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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

The children have enjoyed their learning during the past fortnight and have created some wonderful play. They really enjoyed listening to the story of *Ten Little Pirates* by Mike Brownlow and Simon Rickerty and they especially liked how the story rhymed. This inspired the children to play pirates and they made wonderful pirate ships, skull and cross bones flags, treasure maps and a treasure box. They even walked the plank into a shark infested playground! We also visited Lacon Childe school and took part in a "Gym Tots" session. The children really enjoyed balancing on the different equipment and rolling the hoops. I am always amazed by their confidence and balancing skills. This week, we have enjoyed playing in the muddy puddles and creating mud slides. The children have been trying different ways to make the slide slippery. They discovered that adding water was the most successful way to make a slippery slide and had great fun sliding down. The children have also been busy baking and I have been really impressed by how they used the balance scales to weigh the ingredients. The mathematical language that they used was fantastic and they produced some tasty cakes too. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the nursery team should you wish to come in and share an activity or read a story. The children love it when a member of their family visits nursery.



Fox

What fun Fox class have been having. Thank you again to everyone who has helped support us with our reading challenge. The children really enjoyed baking fairy cakes and using the weighing scales. In phonics we are really pushing on now with our more complex sounds and this is now beginning to show in our writing. Any extra work on mark making or writing at home would be very beneficial for the children. In Maths we have been working hard to recognise and write the numerals 1 to 10. Today we have started a new gymnastics topic, called points and patches. The children thoroughly enjoy using the apparatus and will be working towards using the wall bars again.



Badger

This week has been a very busy first week back after the half term. Badgers have started new units across the curriculum and managed to fit in a dance lesson on Tuesday, which was great fun! In English this half term we are focusing on writing letters, based on the book 'Meerkat Mail'. So far, we have read the story and begun to develop an understanding of why we send and receive letters. We have also been looking at some of the differences and similarities between formal and informal letters. In maths, we have been counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10, which the children are very good at. We have identified patterns when counting in these multiples to help us remember which number will be next in a sequence. Next week we are moving onto problem solving. In topic, we are now focusing on countries and continents. This week we have looked at how to use an atlas to identify continents and oceans, which has been a challenge. Next week, we will begin to look at continents in more detail, so anything the children can add or speak about from holidays would be fantastic.



Hedgehog

Hedgehog's have had a wonderful week back from half term. We kicked off the week by finishing our poetry unit. The children have written some wonderful rhyming poems and have included some very creative similes. Next week, we will be starting a new unit with the focus on speech. In maths, we have finished off our unit on shape. This week, we have concentrated on the features of 3D shape and next week, will be starting a new unit on fractions. We are continuing our learning about the Great Fire of London in topic and in science, our new unit relates to learning about plants and flowers. Thank you to everyone who attending parents' evening. The children were very excited that their parents were coming in to look at their work. I hope you enjoyed seeing the progress they have made since September.



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Rabbit

This week, Rabbits have started to learn about road safety. They will be putting the information they have learnt into practice as a group under careful supervision. Please would you reinforce this when you are with your children, showing them the correct skills to use in order to keep safe when crossing the road. They will still be at the early stages of their learning and should be monitored until they are older. In our topic this term, we are learning about geography including Britain and the wider world. If you are able to develop your child's learning by talking about places they have been and showing them where they are on a map, that would be very useful. It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evenings this week. Thank you for making the time to come in.



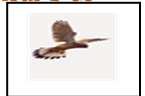
Hare

The children have settled back really well after the half-term, they have come back refreshed and ready to learn. It was so lovely to see so many parents this week for Parents' Evening and discuss how well the children are getting on. If you did not manage to book an appointment and would like one after school then please let Miss Perrin know. Children have been brilliant this week in their new Maths unit of fractions, they have played some games using fractions to find 1 whole and really enjoyed it. In English, children have been reading an explanation text about jellyfish, they will be writing their own explanation text next week so any research they would like to do on a topic of their choice would be beneficial! Year 3s have participated in a 'Stepping Out' activity which has taught them all about road safety.



Kestrel

It has been lovely to see everybody again after the half term. This week, we started our literacy topic on persuasive writing. We designed a new toy and created a persuasive advert to try and encourage people to buy it. We are happy to be working with GKY Dance Studios once more. Please can you ensure PE kits are in school next week. We will work closely with Grace on Tuesdays for the next four week. We have started to explore the medium of collage in art. We recreated our fantastic landscape watercolours using collage and compared them. We started our new topic in science by investigating the effects of gravity. We are looking forward to investigating air resistance next week.



Mole

Before half term, we were lucky to be invited to join a talk with a visiting author. However, the author was 184 miles away in our partner school on the island of Alderney. So how did we join in with the other Year 5 children? The magic of Skype. It was interesting to hear Andrew Lane talking about his Young Sherlock series of books he has written for children. Elsewhere, the children enjoyed the volleyball afternoon up at Lacon on the last day before we finished for half term. In science, the children have been developing their knowledge of circuits whilst in topic they are hoping to present their topic work (via Skype) to the school in Alderney either later today or next week - more to follow next time.



Deer

Deer class have had a really good week. Amongst lots of other things, they have been learning about bridges and have very successfully been making and testing their own bridges. They will be continuing with this project this half term. Hopefully if Boris does build his bridge to Ireland, Deer class engineers will be on hand to help!



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Stars of the week!

This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:

Deer	Amber
Mole	Thomas P
Kestrel	Nanci
Hare	George
Rabbit	William
Hedgehog	Hannah
Badger	Ellie
Fox	Jacob
Duckling	Ben
	Eden
	Jake
	Georgia
	Reggie
	Lacey
	Evelyn
	Arthur
	Jazmin

Attendance
WELL DONE
Badger Class 100%

Congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	413	7447
Jebb	381	7543
Owen	261	5975
Webb	430	6196

Congratulations to all of the members of Webb.

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