

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight and it has been lovely to see all of the children again. The children have been learning the stories of Rumpelstiltskin, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Gingerbread Man. It has been great to see elements of the different stories being incorporated into the children's play. They have also been busy writing secret messages and I have been impressed with the marks that they have made and the children's ability to tell me what their marks mean. The children have been doing lots of counting and are becoming more accurate when counting a group of objects. They have also been subitising numbers to 5 and are becoming very quick at recognising the spots instead of having to count. They have also enjoyed looking at signs of Spring in the outdoor classroom. The children enjoyed planting a variety of seeds and young plants in soil, and are excited to see what will happen. The children also painted some wonderful spring pictures and I have been impressed by their observation skills and attention to detail. We would really like to plant some more plants and would be grateful of any donations of seeds or plants which would make our learning environments colourful.



### Fox

We have had an extremely busy fortnight and it has been lovely to see all of the children again. The children have settled back in well and have enjoyed playing and chatting with their friends. Children are so amazing! In English, the children have been learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have retold the story with confidence and enjoy pretending to be the giant. It has been great to hear, "Fe Fi Fo Fum," echoing around the playground as they retell the story during their choosing time. In maths, the children have been practising their counting and have completed a range of exciting activities to support their understanding. The children have also been subitising numbers to 10 and are becoming very quick at recognising the spots instead of having to count. They have also enjoyed looking at the life cycle of a daffodil and have been planting runner beans. Most children planted their seeds in soil, however, some children decided to grow their seeds using hydroponics, a method of growing plants using water. The children also painted some wonderful daffodil pictures and we have been impressed by their observation skills and attention to detail. Thank you for all your support with Home Learning.



### Badger

It has been brilliant to see all of the Badger class back together again! The children have settled really well back into the rules and routines of class and it has been great to see them reconnecting their relationships with their peers on the playground too. The past two weeks we have been focusing on our basic counting skills (1-100), recognising digits and beginning to learn how to tell the time. We have used the model clocks in school to practice telling the time to the nearest hour and half past. Some of the children have shown me that they can recognise these times on their own watches, which is great to see. In English, we have begun a new story unit based on the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We have read and learnt the story off by heart, and have got into character role play to deepen our understanding of the characters, this was good fun! Next week we will be planning and writing a version of the story, before innovating it and making it our own. We have also started to make our model igloos (to finish off our topic work) but are yet to finish them. Next week we will be learning about Robert Falcon Scott, a famous explorer, before moving onto our kings and queens topic.



### Hedgehog

Hedgehog class have had a wonderful fortnight since being back. I have been very impressed with their learning and their great ideas. In maths, we have been learning about properties of shape, in particular 3D shapes this week. We have now finished this unit and will be moving on to fractions as of Monday. In English, we finished our 'openings' unit about Baba Yaga and we are now learning to write our very own story linked to this. The children will be innovating and writing their stories next week. We have also been finishing our topic on The Great Fire of London, which the children still love learning about and in science we are learning about everyday materials. Next week, we will be implementing an investigation to see which material is best suited for a particular purpose. Well done Hedgehogs.



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## Rabbit

The children of Rabbit Class have settled in very well since coming back from lockdown. I know that everyone worked so hard during this time at home and am pleased with the continued hard work in school. In maths this term, we will be finishing the length and perimeter unit and then will start fractions. In English we have started the novel *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* where we will be writing a setting description when Lucy first goes into Narnia. Finally, in topic we are looking at the Stone age through to the Iron age. I look forward to seeing parents at Parent's evening next week to hear what the children have done during lockdown and how they have responded to the work.



## Hare

It has been fantastic to see the children back in school and settling in so well to their classroom routine. They have enjoyed sharing their experiences of home learning and it has been brilliant to see them applying this home learning to lessons back in school. In science this week, the children were amazed to see the pond full of frogs on our hunt for invertebrates and vertebrates in the local area. They have also shown great enthusiasm in English, writing setting descriptions inspired by Phillip Pullman's *'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'*, the vocabulary that is being used has really impressed me! Links to access Parents' Evening have been sent out, so please book an appointment if you wish. Wishing everyone a lovely and safe weekend.



## Kestrel

It has been lovely to see everybody back after such a long absence! We have continued to settle back into the routine of school, exploring a wide range of new topics and themes. In maths, we have continued to explore fractions, this week looking at calculating fractions of amounts. In English, we have explored persuasive writing, identifying the key features of a good text. Next week, we will design our very own spy gadget and begin to write an advert persuading people to buy it. We began our PE topic on Gymnastics, exploring a range of movements and balances. On Monday, we will be taking part in a virtual workshop run by the UK Parliament Education service. Via Teams, we will be able to ask questions about the Houses of Parliament and explore their purpose. We have prepared some interesting questions and can't wait to find out more! Please ensure that PE kits are in school on Monday in preparation for PE on Tuesday.



## Mole

Moles class have now settled into the school routines and are enjoying being back together with their friends. We are completing some work started during lockdown and starting other new topics, which I hope the children will enjoy. We have done some assessments this week, which have been useful for the children to recall what we covered before Christmas. It has also given them an idea of areas that they need to focus a little more on. Please keep practising times tables as the aim is to accurately complete all 144 questions (up to 12x table) in 5 minutes or less!

I hope you all enjoy a well earned rest at the weekend.



## Deer

It was great to see the whole of Deer Class in person for the first time since Christmas last week rather than via Teams. However, Teams was a great way to keep in touch with everyone during lockdown and for the children to share what they had been doing as well as ask any questions. Thank you to all of Deer Class who shared and contributed to the morning Teams sessions. The children seem to have settled back into school well and have quickly got back into the routine of things during the school week. In maths, we have nearly completed the unit on algebra and the children have done really well with some of the new concepts they have learnt. In English, we are using a short story as our text and building towards writing our own scene based on the story.



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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

Oliver

India

Rosie

Ben

Amelie

Ethan

Indira

Mason

Holly

Oscar

Priya S

Noah C

Alfie

Jessica

Olivia

Rudy

Porscha

**Congratulations to you all!**

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