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Enjoying and Achieving Together

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Ducklinas

We have had a very busy fortnight in Ducklings and the children have been learning lots through play. They have really enjoyed listening to "Dear Zoo" and loved making animal tracks in paint and mud. They were fascinated to find out that different animal footprints vary so much in shape and size. The children are becoming more confident to recall the story and remember what was wrong with each animal. They loved how the story ended and playing dogs has been very popular. We have also started to learn about Pirates and the children have enjoyed listening to the story "Ten Little Pirates". The children particularly enjoyed joining in with the rhyming words and making the pirate noise. This story has also helped the children with their counting, and they have enjoyed counting how many pirates there are at each part of the story. The children have been inspired by the pirate topic and have been busy making maps, telescopes, jewels and treasure chests. Next week, we hope to build a pirate ship and perhaps we'll walk the plank!The children also enjoyed a visit from a mystery reader. Jenny, a local resident and school volunteer, kindly came into nursery and shared Billy's Beetle by Mick Inkpen. As always, the children listened attentively and enjoyed finding the different characters. Please contact the school office or a member of the Nursery team should you wish to share a story or an activity with Duckling class. Thank you for your continued support.

Fox

In Fox class we have been working so hard with our reading at home and school. Thank you once again for your continued support with this. The children are making wonderful progress. They were very excited to receive their first reading challenge reward, of watching a special film. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers to 10 and learning new mathematical vocabulary more and fewer. We enjoyed a fantastic fon mulit skills session at Lacon Childe, were we got to mix with other schools and take part in target practise, gymnastics, sports bingo and dancing. We have also been enjoying our topic on 'Technology' were we have been programming the Beebots to move in different directions and have enjoyed going on the laptops.



Badaer

In Badger class we have been having lots of fun with our learning. In Maths, we have been doing addition and subtraction to twenty. In English we have been doing rhyming poetry Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear. In topic we have compared Cleobury Mortimer to Antartica, which was very interesting. In art, we have created a repeated pattern of Antartica animals. We also enjoyed a fun multi skills session at Lacon Childe, where we get to do catching and throwing, dancing, gymnastics and races.

Hedgehog

What a wonderful fortnight Hedgehog class have had. We have spent the week writing up our diary entries about the Great Fire of London. They have produced some fantastic writing and I am very proud with how they have put themselves in the shoes of Samuel Pepys. In maths, we have been learning all about statistics which involves reading, producing and interpreting tally chart, pictograms and block charts. In topic, we are continuing our learning with the Great Fire of London and we have been looking at jobs that were available in 1666. In Science last week, we investigated how to make a strong rope using crepe paper and this week, we wrote our findings. We have also been decorating our t-shirts at long last, which the children are fully enjoying. So far, they are beautifully colourful!



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Rabbit

In literacy, we have been looking at newspaper reports. Some children have been able to share their knowledge of what is happening both locally and around the world. It would be really useful if you could talk to your children about what is going on around the world currently and support them in looking at newspapers and listening to the news so that they can join in with our discussions. Rabbits class have been learning French with Mme Reynolds since the beginning of term. They have been learning the names of animals and how to recognise key sounds. The children are becoming much more confident and are continuing to enjoy learning a new language. Last week, Rabbits class visited Lacon Childe to complete a STEM activity. They developed some great ideas to solve a range of problems. It was lovely to see how well the children worked together to complete the challenge.

Hare

We have had a busy fortnight in Hare Class. The children have concentrated so hard for assessment week and should really be proud of themselves. Alongside assessments, we have also completed a lot of fun activities! We have been measuring all sorts of things outside on the playground with different equipment, the children especially loved the trundle wheel! In English we have finished writing some exciting fantasy quest stories which I cannot wait to read! In Science we have conducted experiments to find out the materials that would be best for curtains and finally, in Topic we have been explorers and discovered Australia as James Cook did long ago!

A reminder that if there are any issues with Purple Mash, please let me know and I can arrange something else as a homework. To add to this, we encourage parents and carers to help children if they are stuck with their homework, however, we do expect children to complete this homework themselves.



Kestrel

We have worked very hard this week in Kestrel Class. In topic, we explored the art of aboriginal people. We explored the methods and inspiration used to create this art before attempting to recreate a piece of dot art. We explored a range of balances in PE. Using our communication skills enabled us to work with a partner to carry out a range of counter balances. We continued to explore spreadsheet software in computing. This week, we investigated how we could use the software to budget for a party. In science, we explored a range of chemical reactions and discussed which of them were reversible and irreversible. We enjoyed observing what happened when we put salt in Coca Cola. Next week, we are looking forward to exploring a range of poems in Literacy.

Mole

In English we have enjoyed reading an illustrated book written from the viewpoint of the four different characters. The children enjoyed using the images to identify what they might symbolise. They were also able to express their own opinions about the different characters. As a result, I was really pleased with the writing they produced. In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of fractions including converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and how this could be represented on a bar model. On Wednesday, the children visited the library to change their books which they are looking forward to reading. Since writing the last class news, we have made some lanterns and painted them with vibrant colours on the back to represent the Chinese New Year celebrations; we turned the front into a rat as this year is the year of the rat.

Deer

This past fortnight the children have been learning about converting between units of measurement and area and perimeter in Maths and in English writing an action scene from the short story, Rikkitikki-tavi. The Science topic this term is 'Light' and the children have demonstrated what they

already know and as a class discussed some of the aspects they would like to research during the unit. In Topic the class have continued to learn about the Mediterranean and the United Kingdom specifically the countries and their capital cities around the sea and where several food products originate from in the UK.



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Stars of the week!

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Attendance				
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Badger Class 98.77%				
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House points		_		
House	9	Week's Total	Overall Total	
Housman		420	6690	
Jebb		334	6821	
Owen		423	5479	
Webb		331	5416	
Congratulations to all of the members of Owen.				

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