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# The Owl - February 2025

# **Experiences to bring learning to life**

Bysouth Class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London to meet the curriculum needs of studying a significant event.

We made use again, of the wonderful resources from History off the Page to enable the children to travel back to 1666 and experience life in London during plague and fire!

Thank you parents and carers for supplying such fantastic costumes which the children wore with pride literally all day, refusing to remove hats in some cases even at lunch time!

Thank you to our parent helpers for the day and staff who also got into character by dressing up too! Our parents were very impressed by the children's prior knowledge and could see how the workshop really brought what they had been taught together. One parent also commented on our fantastic staff and how they were very impressed by the way our children are so ready to help and encourage each other. While this is not news to me, it is lovely to be able to welcome parents to events like these so that they can see our fantastic staff and children in action!

Part of the focus of studying significant events is to see what has been learnt from them. Miss Wilson also organised a visit from Royston Fire and Rescue to help the children see how firefighting has evolved significantly from lessons learnt in the past.















# DIARY DATES

#### **March 2025**

 $3^{rd}$  Girls into football with Laura Mills, Royston Town FC (Years 1 – 4)

4th Shrove Tuesday House pancake races

5th Primary Books Fair

6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day (Dress as a book character)

7th Bysouth Class assembly

12th Netball skills challenge Y3 and 4 at KJAR

14th Y2s Tag rugby event at St Ed's

21st Red Nose Day – wear something red or official merchandise

28th Mother's Day morning 9.30am - 11.30am

#### **April 2025**

4th Easter Hat competition

4th End of term for children at 2pm

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET days (school closed to pupils)

24th Summer term starts for children

28<sup>th</sup> Dinky and Junior Medics (First Aid training for Bysouth and Layton classes)

29th Maypole dancing lessons (all classes)

#### May 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Class assembly

7<sup>th</sup> Inter school Multi skills sports at Jenyns (Layton Class)

26th Half term

#### June 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

3rd Pupils back to school

6<sup>th</sup> Inter school cross country at Anstey (Layton Class)

11th School photo

20th KS2 community safety event hosted by Reed

27th Inter school Rounders event at Reed (Layton Class)

Please remember all dates are available on our website: <a href="https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/">https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/</a>

### **Easter Hat competition**

The children absolutely love creating Easter hats to wear to school each year; it has now become an annual event!

If your child would like to, they can wear their creation to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will have a parade in the morning and supply you with plenty of photographs on Google Classroom.

There will of course be house points for wearing their hat and extra points for the most creative hats made by the children. Have fun!



#### Fantastic Forest School

Huge thanks to Miss Wilson and the Sedgwick-Roughs for such a special Forest School session for Bysouth Class amongst a blanket of snowdrops!





### Let the rumpus begin!

The week of world book day is not even here yet, but we have already got events off to a flying start by welcoming West End in Schools back to work with us.

The company works with professional west end actors and dancers who share their expertise to inspire children in schools. Our children were certainly inspired today!

We chose to use *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak as inspiration for dance workshops with every class. All of the children followed the sequence of moves brilliantly to then put the whole dance together at the end. The children were able to create the rumpus described in the story using dance and not their voices which for children is hard when you are asked to be a Wild Thing in silence!

Our visitor was thoroughly impressed by all of our performers and was so impressed by Early Years that they included some of the Key Stage One sections in their dance and added some Key Stage Two moves for our Key Stage One children!

It always lovely to invite visitors to our school, not only to give our children wider experiences but also hear such wonderful feedback from our visitors about our children!

All three classes are getting busy with their writing next week inspired by the story of *Where the Wild Things Are.* Look out for published writing from all classes on display soon in the hall.







## And finally...

Huge thanks to everyone who wore red for the day and hearts in lots of cases to show love towards our wider community and those in need.

The children are always so keen to help others and understand that we all may need some extra help from time to time.

We raised a whopping...





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