

Galleywood Infant School

Monday 20th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy start to the new term, launching our learning theme about houses and homes.

Children in Foxes and Badgers classes went for a walk around Galleywood on a cold, frosty morning to look at different kinds of houses and homes close to our school.



They have been exploring straw, sticks and bricks, the materials used by the Three Little Pigs in the traditional story, and will be retelling, acting and writing parts of the story this week.



Do come to the **Coffee and Curriculum meeting this Thursday, 23rd January, from 9-10am**, to learn more about the planned learning for this term in Foxes and Badgers classrooms.

History Off the Page

Last Monday and Tuesday we had brilliant immersive days for children in Year 1 and Year 2 led by Lisa from History Off the Page. In the morning the children visited 9 different “rooms” in a recreation of Hatfield House in 1897, when Queen Victoria and her many attendants came to visit Lord and Lady Salisbury.

The children were taught how to help with washing, cleaning, gardening and setting the table. They handled toys in the Victorian nursery and got ready for bed! Everyone made a folded paper fan, learned to sew a sampler with their initial and used a dipping pen and ink to write a postcard to Queen Victoria.

In the afternoon children worked in groups to perform different parts of a variety show, with actors, singers, acrobats, comedians, mind-readers and a strong-man act all coming together for a music hall performance. We are so grateful to the parents and grandparents who were able to help on the day.

Hedgehogs and Owls



Squirrels and Rabbits



Many families have already paid the annual contribution we request towards visits and experience days- if you have not yet done so, please visit Parent Pay and opt to make a single payment or begin instalments. Thank you. The experience days are not cheap, but they always provide high quality, memorable learning.

Next week the children would like to share some of their work with families. We would like to invite one visitor to join us between 2:30-3:10pm on the allocated day. Please arrive a few minutes early and sign in at the office, before visiting your child's class. You will have a tour of our museum, see some William Morris artwork, learn some facts about Victorian homes and listen to a song we have been learning in Friday music sessions. We hope you can join us!

Monday 27 th January	2:30-3:10	Rabbits
Tuesday 28 th January	2:30-3:10	Squirrels
Thursday 30 th January	2:30-3:10	Hedgehogs
Friday 31 st January	2:30-3:10	Owls

We are delighted to report that over £600 was collected after our performances of Don't be Afraid. We have divided the money between the Brain Tumour Trust and Empower the Gambia. Mrs Read is currently in the Gambia and has sent a few pictures for us to share with you. Thank you so much for your generous donations.



Mrs Read will show us pictures and tell us much more about her adventures when she returns!

Forthcoming dates this term

Thursday 23 rd 9-10am	Curriculum and Coffee session for Early Years Foundation Stage
Thursday 23 rd January 7:30pm	Meeting of GIPA committee- new members welcome to come along
Mon 27 th , Tue 28 th , Thurs 30 th and Fri 31 st Jan	Class museum afternoons-see above
Thursday 30 th January at 6:30pm	Full Governing Body meeting
Mon 10 th & Tue 11 th February 3:30-6pm	Parent consultation meetings for Foxes and Badgers
Friday 14 th February 3:15pm	School closes for half term
Monday 24 th February 8:40am	School opens for the second half of the spring term
Tues 25 th Feb, 4 th , 11 th and 18 th March	Teacher led clubs for children in Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 21 st March 9:30am	Live theatre performance of The Railway Children
Friday 21 st March Red Nose Day	Wear something red and bring a donation for charity
Monday 31 st March and Tue 1 st April	Parent Consultations for Year 1 and Year 2 classes
Tuesday 1 st April at 10am	Easter service at St Michael's Church, all classes
Friday 4 th April 3:15pm	School closes for Easter break