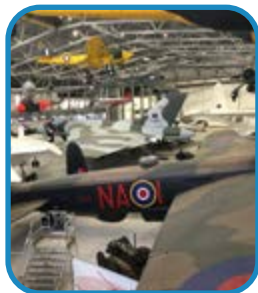


20th March 2025



The Grange Times

Redwood



Last week, Redwood went to the amazing Duxford. They saw the most incredible planes and even recognised planes they have been learning about in their lessons.

Our tour guide took us around the airfield and into all the different hangars. He told us some great facts; overall Redwood had a wonderful time!



Freddie: We saw a spitfire like our character Spif.

Hope: There was a lot of walking but loved going inside the planes.

Tyler: I knew some facts about the Wright brothers.

Eva-Louise: The planes were massive.

Noah: I normally do not like museums, but I found this one interesting.

Neveha: I have never been on a plane before so was nervous to go inside one, but I found it cool.

Jason: The Vulcan was just like Vul in our English book.

Ugne: There were so many planes I could not believe it.

Arthur: The material used for the Wright brothers plane went to space.

Jack: It was awesome actually going inside the planes and seeing the cockpit too.

Willow



This week in Willow class we have been exploring a range of different habitats. We have been talking about where different animals live and how they are suited to their habitats. We have focused on polar habitats, so we have been gathering information all about them and exploring what they are like. We are going to create our own diorama as our next step. We are now able to describe a range of different habitats and are starting to think about how we can find some in our school grounds.

Jordan: I know the difference between a desert and the rainforests. Its how much rain there is and plants.

Teddy: Arctic and Antarctic habitats are polar habitats. They have tundras and are really cold.

Dejon: Polar habitats are cold, the animals have thick fur.

Phoebe: I like the ocean habitats best

Robin: The oceans are the most different habitats

Larissa: I like when we do sorting activities its fun. I know their different habitats

Jake: A habitat is where an animal lives

Oak



Oak class really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2025. We explored all of our story sacks, read and told our favourite stories, explored our tuff trays and had an amazing time in our Outdoor Learning session. Lots of fun had by all!

Scarlett: We played with the colour monsters.

Levi: I enjoyed reading I want my hat back. Miss Sheehan and Miss Trinder dressed up as the bear and the rabbit from the story.

Samuel: We got to wear some costumes, and we had a lot of fun. I came as wolverine! We had a story of We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to catch a big one. We made a dark, spooky cave. Can't go over it, can't go under it, oh no! We've got to go through it. I crawled through it.

Marcel: I read Dogman in the Book Nook.

Shaan: I loved listening to Pete the Cat. My 4 groovy buttons is my favourite. I dressed as Woody and we did some digging in the Woodnook.

Cody: I loved wearing what we want. I was an airplane pilot and I played with the colour monsters.

Grace-lily: I was Dorothy!

Amelia: I loved seeing everyone dressed as their favourite book character. I liked reading Elmer the Elephant.

Alfie: Superworm!

Lilly-Jo: I was spiderman. Me and Shaan read together, Elmer the Elephant. It was fun!





This week, Ash class had an amazing time during our Interception session using their feet and toes to explore different sensory

materials. They were all fully involved with the activity and it was lovely to observe their facial expressions every time they were touching different materials e.g.

Ash

plastic crystals, feathers, ribbons.

They also practised on their sensory words using visuals to describe the feeling of each sensory material.

Aneyk: It is smooth

Carfer: It is soft and smooth

Alex: It is spiky

Ella-Rose: Fluffy, Soft

Olivia: Soft

Thabo: It is rough and spiky



This week Palm class are thinking about which is their favourite subject at school. Animal Care is very popular with our students in Palm class followed by food tech.

Mariah: In Animal Care I love helping the animals and make the place

cleaner and feeding them. It makes me really nice inside when I am done.

Keith: My favourite lessons are Maths, Food Tech, ICT, Animal Care, Media, Forest School, PE The best part about PE is when we play dodgeball, basketball, football and tennis.

Calvin: My favourite lesson is Animal Care. I really like cleaning the goats and the sheep's and pigs. I am also trying to do better at my Maths and English AQA papers and I really want to achieve my goals.

Alfie: My favourite lesson is animal theory because I get to learn more about animals. I get to see my favourite animal, the cutie little gerbils, I like to stroke them and let them play in and around my hand.

Scarlett-Grace: My favourite lessons are Art and Animal Care. I like looking after the animals, and I'm very good at art. I do give the chickens their water every breaktime and lunch times

Matthew: My favourite lessons are PE and Animal Care. The reason why PE is my favourite lesson is

Palm

because I like doing sports and fitness. In Animal Care I have learnt how to handle animals and how to keep them clean.

Tammi: My favourite lesson is Food Tech because I like cooking different things and taking them home so my parents can enjoy whatever I have made in school. The skills we learn is how to use a knife properly and how to cut different types of foods.

Mayson: My favourite lesson is Animal Care because I enjoy being with animals and looking after them, making sure they have everything they need to keep them alive and healthy. I learnt in Animal Care that chickens don't have teeth, so they need to have grit to digestion their food.

Kyle: My favourite subject is Art because it is challenging and satisfying. It is fun to paint or draw and colour my artwork.

Malachi: My favourite lesson is Animal Care. I am really responsible. I check if the animals have enough food. I use a resource to clean the poos from the animal areas and make sure the animals are in a clean space. I have learnt to look after farm animals, which is a new skill.

Baron: My favourite lesson is PE because it is practical. I love doing Horticulture because I learn more about plants and how to look after the plants, like digging over the soil to plant and to stop the soil from going dry and can't have tilth that it is like dry sand.

Alex: My favourite lesson is Animal Care. Some of the jobs I do are clean up poo and give the animals clean water.



On Tuesday 11th March as part of our topic "The Skys The Limit" Elm class visited Duxford Air Museum.

Elm class went as part of our nest trip with Redwood and Rowan, they were greeted by our guide who took the classes around the hangers, showing us different planes and aircraft.

While at Duxford Elm class got to meet 4 members of N.A.T.O., who were more than happy to explain what they did and where they were from and have their photo taken with them.

The whole day was a wonderful experience for Elm class to see these planes up close and they also spotted the 4 planes in our story at Duxford, Spif, Vul, Woody and Tom.

Samuel: I liked the parachute regiment museum.

Luca: I liked learning about Concorde and how it is the fast recorded passenger plane.

Harry: I liked it all.

Lewis: I liked the Spitfire the best.

Marley-Rae: I enjoyed being able to walk through Concorde.

Malakai: I liked looking at the Spitfires.

Owen: I liked the planes my favourite was the Queens plane.

Zach: I liked the Spitfire, I managed to find Spif.

Martin: I liked when they spoke about the planes giving us more information.

Elm



Cedar



This week, Cedar Class made some new equipment for the goats to play on

Steven: I enjoyed the physical part of moving everything into the goat's pen and organising where it all needed to go.

Ollie: The goats will have fun playing on the equipment and it will get them moving their feet more.

Rodney: I have used a drill before, but I needed showing. Once I knew what I was doing it was easy.

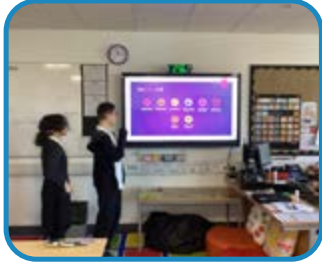
Ryan: We worked together, and I used the drills properly, making sure the planks connected together which was hard.

Kieran: It was all easy and sort of felt like doing a real job.

Ray: I enjoyed being able to use power tools to put it together, which shows how my DT skills are used in real life.



Hazel



This half term, the Kestrels classes have been organising their Easter Fayre, which will take place on the last day of term, Friday 4th April. Hazel class individually made posters online and

voted for their favourite. Displayed in the newsletter is the winner, produced by Justine Carter.

Emilia: We've been talking about what stalls we're doing at the Easter fete. I am doing a loom bands stall.

Amber: We had to make a poster with prices on it and we printed them out. I'm excited for it to see everyone at the Easter fete.

Umar: In Life Skills, I have decided on which colours I need for the words on the poster. Everyone else in my group is doing loom bands, but I would like to do custom plush as my stall. I'm feeling cool because it's exciting.

Dylan: We made posters about what we're doing on our stalls and me and Hannah have decided we're doing a milkshake stall. We are selling them for £2 or 3 tokens. I'm feeling excited for running a stall!

Hannah: With Dylan I've done the milkshake poster,



and we've added flavours of strawberry, chocolate and banana. We get to sell them for students and parents and carers. I'm most excited that I'm going to be making some milkshakes.

Ruby: I'm doing a rice crispies stall, and I am going to make them. I think we're selling them for 50p! I am feeling excited because the parents get to go to the Easter fete.

Justine: On Monday, we were deciding how much the rice crispy cakes cost. I made a poster, and I won the vote for best poster so my poster will be in the newsletter!

Eva: I am doing loom band bracelets with Amber and Emilia. We made the bracelets in Life Skills. I'm excited and happy because it was fun making them and I'm excited to sell them!

Tyrese: We were mapping where our stall would be and we were creating posters about what we can have on our stall. I am feeling excited to do the lucky dip, which is what me and Umar are doing.

Tristan: First, I went to get some stuff from Beech class to bring to our class which I had to organise. There was a blanket, a pillow, a scarf and a hairband. We are going to sell them at the sale at the Easter Fete.

Jack: I've been helping my class to get the Easter fete set up, getting all the chocolate and sweets ready for the party! I am doing a sweet stall. I am nervous but I'll be fine!



On Wednesday 19th March we took a team to Biggleswade to play football against Ivel Valley school. We played a total of 5 10minute matches and gave debuts to Hope, Arthur, Samuel and Jack F.

The first game was a tight affair with Grange kicking up hill, a mix up from a throw in allowed Ivel Valley to score and they took a 1-0 advantage.

In the second game debutants, Hope, Arthur and Samuel came on and with Grange kicking down hill we managed to score through Marley-Rae 1-1.

The third game again with Grange kicking uphill we conceded a silly goal 2-1 Ivel Valley.

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The fourth game, kicking downhill we were awarded an early penalty which was converted 2-2. Grange continued to dominate the game and scored again through Marley-Rae 2-3 Grange.

The fifth and final game saw Grange kicking uphill, coaches feared the worst as we hadn't scored going up hill yet. But we shouldn't be worried, Grange put in their best performance and scored 2 more goals, both from Marley-Rae and Grange ran out 5-2 winners.

Some great performances from Grange, Marley-Rae with his 5 goals, Jack TG with his furious tackling, Arthur with his nonstop running and chasing, Levi with a great performance in goal, but I think the person of the match has to be Hope, outstanding in midfield she reminded me of a younger Kante, absolutely bossed the midfield.

Mr Kilcoyne



Red Nose Day

On Friday 21st March 2025, Grange Academy will be supporting this years Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

All children can wear something red or their favourite colour for a donation of £1 towards this charity.

Cake Sale



Kestrels Easter Fete

Friday 4th April 2025
10:00am-12:00pm
Grange Academy School Hall and Library

Various stalls, games, bric a brac and Tea room (Adults only).

Lots of activities and fun games to play at the Easter Fete (Pay for food and drinks only)

Free to Grange Academy pupils Adult Entry £1

These are the times each nest will visit the fete in case you want to co-ordinate your visit with your child.

Donations for the event are welcome. Please bring to the front office; toys and games, easter decorations, table cloths.

Thank you Kestrels team.

Class Nest Rota:

9.00 - 9.45am - Robins

9.45 - 10.30am - Falcons

10.30 - 11.15am - Eagles

11.15 - 12.00pm - Red Kites

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 25th March 2025 - Parents Evening

Friday 4th April 2025 - Last Day of Term

Monday 7th April 2025 – Wednesday 23rd April 2025 - Easter Holidays

Thursday 24th April - Pupils Return to School