

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week it has been wonderful to celebrate harvest with your children. Thank-you to everyone who sent in contributions of dried foods for Besom to share with those in need at this time. The food made a wonderful display and reminded us to be thankful for what we have and also for those who work so hard on our behalf to provide the food that we eat.



As I reflected with staff this week, the harvest is an end result, it doesn't happen quickly and requires months of hard work, with little or no sign of the end result that is hoped for.

Sometimes, in their learning, children can feel like that. There is lots of hard work, but little sign of the longed for success. This week, as we have thought about waiting for harvest and all the work that goes on unseen for months before the harvest can be celebrated, has provided us with a good opportunity to remind ourselves to be patient and persevere.

As we celebrated Values Awards this week, there were a lot of children who were being recognised for their perseverance in their learning. For some children, some of the time, learning happens quickly and seemingly easily, they grasp a new concept, or master a new skill in a matter of moments. For most children however, learning, like the harvest, is a slow job, but the result is worth waiting for! Learning takes time and careful attention, it takes repetition and practice – it takes perseverance.



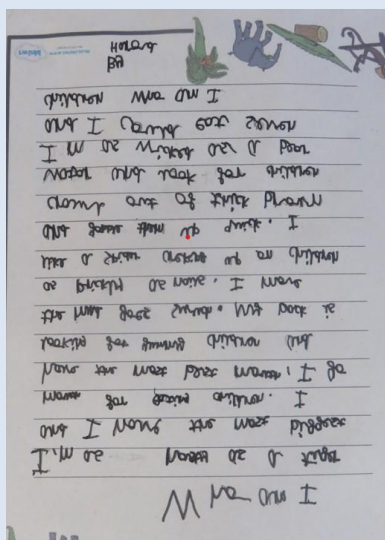
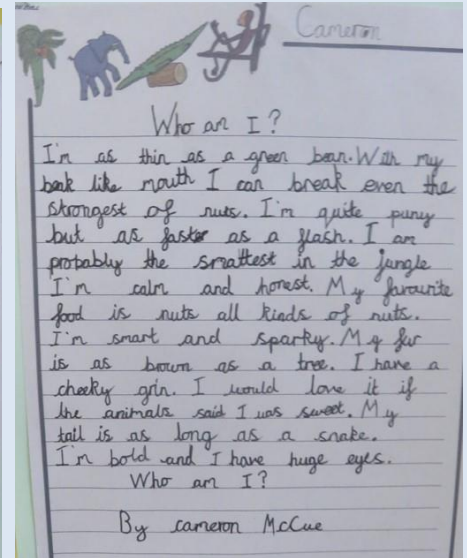
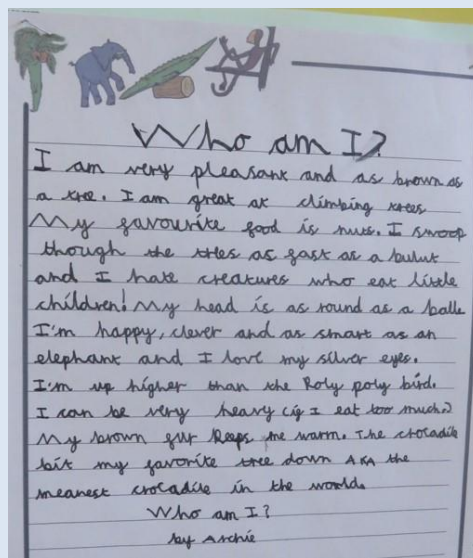
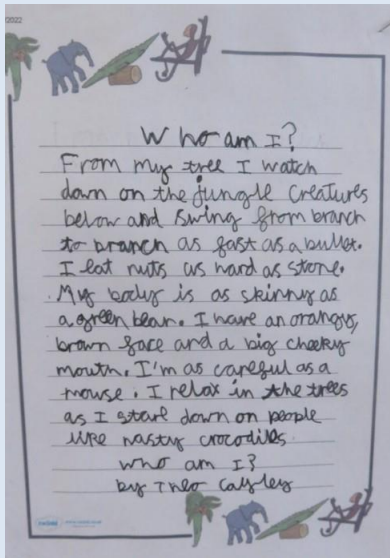
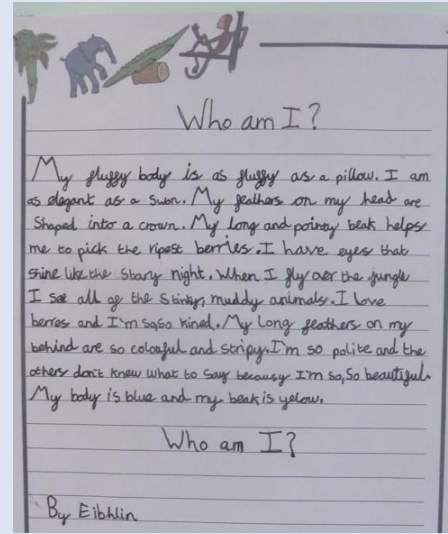
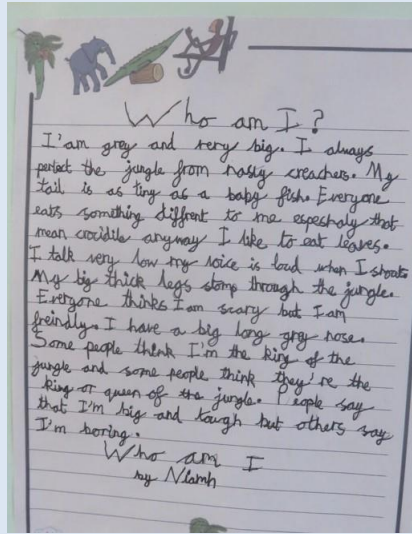
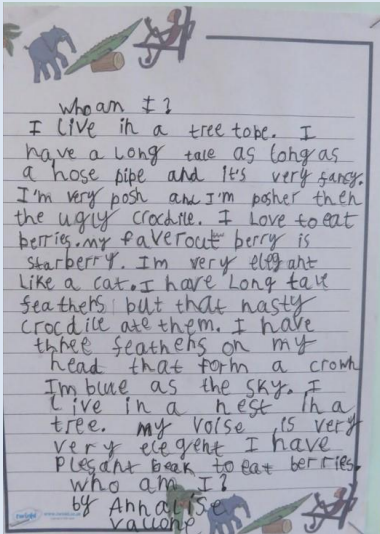
As adults, perseverance is needed too. This week we had a visit from the School Improvement Advisor who works for ODST. Part of her role is to ensure that we have robust school development targets and to monitor our progress against them, she also checks that our school processes and procedures are in place.

It was, as always, a joy to spend some time showing Frances around the school and looking at work in your children's books.

Looking at the work your children have produced this week to celebrate harvest, I have been challenged to lift my eyes and look at the bigger and longer-term picture. As part of a society where so much is 'instant', pausing to consider the annual cycle of seedtime and harvest has done me good. Not everything happens immediately and like the farmer, I too should invest my time and effort in things I have to wait for.

## News from Around the School

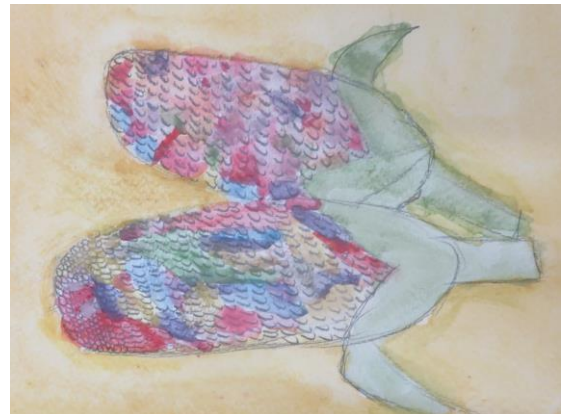
Mrs Usher-Wilson's class are enjoying learning all about Roald Dahl. Their learning this week, based on the book 'The Enormous Crocodile', is now being displayed in their middle area and answers the question, 'Who am I?' We love the care and attention the children have taken with their descriptive writing and we had fun guessing who the children have written about.



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## Harvest artwork

In Collective Worship this week, the children enjoyed sharing some of their harvest related work. The children in Year 6 shared their artwork, the children in Year 3 read their acrostic poems and the children in Year 5 read their prayers. As always, it was also a joy to hear the choir sing.



## Congratulations to our footballers

After school on Friday, it was a very soggy football match against girls from Our Lady of Lourdes. Having been coached by Miss Main during the week, the girls were feeling better prepared for their second home match in two weeks. The girls played well, once again showing great team spirit and enjoying the game. This week it was a narrow victory for The Blake team - well done! A special thanks to Mr Morris, who refereed for both matches.

