

Autumn 1 So Far...

The children in Class One have settled into life at Beckwithshaw Primary School wonderfully! Our first few weeks have been filled with opportunities to build relationships, explore our learning environment and develop confidence and independence.

The children have been busy learning through a range of exciting, hands-on experiences across the curriculum.

Mark Making

The children have been developing their early writing skills through a variety of mark-making activities. They have been making marks in sand, using our large whiteboard, drawing faces, practising writing their names and exploring different lines and patterns.

They have also been developing their pencil control and learning how to hold a pencil effectively. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming increasingly confident with writing their names and using them to personalise their independent creations.

Maths

In Maths, the children have been learning about **sorting and matching**. They have been exploring a variety of objects, thinking carefully about what they have in common and how they are different.

The children have enjoyed sorting objects according to different rules, such as *brown and not brown, leaves and not leaves, farm animals and birds*. They have particularly enjoyed working collaboratively and creating their own sorting rules, explaining their ideas to their friends.

Understanding the World

Our Class One topic this half-term is '**Who Am I?**' The children have been enjoying opportunities to share their experiences and life stories with their peers, developing their communication and listening skills along the way.

We have talked about their favourite and most precious items from their chatterboxes, as well as their families, hobbies, favourite colours and many other things that are important to them.

The children have been demonstrating some fantastic **Oracy skills**, both when speaking and listening to others.

The children have also enjoyed exploring our Autumn area, investigating seasonal objects such as conkers, pine cones, pumpkins, acorns and leaves. They have been talking about the different colours, textures and characteristics they have noticed.

Their imaginations have been put to great use too! The children have built nests for our little cuddly birds and created imaginative storylines using our autumnal characters in the log tree house.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children have been developing their independence within our creative area, where they have free access to a wide range of resources.

They have been learning to select the resources they need, squeeze out their own paint, mix colours and take responsibility for washing up afterwards. They have created some wonderful artwork using a variety of materials, including sticky tape, glue and scissors.

The children have also been practising drawing and creating faces using pencil crayons and playdough. They have created beautiful autumn trees following discussions about the changing colours of leaves, as well as painting their own hedgehogs and other autumn animals.

What a Super Start!

What a fantastic start to Class One — and we are only **four weeks in!**

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into school life and to watch their confidence, independence, friendships and love of learning develop.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved so far and are looking forward to all the exciting learning opportunities still to come throughout Autumn 1!