



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year, it is lovely to see all the pupils back fit and well after their Christmas break.

Our new staff have settled well into school, they have brought with them fresh ideas and knowledge and we are enjoying trying out some of these new ideas. With the better weather coming soon we hope the pupils will be out and about in the community, visiting beaches and other places of interest.

We are going to have a therapy dog visiting Elm, Sycamore and Beech to work with pupils on fears they may have associated with dogs and on their skills with being kind and thoughtful towards other creatures.

Our new curriculum is now on our website for you to look at and see what the pupils are working on in their classes, we also have links to ideas around activities to do at home.

Please feel free to contact school at any time if you have any concerns or if you would like to discuss your child/young person's learning, we are always happy to meet with you.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries







Maple and Willow Classes decided to do an alternative Advent Calendar this year and instead as they opened the doors of their calendar they placed an item of food into a hamper to donate to the food bank. We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations. Some of the children took the items to the local food bank collection point.



We have been practicing using switches in lots of different ways to help us in our lessons.



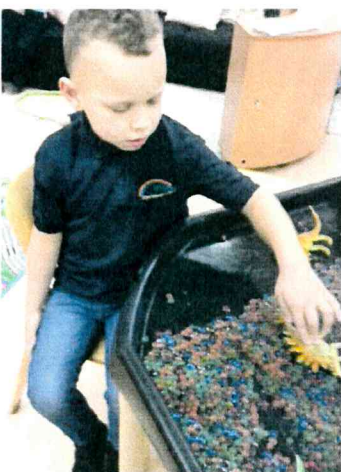
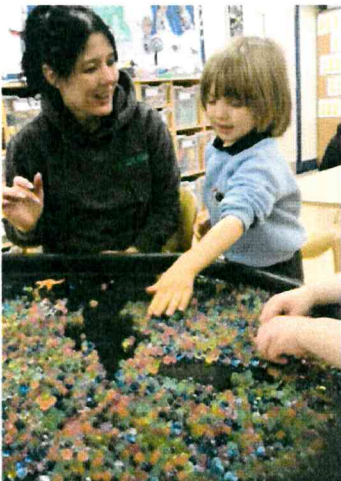
We have been learning about the weather too.



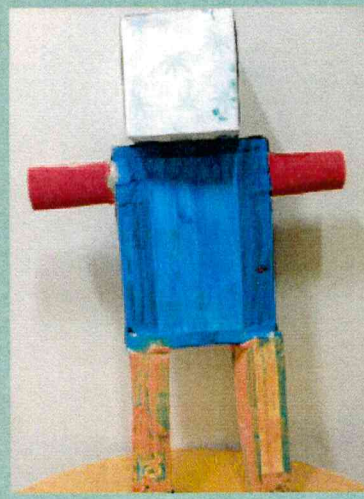




ELM CLASS EXPLORERS  
This term we are exploring rocks, soil, dinosaurs and fossils. We have had great fun making erupting volcanoes, reading about dinosaurs, exploring sensory tuff trays and researching on the internet. We are also going to be exploring rocks and fossils at the beach and we are going to make our own fossils.



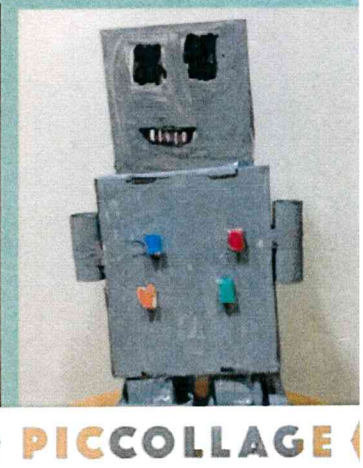




Beech Class Newsletter

Beech class have been enjoying junk modelling to create robots, rockets, houses and animals.

We used a variety of different shaped cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic tubs and paper cups to create our masterpieces. We added fabric and paint to finish our marvellous creations.





# Sycamore News, January - Rocks, Fossils & Volcanoes

We have been getting inspired for our learning by listening to music, watching videos and getting out of our chairs to dance and move. Feel free to check out some of our favourite videos and have some fun at home -

- *Learn About Volcanoes Song for Kids | Sing Along with Matt*
- *Dance n Beats presents Explode Volcano*
- *Dig it Up Dinosaur Songs*



In January we have been -

- ✚ artists, creating our own volcano paintings and painting rocks
- ✚ archaeologists, digging for dinosaur bones and fossils
- ✚ explorers, examining different rocks, fossils and shells

We are encouraged to talk about what we are learning, using our 'voices' in our own way to describe what we can see, hear, touch and smell, and to make choices during our activities. Some of us like to write about our learning and some of us prefer to talk, make, sing and move!







## Oak Class

This term we have a theme of rocks. We have studied volcanoes and different types of rocks. We have had a number of trips to look at interesting rock features in the local area. We also looked at some of the ancient local rock carvings and have used these as inspiration for an art project.

