

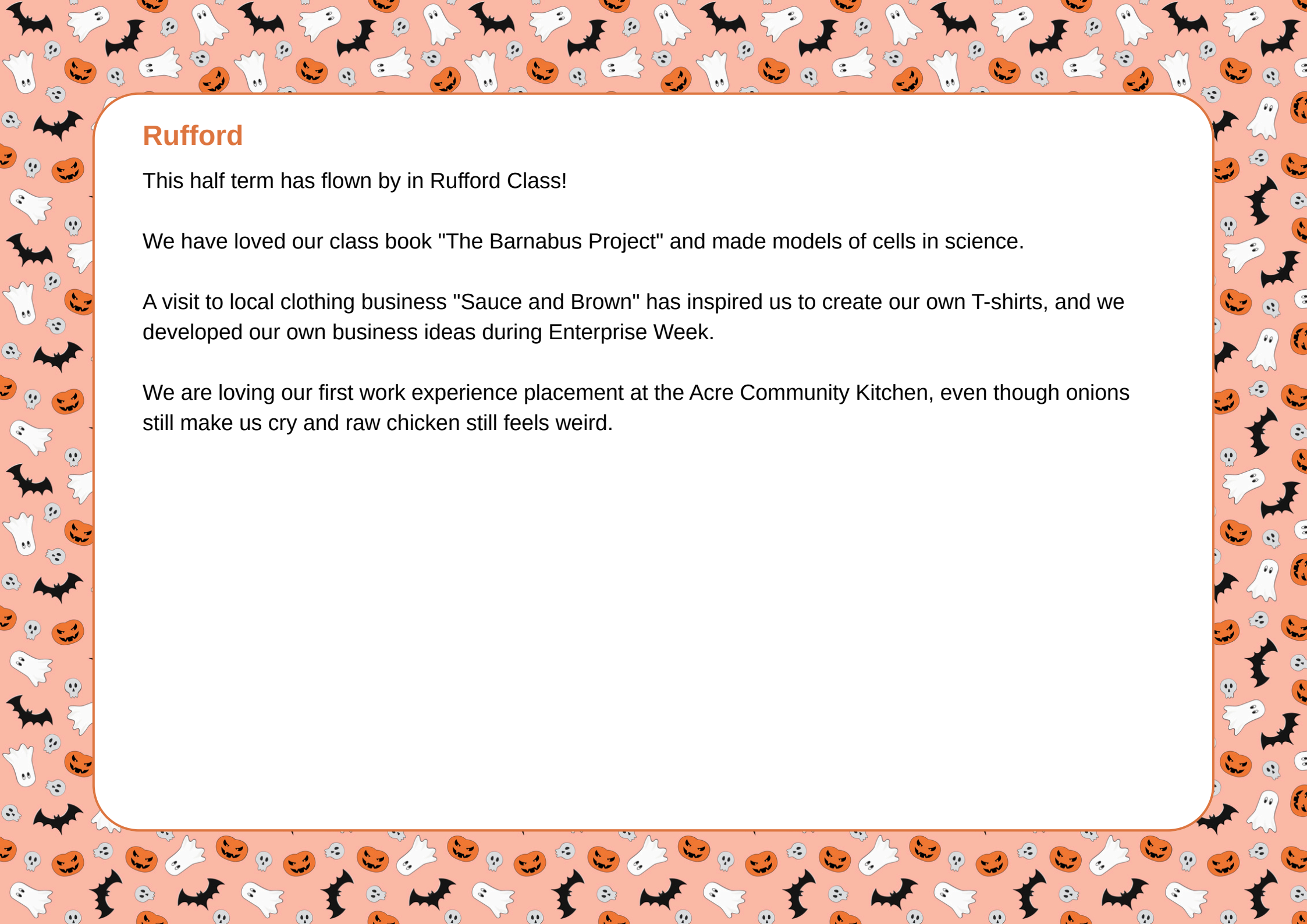
Hardwick

This half term, Hardwick Class have been exploring the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, learning about how people lived in the past and comparing it to life today.

As part of their topic work, the children created their own cave paintings, inspired by the artwork left behind by Stone Age people. They also made Bronze Age axes and explored the features of round houses. In English the children explored the story Stone Age Boy, which helped them imagine what life was like during prehistoric times. They also enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and reading about The Croods, using these exciting themes to inspire discussion, speaking and listening activities, and creative writing. To bring their learning to life, the children explored a cave environment and created their own cave paintings, just as prehistoric people would have done.

In Maths, the children developed their number knowledge by exploring one more and one less than a given number. They also practised grouping objects in different ways, following a range of rules and explaining their thinking.

We finished off this half term with a trip to Morrisons where we picked our own pumpkins and carved them on the last day of school.



Rufford

This half term has flown by in Rufford Class!

We have loved our class book "The Barnabus Project" and made models of cells in science.

A visit to local clothing business "Sauce and Brown" has inspired us to create our own T-shirts, and we developed our own business ideas during Enterprise Week.

We are loving our first work experience placement at the Acre Community Kitchen, even though onions still make us cry and raw chicken still feels weird.

Sherwood

Sherwood have had an amazing start to the year.

As part of our career's rotation, the students attend construction where their first focus has been woodwork. They have been working hard to make their own bird boxes, and we are all very excited to see the end products!



On a Wednesday we have the privilege of going to Take Over Radio 106.9 and 'taking it over' for the morning.

The students work in teams and go live for their own segments each week. It is amazing - give it a listen!

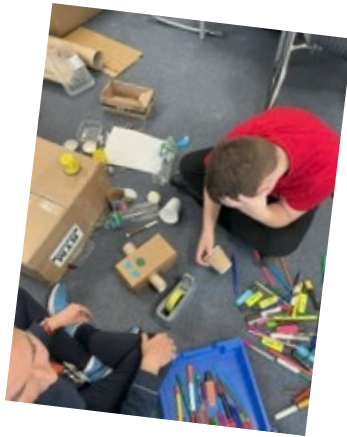
Thoresby

This term we have been making a great time learning all about making things such as robots, games, music and mess!

We had a lovely time learning about how to build our own robots and following and making instructions.

We've been working on throwing and catching skills through PE and using lots of equipment to practice different movements to use throwing and catching.

We've really explored building up our resilience trying new things and sharing with our peers and enjoying lots of different activities in and around school.



Wollaton

As part of our Enterprise topic, Wollaton pupils have been developing their ability to follow instructions through a range of practical activities during English lessons.

They have successfully made gonks, Rice Krispie pumpkins and wreaths, building skills in listening, sequencing, communication and independence.

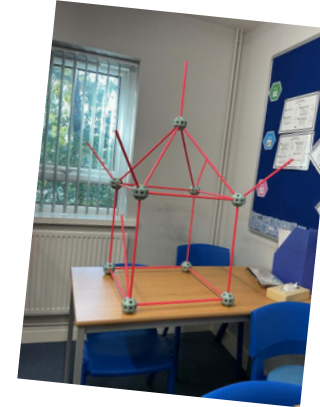
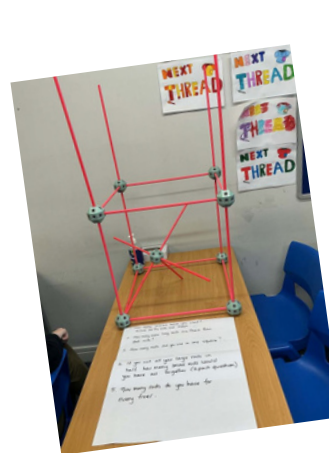
Alongside this, pupils have continued to develop their travel training skills by visiting a variety of locations within the local community, including shops, garden centres and cafés. These visits have provided valuable opportunities to practise making purchases, communicating with others, following routines and increasing confidence and independence in real-life settings.

Together, these experiences help prepare pupils for greater independence both in school and in the wider community.



Kelham

We have been working hard in Kelham on practical maths, using practical activities to support our understanding of how to apply our knowledge of the four operations to solve problems.



We have also been working hard on our designs for our enterprise project. We have some amazing artists in the class.



We have also started to use our lunchtimes to have fun together and keep fit using 'Let Dance'



In PE, some of us have been scaling the heights at Nottingham Climbing Wall.



Enterprise Week Success

Throughout our whole-school Enterprise Week, students impressed us with their imaginative ideas, innovative product designs and careful budgeting. The Dragons' Den event for our KS4 and KS5 students was as competitive as ever. Teams confidently pitched their ideas to a panel of dragons who challenged, encouraged and inspired our young entrepreneurs.

Huge thanks to Matthew Saxton (E.ON), Shane Gunstone (Asmech Systems) and Gary Jordan MBE for their invaluable support and expertise. Their constructive feedback and real-world business insights helped make the experience both authentic and memorable for our students.

A catalogue featuring all of the products created during Enterprise Week will be available after half term and you will also be able to buy these fantastic student-designed products at our Christmas Fayre in December.

We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved and look forward to showing off their skills to the wider school community.

Great Athletes Visit Thursday 1st October.

We were delighted to welcome Joel Fearon, Team GB sprinter and bobsledder, to Bracken Hill School as part of our exciting Great Athletes event.

Pupils from Key stage 2 and 3 took part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Joel, who inspired everyone with his enthusiasm, determination and love of sport. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities and were fascinated to hear about Joel's sporting journey through his assembly, including the challenges he has overcome and the successes he has achieved. Pupils also had the opportunity to ask lots of thoughtful questions during a Q&A session after the assembly and learn more about life as an elite athlete.

We are incredibly proud to announce that, through the generosity of our families and sponsors, we raised an amazing **£1,379.50!** The money raised will help us purchase new sports equipment and continue to develop opportunities for physical activity across the school.

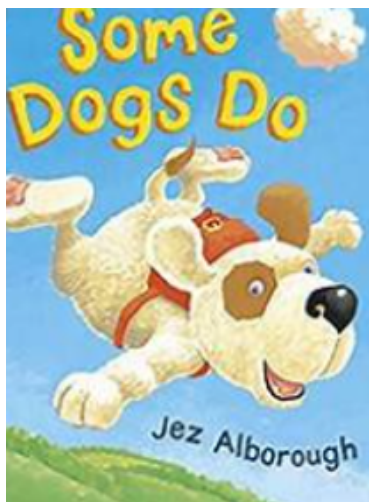
A huge thank you to all of our families for your kindness, encouragement and support. Your contributions have helped make this event a fantastic success and will have a lasting impact on our pupils' sporting experiences. Well done to all of our pupils for their enthusiasm, effort and participation on the day!

Mrs Denning



Book recommendations

Some Dogs Do by Jez Alborough



Some Dogs Do by Jez Alborough is one of my favourite children's books. It tells the story of Sid, a dog who can fly, even when everyone else says he can't.

I love this book because it has a really positive message about believing in yourself, celebrating differences and never giving up on your dreams. The story is fun, easy to follow and full of lovely illustrations.

Mrs Shelton

You Choose

A brilliant book that lets the children decide what the story will be.

It is incredibly visual and lots of fun! It includes many of our core words!

Miss Winsor

