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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

We have had a lovely fortnight in Ducklings and the children have really enjoyed playing and learning in the outdoor learning environments. The children have enjoyed learning all about sharing. We enjoyed listening to "The Rainbow Fish" and thought that he was very mean at the beginning of the story but luckily, he changed and ended the story being extremely kind. After listening to "The Rainbow Fish", the children were inspired to create their own fish and we were impressed with the children's cutting skills. In the outdoor classroom, the children were busy using a variety of materials to make ponds for their own rainbow fish. This week, the children have been fascinated by butterflies. They have created some wonderful butterfly pictures, using a variety of media and techniques. The children have also enjoyed making dens and digging in the mud in the outdoor classroom. They have also enjoyed swinging on the swing and balancing on the ropes. We have been impressed at how well their balance is developing.



Fox

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Fox Class and the children have really enjoyed playing and learning in the outdoor learning environments. The children have particularly enjoyed playing in the Outdoor Classroom and we have been impressed with their teamwork and imagination. Some of the children were delighted to make a den using a large tarpaulin. It was wonderful to see other children being inspired by this play and bringing their own ideas to the activity. The children built a wonderful campfire and made some delicious pancakes using wooden circles and fallen flowers. The language that was used during this time was wonderful. The children also spent a considerable amount of time searching for bugs and making bug hotels. We could not believe how many different bugs that were hiding in the forest. The children thought about what the different insects would need to be warm, comfortable and content. One of the most popular activities was making up a variety of games with the rope. It was wonderful to hear the giggles of enjoyment in the air.



Badger

This week Badgers have enjoyed exploring the outdoor classroom for different types of trees. We have been looking at identifying trees and then labelling the different parts. Next week we are looking at the differences between deciduous and ever green trees. We are also keeping an eye on the plants that we planted a few weeks ago that have started to sprout. In maths we have revisited adding using a 100 square and a number line. We have looked at using strategies to help us add numbers within a 100 including putting the larger number first before we start adding. Next week we are revisiting 2D shapes including the properties and identifying real life 2D objects in our surrounding area. Badger children are working really hard and we are proud of what they have achieved so far this year!



Hedgehog

Another excellent fortnight in Hedgehog class. These past couple of weeks, the children have been learning about fairy tales. They have chosen to focus on Jack and the Beanstalk and they have produced some wonderful ideas within their writing. We have been revisiting lots of skills that we have learnt this year and the children are amazing me with their memory and their imagination. In maths, we have been consolidating addition and subtraction of 2 two-digit numbers by using lots of concrete resources to embed the skill. Next week, we will be looking at more abstract forms of questioning as well as reasoning and problem solving. In art, we learnt how to draw self-portraits. We looked at how to proportion our features and observed our faces carefully in a mirror ready to have a go ourselves. The children produced some very impressive pieces, and we shared each one, guessing who belonged to who. We have also experienced a PE session by one of the teachers from Lacon Childe. We focused on athletic skills such as running, jumping and throwing. The children fully enjoyed the games we played and asked to play them again during our second PE lesson. On Monday, the children had a great session with Mr Martin (their Year 3 teacher). He was very impressed with all of them. I can't quite believe we are going into the final fortnight of the year!



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Rabbit

During this week in Rabbit Class we have been learning all about angles in maths using right angles, obtuse and acute angles. We have enjoyed discussing and finding horizontal and vertical lines practically. In English, we have written about the minotaur, Theseus and his adventures and used character and setting descriptions to enable us to write our own alternative endings to this story. Our topic this week is about the Romans which we have used our research skills to find out all about their exciting lives. To go with our topic of Romans children have been completing activities to create a mosaic. All children have been working so hard these past couple of weeks.



Hare

We have had a lovely fortnight in Hare Class. The children have really enjoyed playing with different materials to find out if they are solids, liquids or gases in science. They have also really impressed Madame Reynolds with their pronunciation in French. They have shown enthusiasm and interest in their poetry and have even performed stanzas of poems in front of the class, they should be very proud of this. There is no spelling or MyMaths homework this week, as the children have been given a homework related to their topic instead. Have a lovely weekend.



Kestrel

We have had another busy week in Kestrel Class. In Literacy, we have explored Lewis Carroll's famous poem Jabberwocky. We thought about the meaning of the words and attempted to interpret this interesting nonsense poem. We have investigated angles in maths, recognising acute, right and obtuse angles before using a protractor to accurately measure them. We enjoyed working with Ms Giles to learn how to improvise with our pBuzz. Next week will be our final week of pBuzz. With Mr Granger, we explored the Bayeux tapestry before having a go at recreating it, each drawing a bit. We are looking forward to putting the individual pieces together so that we can see the whole story that it tells. In PE, we utilised the dry weather to go on the field and play rounders. We talked about the need to work as a team to achieve a goal. In science, we explored the effects of water resistance, building and testing our own boats.



Mole

Moles class have been developing their understanding of a balanced argument in English. We have had some excellent discussions about a range of topics. The children have begun to realise that even though they may have strong opinions about an issue, they can still listen to other people's views and may even change their minds. In PE, the children have been learning to play rounders and cricket. We have some very skilled batters in the class, although I would suggest that most of the children could do with practising their throwing and catching skills over the summer holidays. We have also been busy learning about the Maya and have constructed a model temple to show how the style differed from Egyptian temples. The children really enjoyed this activity and concentrated hard to make it look as good as possible.



Deer

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their day at the Pioneer Centre on Monday despite the wet start to the day. We did a whole range of activities during the day starting with what they called The Blitz. This is where there are a range of activities for them to try all in one session: the children had the opportunity to try archery, the high ropes walk (with safety harness), abseiling and the zip wire. Next, we enjoyed using the climbing wall and I was really impressed with the climbing skills of all the children as many gave it a go even though some were quite nervous. We also had the inflatable challenge where they raced and bounced over an inflatable obstacle course which looked great fun. I was very impressed with Year 6 as they helped and encouraged each other and seemed to really enjoy trying new activities and challenging themselves. Well done Year 6 and thank you to everyone at the Pioneer Centre. Also thank you to those parents and carers who contacted the school to say how much their children enjoyed the day - we really appreciate your positive feedback.



Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Fox

Duckling

Zac J

Seth

Paige W

Luchia

Jake

Ellie

Alfie

Eden

Christian

Mason

Priya G

Noah G

Connor

George B

Penelope

Jazmin

Porscha

Congratulations to you all!