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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

In **Ducklings** the children have started playing with sounds and passing "secret codes" around the group using claps, stamps and clicks. We have been listening out for all the sounds around school and seeing what we recognise. We have focussed our story and English time around **The Three Little Pigs** story. The children have been learning to retell the story using stick puppets. They particularly like the **Big Bad Wolf** and huffing and puffing to blow down the house. We built our house of sticks in the playground which was eventually huffed and puffed down! The children have carried on building houses with the bricks and blocks in the classroom and this has led to some very impressive builds. Our maths work this week has been around the number "3". We have looked at our story and designed three bags of wool to go with some very delightful rainbow sheep that some of the children have made. The children have done super work using our numicon and have managed to sort them by colour, shape and by number. We do our counting songs every day and are beginning to represent numbers with our fingers whilst singing the songs. For **World Animal Day** we drew some super animals and made some pigs for our story. There were snakes, cows, horses, cats and dogs drawn which was lovely to see the children thinking of so many different creatures. On **National Poetry Day** we looked at the works of **Julia Donaldson** and the children picked their favourite books for us to read. We looked at the rhymes and the children were able to guess at and complete lines of the stories from hearing the line before. As this week was space week we also made rockets out of our blocks and on Friday made our own rockets using tubes.

Fox

We have had a very busy and exciting two weeks in class. In **Literacy** we have begun reading **The Gruffalo** story, we have been acting out the story using props to help us and thinking of words that describe **The Gruffalo**. In **maths** we have continued to count and represent numbers to 5, we have also been learning to write the numbers to 5. During our topic sessions we have been talking about the parts of our bodies and how our bodies work. In our **Forest School** session, we made willow headdresses, dens and painted using natural ingredients.

Squirrel

This week **Squirrels** have enjoyed learning their new key text 'The Gruffalo'. We have shared the story, acted it out and explored the characters. We have had great fun investigating how to use oats, marshmallows and twiglets to make our **Gruffalo** crumble! The oats ended up everywhere but we had good fun. Next week we will be focusing on sequencing the story using picture cards.

In **maths** this week we have continued with our work on learning how to represent different numbers to 5 using a variety of equipment including counting gems, bead strings and numicon. Following on from this we will be focusing on number bonds to 5. It is really important that the children learn and understand the physical context of number.

We have also enjoyed learning about the human body as part of our topic 'All about me'. We used a **PowerPoint** to look at the function of different systems within our bodies before completing some independent labelling activities. We are looking forward to discussing our likes and dislikes next week during circle time.

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Badger

We have had a lovely fortnight in Badger Class. The children have been enthusiastic about their learning and have really impressed me with their knowledge of their environment. They have gone outside and done their own weather forecasts to show what the weather is like in their environment, using some great scientific terminology. This week, for National Poetry Day, we made a poem as a class called 'Dream Day'. The children loved giving ideas about what they would include in their dream day and the poem was amazing, this will be going on the website at a later date. Have a fantastic weekend.

Hedgehog

We have had a lovely fortnight in Hedgehog Class and the children are working hard.

In English, we have continued to practise our sentence writing skills and are becoming more confident to understand what a sentence is. We are also starting to include adjectives and conjunctions to extend our ideas. This week we have been writing our own suspense story based around camping and hearing a peculiar sound. I have been impressed with the children's ideas.

In maths, we have been looking at the value of each digit in a number and have been comparing numbers. The children have also been representing the numbers in different ways and they are becoming more confident to use the part, part whole model. We have also begun to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and the children are beginning to identify the patterns of the number system.

In Science, the children have been exploring the characteristics of living things. We had a great discussion this week about whether plants are living thing or not. The children could not understand how plants move and it was wonderful to see their understanding develop during the lesson.

In topic, we have continued to look at our local area and we were fascinated to look at aerial photographs of Cleobury Mortimer and Worcester. The children have begun to use geographical language to describe what they noticed.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Rabbit

This week, we have enjoyed learning about desert biomes. We investigated the animals and plants that live there. We created a sketch, using perspective, and labelled it to identify some of the animals and features of a desert biome. After researching what makes the perfect bug home, we created our own using recycled bottles. We filled them with leaves, sticks and other things that we could find in the outdoor classroom. We placed our bottles in a damp place in the outdoor class - we can't wait to go back next week and find out if we have any visitors! We worked with Grace this week to continue preparing our dance routine. It was great to welcome Mrs Giles back to teach us pBuzz. This week, we did some improvisation to a well know George Ezra song! On Wednesday, we read a story called Bloom. We thought about what makes us great before writing it down and putting it on our Bloom display. Next week, we are looking forward to taking part in a poetry week.

Hare

Hare class have had a wonderful week this week. We have been learning a dance routine with the GKY Dance Academy and learning to play the song "A Sailor went to Sea" on the ukulele in music. In English we have been learning about the meaning of the poem "The Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll and we have had fun creating portmanteau words. It was also National Poetry Day on Wednesday so we read our favourite poems and performed the poem "The Fisherman Chant" by John Agard. In maths we have been learning how to add 2 4-digit numbers, using the column addition method. Today is Mental Health and Wellbeing day. We have been learning about the importance of maintaining good mental health and strategies we can use.

A useful website parents/carers can use to access information: mind.org.uk/young-people

We are also taking part in the 30 day positivity challenge.

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Kestrel

This week has been another busy week but the children have continued to work hard. In English, we have started our talk for reading unit of work where we have been studying the novel Kensuke's Kingdom. In maths, we have come to the end of our addition and subtraction unit where the children have used their knowledge from previous years to add and subtract two numbers with more than 4-digits and we are now moving onto statistics. This Wednesday was poetry day which meant that Kestrel class explored and discussed poems. Kestrel class were lucky enough to take part in a self confidence boost workshop on zoom which gave them opportunities to learn new strategies to cope with nerves and to show confidence.

Well done to those children that have worked exceptionally hard and become stars for the week.

Mole

Over the last two weeks, Moles class have developed their art skills by designing and creating a picture using natural resources. They produced some excellent work, which has made a lovely display outside the classroom. In maths, we have had a focus on times tables and mental calculations. These are essential skills to develop, so if you are able to practise them with your child, that would be very beneficial. We are aiming for speed and accuracy. Homework continues to be online as well as the weekly times tables, spellings and reading. All children have been given their log in details. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the online work.

Deer

Last week we took part in a live webinar with author Natalie Costa. The session was called Build Your Self Confidence and gave the children tips on how to be more confident and overcome anxieties. She showed them how to control their breathing, how to change their mindset from anxiety to curiosity and how their posture can affect how they feel. This week, as part of National Poetry Day, we read a poem about marine conservation and recycling, commended in the Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2020. This poem encouraged us to think about how the choices we make affect the environment. Related to poetry, in music over the last two weeks, the children have used the poem 'Pleasant Sounds' to create their own compositions all about autumn.

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Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Squirrel

Fox

Duckling

Max

Rosie

Lacey

Theo

Hannah

Cherry

Holly

Christian

Lacey

Stanley

Elodie

Alfie

Daisy E

Leelan

Betsy

Danny

Nina

Louie

Amelia

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