

Anglia Way

During key working sessions, pupils have been independently reading fiction books and non-fiction information leaflets. On Fridays, we watch Newsround and have a weekly news update.

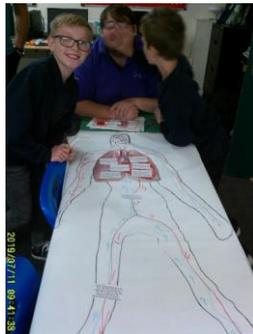


For afternoon activities, pupils have been enjoying the horse riding sessions, with lots of smiles and happy moments.



Puffins

This term our topic has been invaders and settlers. In history we started off by looking at who was in Britain before the year 0, the Celts! We then studied the Roman invasion and how they changed Britain for good. In science we have been learning all about healthy bodies and looking in depth at the biology of the body, in particular the circulatory system and skeletal-muscular system, and what we need to do to ensure it works well. In maths we have mainly worked on place value and our fluency skills with all aspects of arithmetic. We have continued to have regularly cookery, art and PE lessons also. In ICT we have upskilled our use of MS Word.



Play Therapy

We have now started our play therapy sessions, and children have been exploring Orbeez, kinetic sand and water play. Messy play is always so much fun. New for this year we have a large sensory box containing a wide selection of sensory resources. We recently purchased additional weighted blankets so that children can benefit from these on a day to day basis, should they have the need.



Cultural day – Mexico!

For this half term's cultural day we have been focusing on Mexico and in particular the 'Day of the Dead' celebration. Pupils on both sites have enjoyed various different lessons relating to the Mexican Culture. These have included Music, Geography, Language, History and Art. At dinnertime the young people enjoyed traditional chilli-con-carne with Enchiladas. All activities were enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

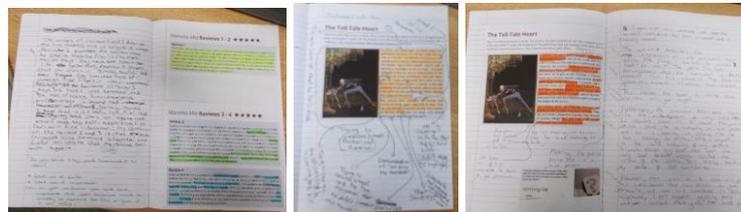


English – Anglia Way

All students have had a fantastic start to the new school year. Our KS3 and year 10 students have been enjoying reading 'Boy in the Tower' and 'Private Peaceful'. They have been improving their reading skills - working on retrieval, inference and deduction and evaluating texts to make informed responses to questions. Writing has included letters, newspaper articles, leaflets and character analyses.



Our KS4 students have been developing their reading and analysis skills in preparation for GCSEs, answering GCSE style reading questions and analysing extracts from Charles Dickens and Edgar Allen Poe. In addition, they have been planning and preparing their oral presentations as part of GCSE speaking and listening assessment and taking part in class debates.



All students have been working on their spelling and grammar skills this term, support by Scrabble which continues to be a firm Wisbech favourite! Overall, a fantastic start to the term with fabulous attitudes to learning.

Cooking – Sessions House

This term we have made a variety of recipes. This has included rolls, bread, pizza, cookies, rock cakes and the students have really enjoyed making doughnut cakes. This is the first time we have made these and they have asked to make them again and also asked for other moulds to be ordered for Christmas.

Key stage 2 have been learning where flour comes from, safety of storing food in the fridge talking about best before and use by dates. They have done a 'what am I?' activity matching up items in the kitchen with the clues given.

Key stage 3 have been learning about food hygiene and safety in the kitchen by watching a power point and then completing a quiz on the subject.



Life Skills – Food wise

During our Food wise lessons over at Anglia way we have been looking at Health and safety within the kitchen. During this topic the students enjoyed learning about different germs and how easily these are spread.

We thought it would be a good idea to do a little experiment called Germy Bread. The results we saw were shocking! But we were very lucky to also incorporate this with science by looking at the mouldy bread under the microscope for a closer look!



Humanities – Anglia Way

KS3 and KS4 pupils have started this term off with the Geography Short Course, completing challenges to earn credits towards their ASDAN qualification. Lessons have touched upon pupil's local towns and important places, locating them all on maps.

Pupils have also gained a great interest in the Geography world flag game. This allows pupils to connect the correct flag to its country. Within the classroom is a score leader board, where the pupils compete against each other to see who can get the highest score. The pupil with the highest score at the end of the term will win a prize.



Meerkats

This term Meerkats have been studying the following topics:

Science: Healthy Bodies

Humanities: Victorian Children

ICT: Charts and Graphs

In Forest School the children have been learning how to cook over a camp fire.



Above is a photo taken by IM at Forest School

SmartKoalas!

The start of this new school year has seen the addition of a second nurture group at Sessions House. Most of last year's Koalas nurture group have now become the new Smarties class. Therefore, Koalas class has welcomed three new students. These students have settled in brilliantly! Another change has been that both Smarties and Koalas are sharing a classroom space as they take part in their offsite activities on alternate days. All staff and pupils have found this extremely positive! New friendships have been made and both classes enjoy spending time in the mornings together. As a group we have decided that together we are the SmartKoalas!

This term SmartKoalas' topic is Invaders and Settlers. We have focused this half term on The Celts and The Romans. In English pupils have looked at descriptive language, have written a description of a Celtic settlement, studied features of diary writing and written diaries as if they were Roman soldiers. In Humanities lessons we have looked at the Roman invasion and Boudicca's revolt. At the farm pupils have also taken part in a weekly science theory session focussing on habitats and classification. In Maths we have studied place value and addition and subtraction. In addition, pupils have taken part in Phonics, PE, Swimming, PSHE, Cooking and Art!

