

Wootton Bassett Infants' School

Maths and Outdoor Learning Curriculum Newsletter

Term 2- 2025

Outdoor Learning

Last term the whole school celebrated a special history outdoor learning day on Monday 20th October and we all enjoyed taking our learning outside all day. Each class used the book 'Time runs like a River' by Emma Carlisle as a starting point for their learning and we rotated around several activities all day.

Unfortunately, the rain sent us inside during assembly, which we were hoping to have outside. At least we still got to enjoy biscuits and hot chocolate for snack which helped to dry us off!

Tree rings

We looked at the trees and their trunks on our school grounds, and we noticed that the older the tree is the thicker the trunk. We then explored the rings of some trees and learned that these can tell us lots of things like the age of a tree and if it has ever been damaged a fire. We had a go at creating some tree ring artwork.



WOOTTON BASSETT INFANT'S MUSEUM

The children also had a chance to spend time in our very own museum dedicated to our school, kindly put together by Mrs Bowditch. They had a talk from our town crier who showed us some fascinating historical artefacts.



Maps of the changes in the town

We looked at maps of the town from different times, and we talked about how our town has changed over time. We used construction materials to build our very own model of Royal Wootton Bassett!

Treasures Timeline

For another learning activity the children found treasure chests full of interesting artefacts and had to put them in chronological order, starting with the oldest to the newest. This included a book by Roald Dahl, a picture of the great fire of London, a poster of King Charles's coronation, a picture of the moon landing on the television, a model of a knight and the emblem of Royal Wootton Bassett.



Timeline of our lives

We discussed our own timeline and how we have changed and grown. We then used natural loose parts such as sticks and pine cones to make ourselves, first smaller like a baby and then bigger like we are now!

The day ended of course with the grand unveiling of our brand-new timeline. This has already been a great asset to our school which the children have referred to for history lessons and explored during playtimes.



Outdoor Learning Term 2

This term each class also spent their outdoor learning afternoon learning about 'Stick Man'.

They completed a stick obstacle course; jumping over sticks, dancing in the dancing diamond, completing a tree yoga pose, bear crawling over sticks and completing star jumps by a stick star! We then made our own stick creatures which some classes then created homes for!



MATHS

All term the children have been enjoying a wide range of practical activities to enhance their maths learning.

Some children have been working on shape and patterns. The children have continued and copied repeating and radiating patterns as well as creating their own patterns using pattern blocks, beads and a wide variety of natural materials.



They have also been learning how to identify 2D and 3D shapes. We enjoyed trying to find examples of shapes within the school environment.

In Year 1 we have been learning about the numbers 0-5. We have practised partitioning the numbers into 2 parts and have begun to record number facts as equations.

Thank you everyone who joined us for our Stay and Share maths morning. The children really enjoyed sharing their classroom learning with you. Thank you to those parents who were able to stay for the Maths Presentation for Parents, we hope you found it informative. If you were not able to attend you can still view the presentation [here](#).

