

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

The children have really enjoyed returning to nursery after the Easter break and have been busy learning in both the indoor and outdoor classrooms. We have been extremely lucky as we have managed to collect some frogspawn and the children have been fascinated by the changes that they have observed. The children have created some detailed artwork inspired by the frogs and have asked some super questions to help them find out more about the life cycle of a frog. We are excited to find out what the next stage is! The children have continued their love of stories and nursery rhymes. This week, they have been enjoying the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We had an interesting discussion about the characters and decided that Goldilocks was extremely naughty as you should never go into a stranger's house and eat their food. They have also enjoyed playing a variety of games with their friends such as, Pop Up Pirate, Farmyard Lotto and Pizza Pizza. I have been impressed with their ability to concentrate, take turns and follow the instructions.



### Fox

We are so proud of how the children have settled back into school this week. As the weather has been so sunny, we have been making the most of our outside area. The children have been busy building a variety of fantastic structures and making magical and perfumed potions in the mud kitchen.

In maths, we have been learning about pattern and we have been impressed by their ability to follow repeated patterns. They have really enjoyed using their bodies to make patterns of increasing complexity.

In English, we have had great fun exploring the adventures of Supertato and The Evil Pea. The children have loved creating maps, traps and pictures to help capture The Evil Pea. They have also been developing their fine motor skills by peeling vegetables, searching for the Evil Pea in jelly and trying to free frozen vegetables from their icy home.

We have started to explore languages spoken in other parts of the world. Our current focus, at present, is Bengali and we have been learning simple greetings. We have also learnt about the Bengali area and their celebrations.



### Badger

This week has been a busy yet productive week for Badger class! We have worked really hard on counting and place value, focusing on numbers to 50. Although we are familiar with these numbers, it is essential to build a secure understanding of the place value too. In English, we have been continuing with our story writing prior to the Easter holidays, and have enjoyed recapping the story through role play and designing new characters in order to make the story our own.

Miss Bagnall is our student teacher and she has been listening to readers, supporting small groups of children and teaching! The children really enjoy her enthusiastic approach and it is great to have another supporting adult in the classroom.

The weather has been kind to us this week, so we have taken the opportunity to do our phonics lessons outside- another way of making the learning engaging. We have also started our new topic 'Kings and Queens' and thoroughly making castles out of junk modelling. Well done Badgers, a super first week back!



### Hedgehog

The children have had a brilliant first week back. We introduced our new topic called 'Let's go on Safari' where we will be learning about the country of Kenya and comparing it to Cleobury Mortimer. In English, we have started learning about non-chronological reports with the aim of the children planning and writing their own in a fortnight about their make-believe animal. In maths, we have finished our unit on fractions after learning how to find  $\frac{3}{4}$  and counting in fractions. Next week, we will move on to learning about measurement which will involve measuring in centimetres and metres. During indoor PE this term, we will be completing a dance unit where we will listen and dance to 'The Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saens. The children demonstrated some great creativity this week during the elephant section whilst moving around the hall with care. A great start to the Summer term.



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## Rabbit

Rabbit class have had a great week settling in after the easter holiday. In English, we have started a new unit where we are looking at features of a newspaper report and will be writing our own based on our class book. If you could show your children examples of reports from newspaper that would help them with their understanding. In Maths, we are continuing our learning of fractions. As part of PE, Rabbit Class are lucky enough to have Grace teach them this term and will be continuing with dance till half term.

We have been doing lots of investigations in science as part of our Forces and magnets topic. We have explored which surface creates the most friction so that we can work out which would be best to play tennis on. Rabbit class also sorted out materials into magnetic and non-magnetic materials. Finally, we have begun our homework on purple mash again so please keep an eye out for that.



## Hare

The children have settled back in really well after Easter. They were shocked to discover a dragon had broken into the classroom on Tuesday and made a mess! We have decided to write some instructions to trap this dragon and keep the classroom tidy! The children have shown great enthusiasm for their Victorian topic, they were really interested to see pictures of Cleobury during the Victorian times. This Friday children have brought home information regarding the multiplication tables check for Year 4 children in June. Wishing everyone a safe (and hopefully sunny) weekend.



## Kestrel

Kestrel Class have worked hard to develop their understanding of decimals. We have used place value grids to help us multiply and divide by 10, using decimal numbers. In English, we began our new topic by writing a survival story. We are looking forward to reading Hatchet by Gary Paulsen over the next few weeks. We began our topic on extreme Earth by visiting (virtually!) volcanoes around the world. We explored a range of active volcanoes, watching live camera feeds to find out what was happening at the precise moment. Over the next half term, we will explore a range of weather phenomena. Our Kestrel collages are complete and are now proudly displayed in the corridor. It was lovely to be working with Mr Boyd again. Please can you make sure PE kits are in school and ready to use on Wednesday. We are looking forward to practising our times tables on Times Table Rockstars - the login details have been sent home so that you can practise and improve your character at home!



## Mole

It has been lovely having the class back again after the Easter break, especially as the weather is so much better. We have enjoyed our first warm PE lessons to develop summer sports. I was very impressed at how skilful the children were when bowling and batting in rounders. I am really looking forward to applying these skills in a game situation. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school, including spare socks and a warm top different from the one they wear for school each day. We have started our new topic based on The Maya. I am sure the children will find this period in history quite interesting. I will be supporting the children to catch up on work missed, particularly maths skills to hopefully, increase their confidence now that they are more settled in class.



## Deer

It has been great to finally have some sunny days this week after starting the summer term on Monday with some snow on the ground! The children have settled back into school well after the holiday and we have enjoyed learning about how to find the volume of cuboids and solving related reasoning problems. In English, we have just started a new novel which the children are enjoying so far. Yesterday, Mr Wood (the head of year 7 at Lacon) came down to see the children - they enjoyed meeting him and being able to ask any questions. (He will also be coming back to see any children who were absent.) There will also be a transition day for all of year 6 in July. Finally, the children have enjoyed doing their Jumping Jaxx training today to enable them to develop their leadership skills.



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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

Jude

Lea

Will

Tyla

Obie

Sophie

Hannah

Ben

Frankie

Malachi

Kyle

Isabelle

Willow

Nimrod

Jenson

Finn

Willow Ho

**Congratulations to you all!**

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