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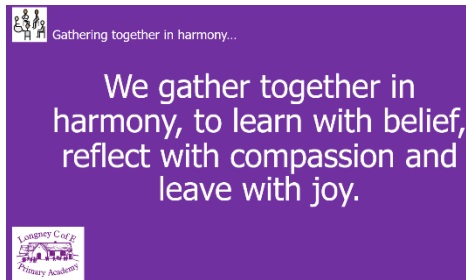
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Term One!

What a fantastic term we have had! We have enjoyed welcoming Swallow Class to Longney as well as Miss Minchin and Miss Halford in Skylark Class and Miss Freeman in Goldfinch Class. We have also been able to welcome 2 new children to Longney – Teddy and Rudy.

It has been an extremely busy term as our first term of the year. We have had forest school, trips, Atlas PE, movie night, welcome event, Harvest festival and so much more as well as all of the incredible learning going on in each classroom. In worship, this term, we have introduced our worship team- who have been taking leading roles in whole school worships- and class worship books, which are shared in celebration worships on Fridays.

After a very busy term, we're wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half-term. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3rd November for another fantastic term ahead including: trips, Atlas events and nativity.



Magic Garden!

We want to say an enormous thank you to FOLS and every single person involved in bringing our magic garden together. It made us very proud to see so many adults, at school, on Saturday 4th wanting to lend a helping hand to the working party. They worked their socks off for hours and the result is mind-blowing. Each class had time to be introduced to the magic garden and to explore all of its gorgeous features. Since then, the children have enjoyed listening to stories- in the magic garden- and spending relaxation time in there.

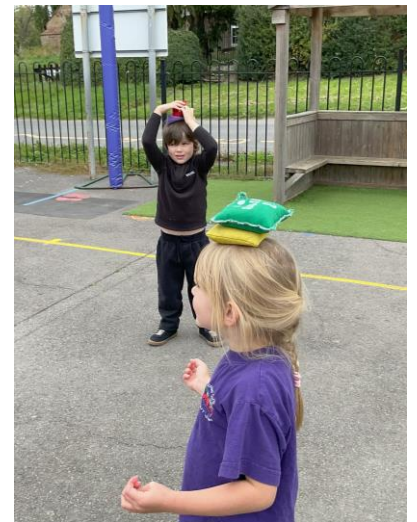


Swallow Class

Our wonderful start to the term has continued, brilliantly. We have been growing in confidence as we have enjoyed being out on the adventure playground to make friends with the other children; going to worship with the rest of the school (we've blown the adults away with how confident we are in worship!) and really settling in to life at Longney.

We've done lots of learning this term and we've had so much fun doing it, as you can see. We've been able to explore all of the stations in our classroom and have developed our independence at accessing all of these learning areas. We have spent time, inside and outside, developing our fine and gross motor skills. In our art station, we have been using a range of tools to create our own paintings and – outside of the classroom – we have used parachute games to explore how we can work as a team and beanbags to explore our balancing skills.

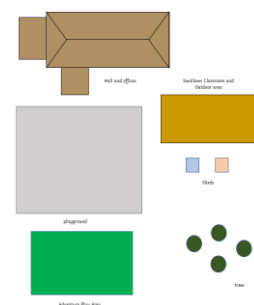
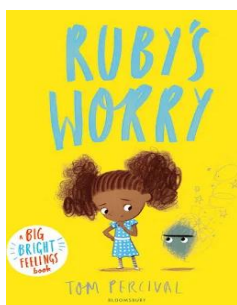
Thank you to everyone who came to our welcome event to see our new classroom. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we do!



Skylark Class

In Skylark Class, we have had a brilliant time welcoming Miss Minchin and Miss Halford to our classroom and have amazed them with our work.

In writing, we have used 'Ruby's Worry' as a stimuli for our writing. In particular, we have been learning about how we demarcate sentences with capital letters and full stops as well as the sizing of our letters. After reading Ruby's Worry, we chose parts of the story to reinvent and wrote some brilliant narrative sentences- using our own ideas and the punctuation that we had learned about. In Geography, we have been learning about how to create pictorial maps. We thought about what areas of our school we would need to include on a map for somebody to navigate their way around Longney and then we used different symbols to create our own maps. We put our maps to the test and we're pleased to say that everyone could use our maps without getting lost!



Goldfinch Class

We have thoroughly enjoyed our learning- this term- particularly, our Geography. We have learned about the local geography of Longney and about some of the features of Longney, including the River Severn. There were lots of materials on offer for us to make our own maps of Longney- we had dice representing the church and place value counters representing the river. Our trip to Gloucester was an opportunity for us to apply our map reading and direction skills to the test; navigating our way through Gloucester. We were fortunate enough to also visit Gloucester museum to learn about the historical geography of Gloucester.



Swift Class

In Swift Class, we have been enjoying getting stuck into our writing units- this term. We have used 'Wolves of Willoughby Chase' and our learning, in Geography, about Gloucestershire to write narratives, formal letters and information reports. Additionally, we have been working in harmony and using compassion to start peer-editing our writing. We have enjoyed learning about invasion games, in PE. Atlas coaches are with us twice a week and, this term, we have been playing a range of games to learn, practise and apply skills needed in invasion games.

As well as all of the learning we have done in the classroom, we have been thinking about how we can use our roles as: buddies, adventure playground team, sports ambassadors, worship team and house captains in the wider school. We have already come up with lots of ideas and we are excited to share them with you, over the year.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our Harvest Festival, on Wednesday. Swift Class worked incredibly hard to write their own poems, raps and prayers to share- as part of the service – as well as producing some beautiful harvest drawings. The whole school were able to take part in the singing of ‘Harvest Samba’ and ‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’ to make it a very special service.

Thank you for all of the donations we received. This year, Gloucester Foodbank allocated each school and item of food to donate – in order to ensure a consistent level of stock is maintained throughout the year. I was astounded at how many tins of rice pudding were brought in as well as additional donations of other food. All of this will be given to Gloucester Foodbank to help those in need, across the county.

Welcome to Swift's harvest festival.
We will be reading poems, prayers, songs and raps.
We will now read a short poem.

October brings crisp red, golden and brown leaves.
Let's welcome Autumn.
Golden leaves drift down.
Crisp air hums a soft hello.
Autumn sings its tune

Hello Harvest
 Watch the birds chirping in their nest
 Feel the crunchy leaves underneath your feet.
 Now it's time for all of us to meet.
 Watch the pumpkins grow,
 All there sitting in a row,
 It's nearly the end of harvest so let's snuggle up.
 And now let's gather with our family,
 And say goodbye to harvest.

Dear God,
God of harvest
Garden supreme
You place us at the centre
Feed us and equip us and
Having provided for us
Look to a different harvest
A fruitfulness of lives
In service to you and others
God of Harvest
Feed us
Prune us
Harvest us
That our lives
Might bring glory to you.
Amen



A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn.
A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.
With bright coloured leaves, a fall festival blend,
A wonderful time for families and friends.

A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain.
A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains.
A big harvest moon- way up in the sky,
A harvest of blessing that God has supplied.

It's that time of year again, when the harvest moon shines bright.
So let us gather round and celebrate it here tonight

All the fields are empty. There's not a crop in sight.
The food now lays upon the table so let's take our first bite.

Once our bellies bulge and we're filled with harvest cheer,
It's time to spread the joy of harvest - to people far and
near.

So grab your harvest box, you know just what to do.
Fill it full of festive food - for those less fortunate than
you.

Now the harvest moon is gone and the night sky looks so
clear,
It's time to tend the fields again - for another year

Carrots, peas and broccoli
Vegetables are good for me
For my snack and in my lunch
Veggie sticks are great to munch.

Carrots, peas and broccoli
Vegetables are good for me,
Fruits are ready for the harvest soon,
We'll take them to the market.

Banana, broccoli and pumpkin,
We'll all be muchin' on that pumpkin!



FOLS movie night

Thank you to FOLS for a fantastic movie night. It was lovely to see so many children at the event, which has continued to raise money for FOLS to support them in the amazing work that they do to provide so many opportunities to the school- all year round. This year, they enjoyed watching Hotel Transylvania; accompanied with pizza, popcorn and drinks!



Forest School

All classes have had a forest school session, this term, with the fantastic Mr Pritchard. Swallow class continued to find out about all the fun to be had at forest school. They collected some leaves to do some leave rubbings and explored using tools to do carvings. Fortunately for Swallow Class, there had been just enough rain for them to start a mud slide! Goldfinch Class used their walk to forest school to create their own maps- linking to the work they have done in Geography, this term. Swift Class had the opportunity to put a range of skills, they've learned over their years at forest school, to the test. They used different tools and different materials to create a fire, heat some water and make their own drinks.

