

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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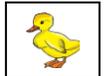
Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Ducklings and the children have had so much fun playing in nursery. The children have really enjoyed experiencing the icy weather and loved sharing what Jack Frost had done to their cars, toys, mud and water. They were fascinated to watch what happened to the ice during the morning. The children have also enjoyed listening to "The Rainbow Fish" by Martin Pfister and they loved it when the fish started to be kind to the other fish. They talked lots about how they could be kind to their friends, and we were impressed with their ideas. The children were inspired to make their own fish and they used foil and a fruit net to create some fantastic fish with scales. They also had the opportunity to look at and feel some real fish. We were impressed at how brave some of the children were as they had the confidence to touch the scales on a real fish and the language that they used to describe it. The children have also been playing outside and they have really enjoyed playing on the wheeled toys. We have been impressed with their balancing skills and how they are managing to negotiate space, so they did not crash. In the outdoor classroom, the children have enjoyed noticing how different it looks now that the leaves have fallen and they are finding it more tricky to play hide and seek as there are less places to hide. The children have used leaves and pine cones to create some lovely decorations which make the trees look beautiful. The children have also enjoyed making food for the birds and have placed this in the trees so they are not hungry.



### Fox

During the last two weeks we have been very busy in class. In English, we have been practising writing our sounds to make words and acting out the Nativity story. The children have also been writing letters to Father Christmas and we have been impressed with their pencil grip and letter formation. In maths, our topic has been 2D shapes, we learnt about a triangle, square, circle and oblong. We investigated them and made them out of long pieces of string and playdoh. One of our games was hide and seek, we hid the shapes and then when the children found it, they had to name it. Our outdoor activities have included making potions in the mud kitchen and making a mud slide on the bank, we got very muddy but had lots of fun. We were impressed with their organisation and risk assessment skills. The children also built their own castle with thrones and became Kings, Queens, witches and cats.



### Badger

Badgers have been working hard on their writing this week and have written their own character descriptions of the tiger from our book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We focused on using adjectives to describe him and conjunctions to extend our sentences. Now to finish off the term, we are writing instructions for 'How to Make a Paper Snowflake'. The children enjoyed making their snowflakes on Monday and are now planning and writing their own set of instructions. In topic, we have enjoyed looking at the geographical features of Antarctica and how animals are adapted to survive there! We are hoping to make some bottle penguins before the end of term, so if you have a spare plastic see through water bottle then please send it in with your child by Wednesday next week. The children have worked really hard this term and it is great to see how much progress that they all are making with their reading and writing. Over the Christmas period, it would be great if the children could keep up their reading and writing skills at home by reading anything that they enjoy (maybe new Christmas books) and practising their handwriting. I am really proud of the children's progress and am looking forward to starting the spring term after Christmas!



### Hedgehog

This week, Hedgehog class have been learning to use multiplication and starting to learn a variety of times tables, after finishing our work with money the previous week. The children have been really enjoying learning their times tables and have been challenging each other. We have been trying to get 20 multiplications done in 60 seconds on "Hit the Button" and are really close to getting there! Hedgehog class finished looking at Samuel Pepys diary and made their own version, imagining that they were on Pudding Lane in 1666. The class has been looking at homophones this week to help them correct some of their previous work and have been having fun looking at and making poems around homophones. Our topic work is coming to an end, so the class has been working on their part of the Christmas poem and performing their song. This week we will make our calendars after making brilliant Christmas decorations last week.



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## Rabbit

It's getting closer to the Christmas holiday with children and some adults becoming very excited. In English, we are looking at a free verse poem called 'The magic Box' which has some great descriptive language. The children are working towards writing their own poem 'The Magic Christmas Box' which all the children have already started gathering some lovely vocabulary to do with winter and Christmas. In maths, we are coming to the end of our first multiplication unit of work where we have been working on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables and then will begin our second unit after the holidays. Our topic for when we return will be the stone age.

From myself, Mrs Skellern and Miss Greenhill we hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday and look forward to the children returning.



## Hare

Hare Class have done very well with their times tables over the last two weeks. We have been focusing on different times tables for two days at a time and the children have really begun to pick up speed when recalling times table facts. As well as learning their times tables, they have been using these facts to help them solve large multiplications, such as 7 multiplied by 300! We have finished our class book of The Witches by Roald Dahl and are now moving on to Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, the children have enjoyed their introduction to this book through guided reading activities where they have been using the five senses to write setting descriptions, as E.B White does in the book.

We have begun our Christmas crafts and advent calendars and they look fantastic so far, we cannot wait to see how they turn out! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy weekend.



## Kestrel

We have had a very busy week this year as we come towards the end of the term. We concluded our English topic on instruction writing. After the ogre ruined our classroom, we had another unexpected visitor - the naughty elf! We have written a set of instructions to try and catch it but, despite our best efforts, it still roams the classroom and gets up to all sorts of mischief! In maths, we have explored perimeter and investigated how to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Next week, we are looking forward to finding out more about area. We have recorded a Christmas song and our section of the Christmas performance. We are looking forward to sharing this with you in the near future. In science, we have continued to explore electricity, this week experimenting with different components and finding out what they can do when used in a circuit. We have been working on a French Christmas carol with Mme Reynolds. We can't wait to perform it next week.



## Mole

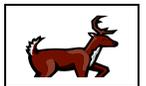
Moles class are having a very busy time preparing for our Christmas performances. They have done so well with learning the poem. Now we are focusing on our Christmas song and another musical item. We are doing several craft activities, including making a model Parthenon as part of our Greek project.

Next week, we will be doing lots of other Christmas activities, which I am sure the children will enjoy.



## Deer

Christmas performances are rather different this year: Deer Class have filmed their verses of the whole school poem as well as their Christmas song. These will be added to the website for you to watch before we break up. In art, the children have continued with their Christmas crafts which I am sure you are looking forward to seeing at the end of term when they bring them home. In maths, we have been working on measures where we have been converting between units of measurement e.g. metres to kilometres and solving related problems. In English we have started our new topic on persuasion where we will look at a range of techniques used to persuade successfully - you might notice them trying them out at home!



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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

Maisie

Tom

Luchia

Paige B

Nancy

Tyler R

Harlee

Eden

Paige

Emily

Holly

William

Arthur

Max

Zosia

Ivvy

Reggie

**Congratulations to you all!**

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