



Bower Lodge School

Head Teacher Message

Dear Parents and Families,
It has been a fantastic start to the summer term and the sunny weather has meant that the pupils are continuing to use our outdoor spaces as much as possible for their learning and play.

We have already packed so much into the last few weeks, including our version of the Mini London Marathon. I was blown away by the effort and determination the children showed while completing their laps, and it was wonderful to see.

Our recent theater trips were also a huge success. Red, Yellow, Green, and Orange Classes had a brilliant time during the school day watching Zog, while Purple and Blue Classes thoroughly enjoyed their special trip to see Matilda the Musical. The children were fantastic ambassadors for Bower Lodge School, and their excellent behavior made both outings incredibly special.

We look forward to sharing more updates on our upcoming summer activities as the term progresses.

Best wishes, Jemma

Important Dates

Monday 25th May-

Friday 29th May:

Half term break- No school

Wednesdays:

Weekly Swimming lessons for Orange, Blue and purple Class.

Wednesday 24th,

Thursday 25th,

Friday 26th June:

Final Parents evening of the school year- booking details to follow after half term

Monday 20th July:

Inset day -No school

Tuesday 21st July-

Wednesday 2nd

September:

Summer Holidays-No School

Red Class

This half term in Red Class we started our final topic for the year 'Come Outside'. During this topic we will be learning all about growth and plants and exploring the outside as much as we can. We went on our first 'big' trip to the garden centre to buy some sunflower seeds, which we planted and already have some lovely seedlings! In addition to this we have been exploring our outside area looking at all the different plants and insects we can see, and to complement this we have even bought some tiny caterpillars and will be following their growth and then releasing them once they have transformed into beautiful butterflies. We look forward to spending as much time learning outside during the Summer term.





Yellow Class

This term in Yellow Class, our topic has been “Express Yourself” and we have had so much fun exploring different ways to be creative, confident and imaginative!

The children particularly enjoyed creating self-portraits using biscuits and taking part in arts and crafts activities to design colourful self-portraits on paper plates. In our home corner, the children loved dressing up, caring for teddies, and using role play food to spark their imaginations and develop social skills.

We have also spent lots of time outdoors practising balancing games and building our confidence with physical play. Sensory experiences have been a big part of our learning too, including water play, shaving foam activities, and edible phonics trays which encouraged the children to explore through touch, sound and creativity.

We also celebrated Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday with a wonderful “Around the World” sensory animal tray, where the children explored different animals and habitats through hands-on play and discovery.

We are so proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, creativity and willingness to express themselves throughout the term!





Green Class

Green Class have had a fantastic start to the summer term and have thoroughly enjoyed our topic, "Walk the Plank!" The children loved taking part in pirate-themed activities including treasure hunts, pirate role play, building ships, and exploring sensory trays and water play. Their imagination and enthusiasm have made the topic so much fun.

The children have continued to grow in confidence and independence across all areas of learning. They particularly enjoyed creating pirate hats, treasure maps, and telescopes, developing their creativity and fine motor skills along the way.

In phonics, the children are making lovely progress and are becoming more confident in recognising sounds and joining in with stories and rhymes. It has been wonderful to see their growing interest in books and storytelling.

We are very proud of all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this half term and look forward to seeing their confidence continue to grow throughout the rest of the term.



Orange Class

This term, Orange Class have had a fantastic time exploring our topic 'Outer Space!' The children have been highly engaged in all areas of learning and have shown wonderful progress throughout the term.

In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. The children enjoyed creating their own nets for 3D shapes and exploring shapes through a range of practical and sensory activities. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident identifying different shapes and their features.

In Literacy, we have continued our learning through Rocket Phonics sessions alongside letter formation practice. The children have worked hard on developing their fine motor skills through a range of engaging activities to support their handwriting and mark making.

In Reading, the children have engaged with a variety of different stories and texts. They have enjoyed listening to and exploring stories together and have been able to answer questions about what they have read, showing a growing understanding of characters, events and key parts of the text.

In Science, we have been learning all about Space and day and night. The children have enjoyed exploring how the world changes from day to night and have done an excellent job ordering parts of their day using visual and practical activities. We have also learnt about the planets and the children showed fantastic creativity and enthusiasm while making their own 3D planets for our classroom display.

In Art, the children loved getting messy using paper mâché and paints to create their planets. They showed great creativity and pride in their work, and our classroom display looks amazing!

A firm favourite in Orange Class continues to be our weekly cooking sessions. This term we have focused on making a variety of delicious desserts. The children have been amazing at following recipes and developing their independence in the kitchen.

The children have also continued visiting our local supermarket to shop for ingredients and have represented Bower Lodge School brilliantly within the community. Staff were incredibly proud of their behaviour, confidence and engagement during these visits.

The children have shown fantastic confidence and improvement in swimming this half term. It has been lovely to see them becoming increasingly confident in the water and enjoying their sessions each week.

We are incredibly proud of the progress the children have made with communication this term. The children have shown improvement using the class communication book and have begun using it more independently to communicate not only with adults, but also with their peers during play and classroom activities.

Well done, Orange Class, for another fantastic term full of learning, creativity and fun!





Purple Class

Purple Class have had a fantastic half term immersing themselves in the exciting topic of space. The children particularly enjoyed reading *The Cosmic Diary of a Future Space Explorer*, which inspired them to create non-fiction reports using their own additional research. They also explored *Here We Are* to deepen their understanding of our place in the universe. Creative, hands-on activities included making balloon planets with orbiting moons and learning what it takes to become an astronaut, which encouraged collaboration and communication.

In Art, the children produced an impressive range of work, including large-scale "Earth from Space" paintings, mixed-media Moon collages using foil and sandpaper, and expressive paintings inspired by *The Starry Night*. The unit culminated in a collaborative "Space Gallery" exhibition where children proudly displayed their 3D rockets and artwork. In Geography, pupils studied ocean, polar, and space explorers, developing map skills by using globes to trace journeys and exploring how technology like rockets has changed exploration over time.

Science learning closely linked with this topic; children learned that Earth's rotation causes day and night and that the Sun provides light and heat. They investigated how rockets move using balloon experiments to demonstrate force and developed their ability to respond to scientific questions. In Cooking, the class explored vegetarian meals and prepared simple main dishes. In PSHE, they focused on online communication, discussing the importance of kindness, respect, and how to stay safe online. Overall, it has been a busy half term with the children showing great enthusiasm and curiosity.





Blue Class

Blue Class has had another busy and imaginative time engaging brilliantly with our theme of Outer Space. The underpinning PSHE and life-skills curriculum continues to show positive progress in the children's confidence and interactions. Our discrete focus has been on online safety and appropriate relationships, where children explored scenarios to identify how to stay safe.

In Literacy, work based on *The Cosmic Diary of a Future Space Explorer* and *Here We Are* inspired fantastic speaking, listening, and writing, including diary entries and factual leaflets. We also continued to develop reading fluency through *Rocket Phonics* and *Accelerated Reader*. In Mathematics, the children developed their understanding of fractions and money, linking their learning to practical scenarios and our weekly shopping trips to Tesco. These trips now include the increased responsibility of buying items for younger classes.

Our Science work linked closely to space, with lots of curiosity around rockets and engineering. The children continued to represent the school brilliantly during community visits; trips to see *Matilda* and *Go Ape* were real highlights. In PE, the children participated in the Bower Lodge 'Mini-Marathon' and were super proud to be presented with medals. Weekly cooking has focused on vegetarian dishes, with the children showing growing confidence in preparing ingredients. Thank you for your ongoing support as we look forward to an exciting final half term.





Mini London marathon

The students at Bower Lodge School recently showcased incredible stamina and school spirit by participating in the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools. Our playground was transformed into a bustling racetrack.

Every child had the opportunity to run or walk their way toward the two-mile goal, completing laps at their own pace.

To celebrate this massive achievement, every participant has earned a commemorative medal, and our school has been awarded an official finisher's trophy to display with pride. This event was a fantastic way for our students to stay active while feeling part of a nationwide celebration of movement.

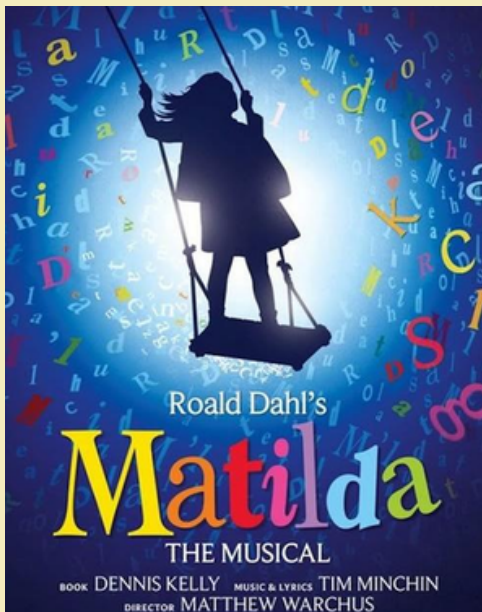




Matilda at The Mayflower Theatre

This half term, students from our Blue and Purple classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Mayflower Theatre to see Matilda the Musical. This visit provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the magic of a live professional production, with many attending a theatre show for the very first time. By visiting such a vibrant venue, our students gained valuable experience within the local community, accessing an environment that can sometimes be challenging to navigate outside of the school setting.

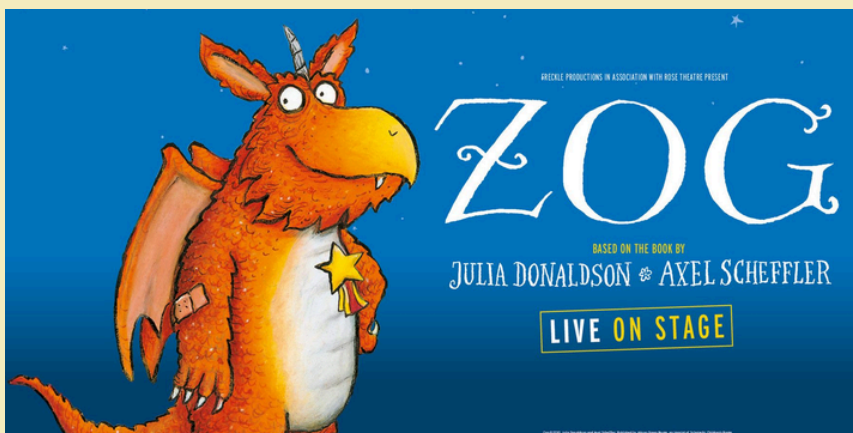
All of the students did exceptionally well throughout the trip, handling the new sights and sounds very well. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school, and they should be very proud of themselves too.





ZOG! at The MAST Mayflower Theatre

Last week, several of our classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to the MAST Mayflower Studios to see a live performance of Zog. The children were captivated by the wonderful stage magic that brought this favorite story to life. Seeing the characters in person gave our pupils a wonderful opportunity to visualize the books they love reading in class. We were incredibly impressed by everyone's behavior throughout the trip; our students were fantastic ambassadors and did the school proud!





Staff updates



Alex Geary

Huge congratulations to our wonderful Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Alex, on her promotion to Purple Class teacher! This is such an exciting milestone, and we are thrilled to see her take this next step in her career here at Bower Lodge School. Alex will officially begin her new role at the start of the next half term, and we know her energy, expertise, and dedication will make a fantastic impact on the students in Purple Class. Please join us in celebrating her success and wishing her the very best as she prepares for this new chapter!

Mark Aslett

We are delighted to officially welcome Mark to the Bower Lodge School team as our new School Caretaker. Mark joins us with a proactive attitude and a clear commitment to keeping our school grounds safe and welcoming for all our pupils. His role is essential in maintaining the nurturing and high-quality learning environment we pride ourselves on. If you see Mark around the campus, please stop to say hello and help us give him a very warm bower Lodge welcome!"





Communication updates

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When contacting Pupils teachers with information please can we ask you to CC our school administrator into those emails to ensure they are seen and dealt with in a timely manner:

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Keep an eye on our school website News & Events tab as we will be uploading any reminders and events information on there as well as communicating it via email & sending letters home.

<https://www.bowerlodgeschool.co.uk/news-events/>

