

The Beech Bugle

This term, the children in Beech Class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the theme of *what makes a hero*. Throughout the term, they have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they discovered that heroes can be found in many different forms, from characters in stories to real people within our own community.

Our literary journey began with a range of engaging and thought-provoking texts, including *Superworm*, *The Little Red Hen*, and *The Smartest Giant in Town*. These stories provided a wonderful foundation for discussions about kindness, resilience, teamwork, and helping others. Alongside these, the children explored a selection of non-fiction texts, which introduced them to real-life community heroes and helped them understand the important roles people play in supporting and caring for others.

As part of this learning, the children particularly enjoyed finding out about local community heroes, including farmers. Through their work on *The Little Red Hen*, they explored the journey of wheat from field to table. They learned about how wheat is grown, harvested, and processed into flour, before finally being used to bake bread. This hands-on and meaningful learning experience helped the children develop a deeper appreciation of where food comes from and the important work farmers do.



In addition to this, the children learned about the Easter story and its significance. They listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and developed a clear understanding of key events such as Palm



Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The class were incredibly proud to share their learning by leading a whole-school assembly. They spoke confidently and clearly, demonstrating both their knowledge and their growing confidence when performing in front of an audience.

The children eagerly embraced outdoor learning during their Forest School sessions. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for exploration, teamwork and skill development. The children learned how to use tools safely and responsibly, as well as how to use fire steels to start fires - skills which they approached with excitement and care. These experiences helped to build their independence, resilience, and confidence in an outdoor environment.

Overall, this has been a fantastic and enriching term for the children in Beech Class. They have made excellent progress, not only in their learning but also in their confidence, independence, and ability to work collaboratively. It has been



wonderful to see them grow and develop across all areas of the curriculum.