

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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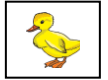
Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Ducklings. The children have been inspired to learn all about different bugs after finding a spider's web in the Outdoor classroom. They have shown super scissor skills by making stripy bees, ladybirds and butterflies. The children have also enjoyed finding out about different mini beasts and have used books and the internet to help them find the answers to their questions. The children have also been exploring the musical instruments and I have enjoyed listening to the different tunes they have composed and watching the different dances which have been choreographed. Music is such a wonderful way for the children to develop the skills that they need to help them learn to read. The children have been particularly imaginative this week and have used a variety of materials to construct some wonderful models. I have been impressed with their problem solving skills and adventures that they have created.



### Fox

We have been very busy enjoying the lovely sunshine and planting our vegetable garden. The children were really surprised to find out what the different seeds and bulbs look like before the plants grow. We are growing potatoes, tomatoes, runner beans, chillies, cucumbers and courgettes. The children have been caring for the plants and are remembering to water them every day. In maths we have been learning to count and recognise our numbers to 20 and have been playing bingo and snakes and ladders to help us count and remember what the number looks like as an amount. In English, we have been pretending to be different characters from Supertato. The children have been asking questions to the characters to find out why they behaved in certain ways and how they were feeling. We were extremely impressed with the questions and answers that the children thought of. Thank you so much to those parents for sending in photographs of your children at different ages and a photograph of the outside of your house. These are going to really help the children with their learning over the next few weeks. It would be great if all children could have photographs sent in by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.



### Badger

Last week Badgers continued to work on their story writing based on the book 'Lost and Found' and have created their own innovated stories using their own choice of characters and settings. The children have worked really hard on their writing and it is pleasing to see that they are using their phonics accurately to spell unfamiliar words. However, there is still some work to do on using full stops and capital letters correctly to demarcate sentences. This week we have started our new English unit 'Hansel and Gretel', we have read the story and then sequenced key parts using pictures. The children have helped to prepare the English display in the classroom by designing and colouring their own gingerbread houses. In PE this week we have been focusing on developing our balance and co-ordination by practicing throwing and catching balls. Next week we will be progressing with this by using tennis rackets and balls in order to challenge our skills in the hope that we will be able to apply these skills to focused games. At play times this week we have been enjoying playing with toys. Miss Snape has put out some boxes of toys, as well as setting up the sand pit and water tray for us to use. We are also now working on earning an extra reward at the end of the day by earning counters for good listening, hard work and good behaviour.



### Hedgehog

The children have had another great fortnight of learning in Hedgehog class. This week the children have been completing their non-chronological report about their made-up safari animals. We have had all sorts of creations and I have been blown away with the children's creativity and imagination regarding this. In maths, we have finished up our unit on length and height and will be starting position and direction from Tuesday. The children have risen to the challenge of answering more reasoning and problem solving questions and have become more confident in answering two step questions. In science, we have implemented an investigation into what plants need in order to grow. We have placed some seeds in pots and have predicted which pot we think will grow the best: sun and water/sun and no water/ water and no sun/ no sun or water. Maybe you could have a go at home too?



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## Rabbit

Rabbit class have continued to work hard within class. In topic we have finished learning about the stone age through to Iron age and have produced some lovely reports on what they have learnt. Next week we will be starting our new topic unit which we will be looking at where does our food come from and what is fair trade? Our new class novel and English novel will be 'The Iron Man' where we will be producing a diary entry. In maths, we are continuing with fractions which children have completed a practical looking at organising items to find a fraction of an amount. As part of RSE we have completed some internet safety activities in which we looked at staying safe while playing games online and watching 'Jessie and her friends' episode about asking permission to share photos and videos. Children created their own super hero whose super power kept them safe whilst playing online. They had some very imaginative ideas and really considered the safety element. In pe, they have started performing dance routines with Grace and athletics with Mr Boyd practising their throwing and running techniques. Don't forget we have Mymaths homework and purple mash homework with our spellings. I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



## Hare

The children have been really enthusiastic this week about their new unit of money in maths. They have also shown a great interest in our new book, 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. They also really liked making telephones out of cups and string and showed how sensible they were during discussions about online safety. It is great to see so many children taking a keen interest in improving their times table recall speed and accessing Times Table Rockstars. Just a reminder that homework is due in every Friday, spellings are on Purple Mash and maths homework is on MyMaths. Wishing everyone a happy Bank Holiday Weekend!



## Kestrel

We have worked hard this week to develop our understanding of decimals. We have been using place value grids to help us to solve decimal problems. In topic, we explore the causes of earthquakes, modelling the tectonic plates and mantle with crackers and squirty cream! We were amazed to find out that 45 earthquakes had happened around the world on the day of our lesson - we found this out by using a website that tracks earthquakes around the world. In literacy, we have continued to explore the story of *Hatchet*, hot seating the main character and using several sentence games to help us imitate the style of the author. Madame Reynolds taught us how to say the days of the week in French - we were able to state a given day, date and month. Miss Blount has worked with us this week - we are looking forward to working with her over the next six weeks!



## Mole

Over the last few weeks, the children have been working on fractions and decimals in maths. It has been so lovely to see such a positive attitude to learning these skills and to know that the children have enjoyed learning about them. We have now completed our literacy unit on *The Highwayman*, a poem written by Alfred Noyes. We did a hot seating activity using these characters, which was fabulous as the children had become very involved in this exciting poem. They then wrote in the role of these characters and produced some excellent work. I am delighted that so many children are now fully engaged in their learning and enjoying the activities covered.



## Deer

During the last two weeks the children have enjoyed their new topic on World War 2. This week they have been learning about rationing and how families had to manage on limited supplies of food. In maths, we have been working on being able to plot coordinates in all 4 quadrants and solve related problems. The children are really enjoying our class novel and have produced some great work based upon it. In art, they have been developing their origami skills and have learnt that they need to be very precise with their folding! In science over the last two weeks, the children have been continuing their topic about light and learning how the eye works. Today they have been developing their investigation skills with a focus on shadows.



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# Stars of the week!

This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:

Deer

Luke M

Mole

Isobel

Amber

Kestrel

Connor

Jasmine

Hare

Jacob

Henry

Rabbit

Leah

Paige

Hedgehog

Miles

Tony

Badger

Maisie

Olivia

Fox

Reggie

Harvey

Duckling

Penelope

Owen

**Congratulations to you all!**

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