

A Year in the life of Bolney CEP

It is hard to believe that a whole academic year has almost passed since I took up the position of head teacher at our amazing village school. In this time there have been inevitable changes but our vision remains at the heart of everything that we do.

Each child is unique. We partner with families to nurture the 'whole child' – by understanding their specific emotional, spiritual and learning needs – so children flourish.

Children leave us as fearless lifelong learners, ready to meet the world with self-confidence, curiosity and resilience.

Our engaging and enriched curriculum is now driven by termly big questions with characteristics weaved through. Over the course of the year, we have taken advantage of the local area and the experts within it to help us learn and children of all ages have enjoyed working together during house team events too. A new phonics scheme has become embedded and reading for pleasure has been brought to the fore with the introduction of our new, inviting library space. Writing has been a focus, particularly the imitation stage where children have been practicing retelling stories, thinking about rich vocabulary and deciding how to innovate their own versions. Times Table Rocks Stars has made a comeback, along with Numbots for the younger mathematicians and the children enjoy times table 'battles' with their peers and, sometimes, the teachers! Many different foundation subjects have had their chance to shine too this year with Computing Day, Science Week, Arts morning, Orienteering Day, Prayer Space Day and Music through the Ages Day to name but a few. School life is about awe and wonder and our aim at Bolney CEP is to make learning irresistible, relevant and challenging so that children can flourish. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a fantastic staff and governor team, supportive families and of course, amazing children and I can't wait to see what next year brings!

A year in pictures:

September 2022 – Gardening Club preparing home grown vegetables to make soup to share with the school.

October 2022 – Whole School sponsored Colour Run.

December 2022 – KS1 Nativity.

January 2023 – KS2 went to the O2 to take part in Young Voices singing experience.

February 2023 – On World Book Day, the school worked in teams and each child made a potato book character.

March 2023 – Tractor visit during Science Week.

May 2023 – Sports Day part 1 – field events.

Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to two long standing staff members at the end of term. Sarah Bridger has worked as a Teaching Assistant for nearly twenty years and has been responsible for much of the amazing art work that has been created and displayed around the school and she will be sorely missed. Our super SENDCo, Sarah Harvey, who has been at the school for over twenty years as a teacher and prior to that was a pupil here herself, is also flying the nest to take up a unique opportunity to work at a new, progressive school. Bolney CEP will not be the same without either of these key figures but we all wish them well on their new adventures and we know that they will stay in touch.