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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

The children have settled back into school so well after the holidays and we have been so impressed with their creative play ideas. The children have enjoyed celebrating bonfire night and they have made some fantastic firework pictures using a variety of media. They also enjoyed building a bonfire in the outdoor classroom and worked together to build a fire using logs. The children used leaves to represent the fire. It was a beautiful sight. The children have also been listening to "Owl Babies" by Martin Wardell and they have enjoyed making their own owls using wool. We discussed where owls live and that they are nocturnal. The children searched the outdoor classroom for evidence of owls and tried to find a warm, safe place for them to live. We have also enjoyed finding out about Remembrance Day and we have made some wonderful paper plate poppies. The children took part in a minute's silence and loved listening to an older child play "Last Post" on the cornet. In the outdoor area, the children have been developing their fine motor skills by washing ducks. We have been extremely impressed with turn taking and perseverance to complete the task. The children have also been working hard in the mud and gravel. It has been lovely to see the children digging and transporting materials into the wheelbarrow. It was wonderful to hear the language that they used whilst working together.



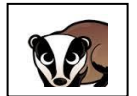
Fox

We have had a lovely fortnight in Fox Class and it has been wonderful to see how the children have settled back into school after the holiday. We have been making the most of the lovely Autumn weather and the children have been enjoying a wide range of activities outside the classroom. The children have begun learning about a new story called "Oh No George!". They have really enjoyed recalling repetitive phrases with super expression and have written fantastic messages to George and Harris. We are so impressed with their letter formation. In maths we have also been exploring all the different ways there are to make 5 and 6 and it is wonderful to see them becoming more confident to recall these related facts. We have also continued to practise writing our numbers to 5 making sure we use the correct formation. The children have painted some very colourful firework pictures using washing up scrubbers and have been learning about Poppy Day. We used our own ideas to make some Poppies.



Badger

Badgers have had a great week this week focusing on position and direction in maths, where we have had to learn new vocabulary in order to describe where something is. We also read and acted out the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to embed our understanding of prepositions- this was great fun and we even had a go at replacing some of the text with our own places. In English we have started reading our text 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and we have been learning the story and the key features by playing games and drawing text maps. Next week we are looking at unfamiliar vocabulary from the text and how we can use this within our writing. We have also worked hard in art this week- focusing on the artist Linda Lang, who completed an expedition to Antarctica and bases her art work on her findings. Our new topic is Antarctica, so we decided to look at Linda's work and then imitate her style within our own sketches and paintings. We are improving our sketching skills, but we still need to practice our painting skills, which we will do over the next coming weeks.



Hedgehog

Hedgehog class have demonstrated some fantastic work this past fortnight. In English, we have nearly completed our unit on 'The Hedgehog' by Dick King Smith. The children have been planning their story ready to write it next week and I can't wait to read their creative ideas. In maths, we are continuing our work on subtraction and have been learning how to exchange 1 ten for 10 ones using a place value chart. This has proved a little tricky for some so some practise at home would be appreciated. We have also started our new topic in history which is about the Great Fire of London. It seems this has really sparked the children's interest and they are keen to learn more. This week has also been STEM week, and the children have crafted some kite out of willow and paper. We have discussed how the energy of the wind should keep them flying. We are hoping for a windy day soon, so we can see them, in action.



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Rabbit

I hope everyone had a nice half term. Rabbit class have come back ready to learn and have started our letter writing in English about the floods that happened this year. In maths, we have been learning addition and subtraction methods which everyone is working hard learning. In art we have produce some lovely sketching of fruit and portraits. Soon we will putting the two together! It has been STEM week this week which we have been learning about energy and produced a leaflet with all the information about energy on. I hope everyone has received the reports which were sent last week. Please let me know if you have not received it.



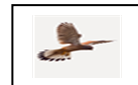
Hare

Hare Class have been brilliant with their learning over the last two weeks. They have been very enthusiastic during RSE lessons which help to keep us safe and have really enjoyed exploring the Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll, which is full of many nonsense words! We have been focusing on measurement and perimeter in maths, this was tricky at first, but with practice, the children have really strengthened their understanding of units of measure and finding perimeter of shapes. The children really enjoyed making paper windmills as part of STEM week, we discussed what energy is and different types of renewable and non-renewable energy and they were really engaged in these discussions, which was fantastic to see. Wishing everyone a safe and happy weekend.



Kestrel

We have had another busy week in Kestrel Class. Throughout the week, we have explored multiplication, identifying methods to help us solve multiplication problems. We have applied our understanding to enable us to solve word problems. In English, we have continued to explore the story of an imaginary world, My Iceland. We have planned and drafted our own version of this story, creating our own imaginary worlds - from candy land to a world of football! We have started to create a dance routine with Grace based on our next topic, Tudor explorers. We are looking forward to perfecting this over the next few weeks. In science, we have started our new topic on electricity after completing STEM weeks activities based on energy. Finally, we have begun to prepare for our online Christmas performance - more news will follow shortly!



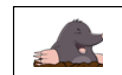
Mole

This week has been STEM week, where we were thinking about using alternative sources of energy. We made elastic band powered cars.

The children enjoyed constructing, testing and decorating their vehicles. There was a lot of patience needed as some of the construction was quite fiddly, but everyone succeeded in the end.

We have also been looking at The Ancient Greeks, learning about when the era started and finished. We will continue to learn about this time in history and the legacy that the Greeks left behind.

In music, we have been learning to read music and have started to learn tunes on the glockenspiel. The aim is to learn to play and perform a short Christmas tune before the end of term.



Deer

Deer Class have been working hard since returning after half term. They have learnt how to use the formal method of long division before moving onto applying it to develop their mathematical reasoning. In English, they have written from a different character's perspective - in this case it was Malkin the mechanical fox! I'm sure they will explain who Malkin is. In computing, the children have been focusing on internet safety which is important with all the technology around us in 2020. Art has seen them learning new skills while making Christmas themed decorations. In geography, the children have been focusing on water around the world and realise how lucky we are to have clean, fresh drinking water that comes straight out of a tap - something we often take for granted.



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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

Jake N

Lea

Rosie

Harvey

Lacey

Tyler T

Sibylla

Vinnie

Demi

Christian

Lacey

Mole

James

Freddie L

Henry S

Harvey

Danny

Congratulations to you all!

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