

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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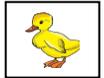
Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Ducklings and have been learning through play. The first activity that the children enjoyed completing, was learning how to wash their hands properly. They have practised counting to make sure that they washed each part of their hands for long enough. They even made sure that they rubbed their fingertips. The children's favourite part was cleaning their thumbs as they got to make a motorbike noise. The children also enjoyed planting cress and they were fascinated to discover that seeds could grow on wet cotton wool. The children have been very excited to see how much their seeds have grown each day. The children were also very excited to receive a visit from Mole Class as part of World Book Day celebrations. They enjoyed listening to the older children read stories and admired their fancy-dress costumes. At the end of the day, the children also loved sharing a story with their parents. We have been making the most of the sunshine and have spent a considerable amount of time outside. The children have enjoyed playing in the mud, exploring the outdoor classroom and playing on the play equipment. I have been impressed with how independent the children are becoming at getting ready for outdoor learning by putting on wellington boots and waterproof clothing. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the nursery team should you wish to read a story to nursery class.



### Fox

In Fox class we are still working hard with our reading and are making wonderful progress. Thank you once again for all your support with this. Alongside the reading challenge we are now working hard on our pencil grip and our writing skills. Any extra help on writing words and short sentences at home would be very beneficial. In Maths we have started looking at 3D shapes and enjoyed going on a shape hunt around the school. We also enjoyed playing the 'feely bag' game where we had to try and guess what shape we could feel inside the bag. This was lots of fun! We enjoyed learning about Holi Day the festival of colours and carried out lots of fun colourful activities related to this special celebration.



### Badger

Badgers have had an enjoyable but busy week this week! We have continued to work hard on our maths- using arrays to find multiplication and division facts, working particularly on 2s, 5s and 10s. In English, we have been working on writing letters and are planning to begin letter writing next week. We have also started up our meerkat diary, which is giving the children the opportunity to write an entry about what happened over their weekend. Any pictures or photographs added would be greatly appreciated! The children have also enjoyed another dance session with Grace, where we used scarves as props to create a 'Canon' dance sequence to the sound track from Disney's Pocahontas. Next week we are going to be perfecting our sequence before performing to one of the other classes. We have really enjoyed our dance lessons with Grace, they are always fun and related to our topic.



### Hedgehog

Hedgehog's have been enjoying their new English unit, learning all about speech and inverted comma. We have been learning the story, 'The Papaya that Spoke', which has opened the door to some wonderful work produced. Over the next fortnight, we will be innovating and planning our own version ready to write up. In maths, we have been learning about unit fractions, mainly focusing on halves, quarters and thirds. As part of our Holi Festival, we used this knowledge to help us create symmetrical Rangoli patterns. In science, we have been learning about the lifecycle and parts of plants and trees, with a more in depth look into seeds and bulbs next week.



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## Rabbit

Rabbits class have enjoyed a whole range of different activities over the last 2 weeks. They completed their Stepping Out training, which was very valuable in improving their road safety skills. Thank you to all the parents who came in to help. We have been to Lacon Childe for a hockey festival and for a STEM fair. The children were very interested in all of the activities, especially having the opportunity to see and handle different organs from animals. Our trip is next Friday, 20th March. Please remember to send your child in clothes and footwear that can get muddy and that are suitable for the weather conditions and for doing activities in. They will need to carry everything themselves, so a rucksack is much more convenient, with their lunchbox inside it, not separate. If anyone has any magazines or old catalogues that we could use for an art activity next Thursday, please send them in. Colour pictures are what is needed.

I have noticed that some children are bringing in some lovely things from home like pens, pencils etc. I know that some of these are precious, so I would request that you don't allow your child to bring in anything that will upset them if they get lost or damaged.



## Hare

We have had an exciting fortnight in Hare Class. The children have researched a topic of their choice at home and have used this information to produce some amazing and interesting explanation texts for their English. In Maths, children have been completing some really tricky calculations to do with fractions. We were also lucky enough to be invited to the STEM fair at Lacon Childe, where children had an opportunity to take part in many scientific experiences that they might not learn at school! We hope that everyone has a lovely weekend and continues with a positive attitude towards school in the coming weeks.



## Kestrel

Kestrel class have enjoyed another busy week. On Wednesday, We visited Lacon Childe School to attend their annual science fair. We spent an hour looking around the amazing stalls, which were being run by real life scientists! We explored the heart, lungs and liver of a sheep, tasted roasted barley from the local brewery, explored the affect of baking powder in cakes, created patterns with Mechano machines and made mixtures with different liquids. We celebrated Holi day on Friday. We explored the origins of this Hindu festival before creating a poem, doing some Holi dancing and designing some Holi-inspired art. We continued to explore forces in Science, this week investigating the impact of friction on toy cars. The year five members of our class attended a golf festival at Lacon Childe on Friday where they took part in a range of golf related activities.



## Mole

This week the children enjoyed going up to the science fair at Lacon where they got to see some physics, chemistry and biology in action. There was some hands-on science such as launching mini rockets, looking at the structure of a heart and testing the PH of different mixtures. Last week, it was fantastic to see that most of the children had dressed up for World Book Day! For World Book Day, each class ordered some new books for their bookshelves. As we have now finished *The Outlaw Varjak Paw*, we used some of the morning to review 6 new books by looking at the front cover, reading the blurb before reading the first few pages to see which one captured our interest the most. We have now chosen our new class novel and can't wait to get into it. Mole Class also visited Nursery for half an hour to read stories to them.



## Deer

These past two weeks the children have been consolidating their understanding of geometry in Maths by completing a variety of reasoning and problem solving questions and in Guided Reading the class have discussed and evaluated the picture book, *The Lost Thing*. This particular book provided several opportunities to discuss what it means to 'belong' and as a result linked in with our current unit in Class Assembly. In Science the children have continued to learn about Light and specifically explored how we see and how reflections are formed. Additionally, this week, we went up to Lacon Childe School to take part in the Science Fair where the children participated in various activities including building a rocket, controlling a remote control car and learning about sound waves.



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# Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Fox

Duckling

Holly

Maxwell

Jude

Maisie

Ben

Tyla

Isla

Leo

Sybillia

Archie

Orla

George

Joseph

Stanley

Isla W

Ted

Sally

**Attendance**  
**WELL DONE**  
**Mole Class 97.53%**

**Congratulations to you all!**

**House points:**

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	450	8344
Jebb	391	8367
Owen	403	6901
Webb	464	7137

**Congratulations to all of the members of Webb.**

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