

# Classroom News



Class Name: Windsor

Term: Summer 1 2024-2025

## What we have been doing this term:

In English, we have been writing about our experiences and trips into the community. We use switches, communication aids, Makaton, gesture and our voices, to communicate. We have been working on our hobbies and interests topic and have been exploring a range of indoor and outdoor leisure activities. We have been communicating our choices, and writing about our favourites. Lots of us liked bubbles, but we have also enjoyed bowling and connect 4. We have also been making choices in our relaxation sessions, and lots of us like the lights and the light mat. We visited Newbury library and chose books, based on our interests. We have been working really hard to develop our reading.

We worked very hard as a team, towards the Agricultural Challenge and were proud to take our work to the final. This year we entered a collage, gardens in a jar, painted pebbles, with a nature theme, a decorated planter, with runner beans, Peppa pig scarecrows. Some of our class went to talk to the judges about our work, and look at the work of students from other special schools from across Berkshire. It was lovely to meet pupils and staff from other schools. Windsor were highly commended overall, and won first prize for our Peppa pig Scarecrows! There are some more photos on the news section of the school website of our work, and some of Windsor talking to the judges.

Windsor class have been working on developing our understanding of positional language in maths this term. We have been exploring beebots and programming them to move forwards, backwards, left and right. We have also been finding motivating objects that are hidden in, on and under objects. We have also been practicing our money skills in our snack shop lessons. In cooking lessons, we have been exploring textures, and have made cakes. Some of us are starting to follow recipes and are helping to do the washing up.

In PSHE, we have split into girls and boys. The boys have been learning about public and private body parts and places. The girls have been talking about periods. We have been using anatomically correct dolls and stories from Chailey heritage, to support us with our learning. In music, we have been learning about Morris dancing and in drama we have been exploring sensory stories. In art we have been designing different types of balls. Some of us have been enjoying rebound therapy, and hydro therapy and have been doing so well. We have been exploring the wild garden, and getting muddy.

In our communication session, we have been doing Let's connect sessions and have been communicating more and finished really well.

We hope you have a lovely half term holidays. We are looking forward to lots of exciting trips and activities next term.

## Some photos of us!





### **Dates & Points to remember:**

End of Summer 1 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Start of Summer 2 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day.

23<sup>rd</sup> June – trip to Newbury Library

7<sup>th</sup> July – trip to Victoria Park

Last day of Summer 2 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July