn about the different parts to design and make a prototype of a Mars Rover. In Elm class, the children are finding out about levers and pulleys and will be designing and making their own moving pictures books of the Jack and the Beanstalk story! In Maple class, the children are learning textile skills and will be designing and making their own pencil cases.

Mrs Clarke, our Design and Technology subject lead, has spent some time out of the classroom in this last term to focus on our D&T curriculum and think about how we can best teach it in school. This time has been well spent and we are really looking forward to seeing the outcome of all her hard work by half term when the children complete their first products in line with the planning she has put in place.

Each time we teach design and technology, the children go through a learning process as follows. They start by gathering information and opinions about the intended users or audience for a project, then they move on to researching and investigating existing products, next they learn focussed skills which will help them when they create their product e.g. sewing skills, how to make a simple lever, how to join materials, finally, they design, make and evaluate their own product. This process really helps the children to understand how products are designed and made in real life, with a real focus on who their audience is and what the purpose for their product is too. We hope that the children are going to get a lot from these projects and look forward to sharing their final products with you!

I'm pleased to share with you that in September, Miss French, who joined us last year to cover Mrs Colman whilst she was on maternity leave and is currently working part-time in Elm class, is off on a very exciting adventure. She will be travelling abroad to Qatar to teach in an international school there going forwards. We are so excited for her and this next step on her teaching journey.

Miss French completed her first year of teaching with us here at Whiteshill and what a year it was – within three weeks of arriving, we went in to the first national lockdown last year and she had to adjust to online learning, then to teaching reception in the summer term and then back to year 1 and 2 in the autumn and then again to home learning in the spring term! She has certainly learnt an awful lot about teaching and learning in her time here at Whiteshill and has worked incredibly hard. She has left a lasting legacy through her design of our computing curriculum as well which the children will continue to benefit from in to the future. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her the best of luck for this new adventure ahead! I will of course let you know as soon as I am able, who will be teaching in Elm class next year alongside Mrs Colman from September; we will be interviewing for this post next week.

PLEASE NOTE – if your child has symptoms of coronavirus, they must stay at home (alongside any siblings) and you must arrange for them to have a **PCR Coronavirus test** which can be booked online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

YOU CANNOT USE THE LATERAL FLOW TESTS WHICH YOU MAY HAVE AT HOME – THESE ARE FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT SYMPTOMS ONLY. Your child and their siblings will not be able to return to school until a **PCR negative test result** has been received.

Don't forget!



FOWS Doughnut sale on the last day of term at the playing field! See poster below!

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Last orders by Saturday 22nd May please!

Next week, Maple and Oak class children will need to wear their PE kits in to school on Thursday as well as their normal PE day, as they will be having a cricket session with an outside cricket coach.



Each week, Oak class are currently working with Mr McLaughlin learning to play brass instruments. It is fantastic to hear how well they have progressed even in the first few weeks of lessons; many of them building on their previous work with Mr McLaughlin In Maple class.



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