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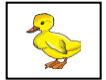
Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

Friday 11th September 2020

Ducklings

Welcome to nursery! Apart from a couple of tears, the children have settled in beautifully and have had a wonderful start in Ducklings. We have really enjoyed getting to know new faces and becoming reacquainted with old friends. The nursery has come back to life and it has been wonderful to see the children play and hear their giggles. The children have been extremely busy exploring the different activities available and we have particularly enjoyed seeing them make new friendships. They have used their imagination to create some wonderful themes. We have made some fantastic water slides for both animals and vehicles. It has been wonderful that the weather has been so kind, as the children have been able to spend most of their time outside where they have enjoyed creating bubble wands. This caused great excitement as some unusual bubble shapes were created. Also, the children have made the most delicious mud pies and we have been impressed with their mixing, digging, sharing and conversation skills. The children have also enjoyed decorating their outdoor den and they used chalk to create some colourful wallpaper which has made the den more homely. The children have enjoyed exploring colours through paint and have painted self-portraits, printed handprints, and experimented with colour mixing after looking after paintings by Monet. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.



Fox

We are so proud of how the children have settled into their new reception class. It has been wonderful getting to know them all and learning about the different characters. We have been focussing on making sure that the children are given time to understand our routines and where to find things in the classroom. They have been making lots of new friends and have enjoyed showing and telling us about their families and their interests. We have really enjoyed watching them explore the classroom and are super impressed with their tidying up skills. It would be wonderful if you could send in, email or upload on to Seesaw photographs of your child, with their family and with their favourite toy or activity. We really appreciate your support during this unusual time and cannot wait to get to know you and your children better but as always if there are any queries please contact us at school.



Badger

Hello! It has been fantastic to see the children back in school and settling so well into Badger class. The children have adapted well to our new class routines and after coming into class with a smile on their faces and their hands washed are ready to learn by 9am. This week in maths, we have been focusing on counting forwards and backwards within 20 and then demonstrating our knowledge of numbers using flashcards and cubes. We will continue to build on our knowledge of counting and number as the term progresses, before introducing calculation. In English, we have focused on our letter formation as well as sentence construction, just to refresh our minds of what we have to do. Next week we are going to be starting our new English unit- labels and captions. Within this unit we will look at the purpose of different labels before labelling pictures and items of our own. This week we have also managed to listen to all of the children read in school. The children will now have a reading book in school that will be changed during the week, as well as a reading book that will come home on a Monday and will need to be returned to school on a Thursday, to be changed before the weekend. We are not going to be sending reading diaries home for parents to sign, but we will be keeping a record in school of who we have listened to read during the week. We also have the good news that morning snack fruit is now back in KS1 classes, so the children don't need to bring in alternative snacks. We would also ask that if the children are having a school packed lunch, they don't bring in other lunch items, as they don't often eat it all and it will save wasting any food. All in all it has been a busy but productive week, and the most important thing to us is that the children have been happy and settled in their new routine. We look forward to beginning our new topics across all areas of the curriculum.



Hedgehog

I would like to start by saying a big welcome back to all families as well as a very warm welcome to all the new children and families who have started with us in Hedgehog class. All the children have astounded me with their resilience and enthusiasm to start the new year. We have had a very busy beginning with plenty of fun activities. We started off by ensuring we personalised our classroom to ensure everyone knew it belonged to us. We have done this by creating some lovely ombre paint work where we learned about tints, which was inspired by Paul Klee's 'Separation in the Evening'. We also took some black and white photographs of us posing to add on top of our piece of art as well as some interesting facts about us. Keep an eye on the Hedgehog class page of the school website to see some examples. I have been very proud of Hedgehog class this week; they have impressed me with their determination, energy and eagerness to learn. Well done Hedgehogs!



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Rabbit

The children have settled well back into class after their very long time off. Although, it has been a very worrying time, it has been great hearing about all the lovely things they did. We have had a very exciting week already in rabbit class with a visit from a giant who left footprints all through the classroom. In English we are looking at a story called *Poppy, Waldo, and the Giant* by Pie Corbett. There have been some hard workers already. In topic we are learning about The United Kingdom, which the children have shown their general knowledge about the topic. Finally, we have had our first French lesson with Madame Reynolds. I was so impressed with their French accents. I am really excited for next week already.



Hare

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and see them settle in so well after their time away. Hare Class have been enthusiastic to learn and have really done themselves proud this past week. Our topic of 'Anglo-Saxons and Scots' began this Tuesday when we found a skeleton in the classroom! The children produced some lovely pieces of writing about the artefacts that they found and are keen to find out more about the way that the Anglo-Saxons lived. They have all tried very hard in their maths and have remembered an impressive amount from last year. English has also seen some imaginative pieces of writing and I cannot wait to read more of their stories in future. I am sure that their brilliant attitude to learning will continue as the school year goes on, wishing everyone a great weekend.



Kestrel

Kestrel Class have had a wonderful first full week back at school. It has been great to get to know everyone better. On Monday, we began our new history and geography topic - Great Frontiers: where land meets sea. We virtually travelled across the globe, using Google Maps, visiting various coastal locations around the world. We took part in a virtual underwater diving adventure, observing a range of sea creatures, including sharks! After, we explored the animals that live around Britain's coast. We created life size drawings of these animals. We were amazed to find that dolphins, up to two and a half metres in length, live in the waters around our shores. In English, we began exploring a new story, *My Friend Walter*, by Michael Morpurgo. Over the next couple of weeks, we intend to explore Morpurgo's writing style and aim to be able to write our own story opening. Exploring place value in maths has prepared us to move on to developing our ability to compare and order numbers. In science, we began our topic on sound by carrying out a range of experiments and models to help us understanding how sound is created. On Tuesday, we enjoyed working with Madame Reynolds who taught us how to greet each other in French. We are looking forward to working with her over the next few months. We are looking forward to continuing our learning next week.



Mole

Moles class have had a super start to their return to school. It's so lovely having everyone back. We have shared experiences and discussed any concerns. The children are now confident with the new routines in place. In lessons, we have started by recapping some key maths skills before moving onto new areas of learning. Our unit of writing is based on a book by Michael Morpurgo. I am really enjoying working with children I have taught before and getting to know some new faces. I am looking forward to a successful year ahead.



Deer

Welcome back. Deer class have settled back into school life really well. It has been a busy start to the school year, with the first few days enjoying one another's company and getting to know one another again. Deer class are enjoying taking on the new role of being the oldest children in the school and are already working hard to be good role models for their younger peers. They have enjoyed carrying out their literacy tasks which have included reading comprehension, dictionary work and creative writing about a submerged city. In Maths, they have enjoyed getting to grips with data handling and had lots of fun trying to make 'Palindrome numbers'. Deer class have also been working on place value and trying to revise their times tables and will continue to do this throughout the year. PE, has been a great hit with Mr Boyd as always and they have enjoyed doing athletics this week and discussing keeping fit and healthy. In Art, Deer class got to design face masks and safety banners to promote safety awareness throughout the school. Science was great fun this week when they were learning all about blood. They thoroughly enjoyed the Science experiment that we did on mixing the different types of blood groups. In Geography we started our 'Rivers' topic and enjoyed listening to an upbeat tune about the source of a river all the way to its mouth! To end the week the children enjoyed discussing 'Internet Safety' and having the chance to use the laptops once again. Have a restful weekend, ready for next week's fun learning challenges.



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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

Grace

Jamie

Amber

John

Leo

Nancy

Lexi

Jacob

Jake

Jamie

Holly

Tyler

Logan

Willow

Lily-Rose

Harvey

Arlo H

Congratulations to you all!

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