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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

It's been great to have the children back and hearing about their Halloween and half term adventures. We have been getting back into the routine of nursery and learning and celebrating a variety of recent events. The children made some lovely artwork around bonfire night and experimented with glitter, paint and chalk to make firework pictures. We also looked at the celebration of Diwali, looking at the lights and colours used, adding some wonderful Rangoli patterns to our walls. The children have made poppies for Remembrance Day and we all took part in the two minutes silence followed by The Last Post played by the school's wonderful Mr Martin. In maths we have been looking at subitising with numbers up to 5. We have also been playing lots of number games and looking at how we can invent new games with our numbers. Our new story is Julia Donaldson's "Room on the Broom". The children have really enjoyed the story and trying to retell and predict what will happen next. We have made witches and are making a wand and a broom to help act out our story. As we move further towards winter we will be reading more seasonal stories and looking at different songs and nursery rhymes.

Fox

Well, what a busy couple of weeks Fox Class have had, the children have settled back into school well after the half term and are continuing to work hard. Over the last two weeks we have been learning our phonic sounds, which we have then used to begin sounding out and blending CVC words. The children have loved learning their letters through fun and interactive activities, such as spotting objects using the sounds, finding letters in rice, and writing letters using chalks. We will be continuing with our phonics and will be sending picture sharing reading books home in the next week or so. In maths we have been learning all about the number 6. We have been learning how to write the number 6 and counting to 6 using different equipment we have also been looking at different ways of making 6 using numicon. During the next few weeks, we will be learning our numbers to 10, concentrating on one new number each week. This half term, our new topic is 'Transport'. This week we have identified methods of transport, compared old and new transport, and also looked at how engines work! We will be looking at different ways to travel, how to get to local and far-away places and road safety. We have also been learning about the Diwali celebrations, Bonfire Night and Poppy Day, during this we have been painting poppies, making our own pretend bonfire, and toasting pretend marshmallows, and we learnt a Diwali dance. All very exciting. Well done Foxes and thank you for your continued support.

Squirrel

Squirrel Class settled back into school really well after the half term and are continuing to work hard. Over the last two weeks we have been learning our letters and sounds, which we have then used to begin sounding out and blending CVC words. The children have loved learning their letters through fun and interactive activities, such as moulding spaghetti to make the letter shapes, finding letters in the sand pit and writing letters using chalks. We will be continuing now with our phonics and will be sending picture sharing reading books home in the next week or so. In maths we have also been learning something new- the number 6! We have been counting to 6 and looking at different ways of making 6 using equipment. Within this half term we will be learning our numbers to 10, one new number each week. We also started our new topic and this half term, the topic is 'Transport'. This week we have identified methods of transport, compared old and new transport and also looked at how engines work! We will be looking at different ways to travel, and how to get to local and far-away places. Well done Squirrels, you have had a busy start to the term.

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Badger

It has been great to see the children have quickly settled back in to routine after the half term break. Recently, we have learnt all about Diwali and how it is celebrated by people around the world. We also made our own diya lamps out of clay and painted them using bright and beautiful colours. The children really enjoyed this activity and have been admiring their lamps on display in the classroom. They have been practising their sentence construction in English, using 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' as their inspiration. In maths lessons, the children are really getting to grips with the addition symbol and have been using this to write their own calculations. It has been lovely to speak to so many parents this week for Parent's Evening and hear about how positively the children are approaching school. If anybody does have any questions then please email me or call the office and we will do all we can to help.

Hedgehog

The children have settled back into school after their holiday and have been working extremely hard. It was lovely to chat to so many of you this week during your parent meetings.

In English, we have continued to look at the story "Pumpkin Soup" and have been exploring the variety of emotions that the characters experience during the story. The children were surprised to find such a range of emotions could be experienced in such a short time. The children have also pretended to be one of the characters from the story and have answered questions as if they were the duck, cat or squirrel. I was impressed with their imagination and ability to stay in role.

In maths, we have been looking at related facts and the children have been using a range of equipment and strategies to help them understand how the numbers within a number sentence are connected. I have been impressed with the children's resilience as they explored this topic.

In music, we have enjoyed learning to clap out different rhythms and have used our bodies to create sounds. We loved making sounds to represent "The Loch Ness" monster and the "Giant's Causeway". We have also been finding out about climate change and the COP26 summit that has been taking place in Glasgow. The children have enjoyed using balloons to explore renewable energy and have conducted an experiment to see how rising temperatures may impact upon the North and South Poles.

Finally, we have been doing meditation using "Smiling Minds" to help us with our wellbeing.

Rabbit

Rabbit Class have had a very busy week this week. We really enjoyed getting to meet Amanda Humphries, a local independent author, who came into school to tell us all about her new book, Joe and the Kite. She read some of the story to us and talked to us about what it is like to be an author. We were shocked to learn that it takes up to 6 months to even plan a story! We had the opportunity to purchase a signed copy the book. On Thursday, we commemorated Remembrance Day by learning about why we wear poppies. We created our own wreath to take home and share with our family. We listened to Mr Martin play the last post at 11am and observed two minutes silence. In art, we created a landscape painting based on folk art, comparing it to the more realistic representation we created last week of Durdle Door. In maths, we continued to explore addition and subtraction using the column method. Next week, we are looking forward to learning how to add and subtract two 3-digit numbers!

Hare

Well, what a busy fortnight we've had since half term. We have started many new topics, such as newspaper writing in English, length and perimeter in Maths and the digestive system in science. Last week, we were very lucky to host Shropshire Music Service's Soul band concert in the school hall. The children fully enjoyed listening and taking part in the singing and dancing. Afterwards, we discussed how it made us feel all warm and happy and highlighted how we couldn't stop moving to the rhythm whilst they were playing. This week, we have also attended a workshop with local author Amanda Humphries. She was very captivating and encouraged the children to create their own imaginary lands and creatures within the clouds. Finally, we marked Remembrance Day yesterday. The children have learnt the poem, 'Flanders Field' by John McCrae and we completed some comprehension questions to help us understand it a little more. We also made some artistic poppies, which are now on display in the classroom - check out our class page on the website for some photos of our work.

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Kestrel

Kestrel class have had a busy week this week with visitors popping in to help us on our learning journey. On Wednesday, we had a visit from the STEM co-ordinator for the trust that came to help us with our new science topic mixtures and reactions. We got to investigate how mixtures and reactions create hail stones and the link between size and damage. Later that morning, we had another visit from the author Amanda Humphries who wrote the book Joe and the Kite. The children enjoyed listening to the first few chapters of the story and got excited thinking of their own ideas for what could happen next. In maths, we have started the first part of our multiplication and division unit. Children have been reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' and have been learning about refugees. Well done to the stars of the week this week.

Mole

Moles have started a new literacy topic, based on newspaper reports. We have been looking at the story of Little Amal, a puppet made to highlight the terrible plight of young refugees, who often arrive in a new country without their family. This is very closely linked to our guiding reading book, which is also based on a refugee. It is lovely to see the children become so involved in a story. If you can find out any more information about this topic at home and start to discuss it, then this will certainly enhance the children's learning. In maths, we are focusing on multiplication and division. Please continue to work hard on times tables to support this learning. Homework continues to be set each week on MyMaths and Purple Mash. Please make sure your child completes all of the activities each week. It is possible to complete work, even if it is past the due date. All tasks are linked to our work in class so are very useful to enhance their learning. It was lovely to talk to so many parents at Parents' Evening. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me.

Deer

I hope you have all received your child's report which was emailed out to you on Friday 5th November. It was great to see many of you for Parents' evening this week to discuss how they are getting on this term. If you have any queries about anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch as we are here to help. This week the children have continued with their Police Cadets course where they have been learning about road safety. Last week, PC Strangwood, our local police officer, also came in to deliver one of the sessions alongside PCSO Jacqui Fletcher. On Wednesday, Local author Amanda Humphries, who is an ex-pupil at Cleobury Mortimer Primary School, came to visit CMPS. She talked about the writing process and what inspired her to be an author. She also introduced her new book called Joe and the Kite and read the first few chapters to the children. Deer Class really enjoyed meeting her and being able to ask her questions about life as an author.

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Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Poppy

Zak

Mole

Kerija

Dylan

Kestrel

Jacob

Ben

Hare

Elsie

Oscar D

Rabbit

William

Priya S

Hedgehog

Max

Harry

Badger

Amelie

Jack

Squirrel

Samuel S

Billy

Fox

Caelan

Mason

Duckling

Autumn

Many congratulations to you all!

House Points:

House	Week's Total
Housman	150
Jebb	300
Owen	219
Webb	216

Overall winner Deer Class.

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