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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

In the last fortnight in Ducklings we have been busy crafting paper chains and making our calendars. The children have been brilliant at using different techniques to make different effects as well as helping each other create some wonderful crafts. In maths we have been looking at different ways to represent the numbers we have learnt so far, as well as looking at what numbers some of the children may know from home. In our phonics we have been looking at the different sounds we can hear around the school and have been lucky to hear and see plenty of planes and helicopters. We have started singing our Christmas songs and learning the Makaton signs that go along with them. This week we have made some more playdough and the children are becoming very good at making this with very little help. Our wonderful Mrs Love has provided the nursery with some super new playdough cutters and utensils that the children have loved using. Our focus story is "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell, the children have enjoyed reading it and making their own owls to go on our fabulous new display. Although the weather has turned very cold, we have really enjoyed being outside in the fresh air. We have been using the bikes and scooters and the children have been super at sorting helmets amongst themselves. We have made obstacle courses using the tyres to improve our balance and the children have really enjoyed making games for themselves and each other.

Fox

Fox Class have been very busy over the last two weeks. In Literacy we have began a new story 'Funny bones' the children have enjoyed acting out the story and drawing their own story maps. We have continued learning our Phase Two phonics and are now beginning to blend those sounds to read words. In maths we have been trying to use smaller than and bigger than, to help us learn more about our numbers to 5.

During our STEM activities we learnt about Energy and read a story to help us understand this, we then talked about what energy was and how we use it.

We were all excited about our Yoga session with Sophie, we tried very hard to control our breathing to help us relax and we enjoyed stretching our bodies to be different jungle animals. At the end of the session, we were all very calm.

As part of our transport topic we talked about Road Safety, we acted out safe ways to cross the road and what we could do to be safe near the road.

Squirrel

The last two weeks have been very busy for Squirrels! We have continued with our understanding of numbers to 5 in maths and have been using comparative language to compare different amounts. Next week we will look at problem solving, which will be a good challenge. In English we have started our new text 'Funny Bones' and have enjoyed sharing the story and acting it out in order to internalise the key language patterns.

We have also enjoyed a yoga session, that was delivered by Sophie. Sophie focused on helping us to relax through breathing techniques before using story telling to teach us some yoga moves, it was a brilliant session and we all enjoyed it!

It was STEM week last week and the focus was on 'energy'. Squirrels read the story 'Energy Island' and then discussed ways of saving or creating energy. The children surprised us with their prior knowledge and came up with some great suggestions for renewable energy.

As part of our topic work, we looked at road safety. Most of the children already knew about road safety, which was brilliant to hear. We watched a short video clip, acted out some road safety scenarios and also designed some road safety posters. Well done Squirrels!

The Year 1 children have been working hard on their sentence writing using a phonics mat and it is great to see the improvements in their handwriting already. We have been learning how to add single-digit numbers within 10 and next week we will be looking at subtraction within 10.

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Badger

We have had an exciting fortnight in Badger Class. Last week, we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to go bulb planting by the skatepark. We learnt about bulbs and the flowers that they can grow into, we cannot wait to go and see them when they bloom in the spring. We have been exploring addition calculations in great depth recently, we have practised our quick recall of number bonds within 10 using a game called 'Hit the Button'. Lots of the children have really enjoyed this game and have said they like to play it at home too, which is brilliant to see. We are coming to the end of our unit based around 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' in English. It has been lovely to read the children's own character descriptions about an animal that has knocked on a door to come and eat and drink everything! Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Hedgehog

We have had a lovely fortnight in Hedgehog class and the children have been extremely busy. In English, the children are loving their current unit of work and have been trying to persuade me to let them do a variety of things including sitting by their best friends and having chocolate cake for lunch! It is great to see them enjoying their learning so much and using persuasive skills confidently. In maths, the children have been developing a thorough understanding of how numbers within number sentences are related and they have become more confident to use related facts to help them calculate number sentences. I have also been impressed with their increasingly rapid recall of number bonds to 5, 10, 20 and 100. In topic, the children wrote some wonderful poems to commemorate Armistice Day and we were proud to buy poppies to mark this occasion. We also took part in the two minutes silence and were impressed with Mr. Martin's cornet playing at the end. I was also very proud of all the children that took part in the Cleobury Mortimer Remembrance Parade. This is such a wonderful event. In science, we have found out about the COP26 meeting that happened in Glasgow and were inspired to explore renewable energy. We had fun finding out about wind energy and carried out our own experiment to explore the impact of heat on the earth's polar regions. Please remember to return your child's reading book on Monday and Thursday so that their books can be changed. Thank you for your continued support.

Rabbit

This week, we enjoyed exploring Times Table Rock Stars. We each have our own rock star that we can edit. We can purchase things from the online shop using coins that we have earned from practising times tables. We are looking forward to seeing who will be on top of the leader board at the end of the week! In topic, we celebrated the end of our topic on biodiversity by designing a zoo based on the different biomes that we have learnt about. We included an extinction area, featuring animals that are sadly extinct. We are looking forward to starting our new topic. In English, we have enjoyed exploring letter writing, linking this with our story book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. In PE, we enjoyed taking part in a yoga session with a professional yoga teacher. In music, preparations are well under way for our Christmas performance in a few weeks time. We can't wait to share our pBuzz performance with you! In maths, we have continued to explore subtraction. Next week, we will begin to explore multiplication.

Hare

Hare class have fully enjoyed the past fortnight. We have participated in many extra activities including anti-bullying week; crazy hair for children in need; STEM day and a yoga session. In maths, the children have started a new unit on Multiplication and Division which will see us through to the new year. We have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1 and 0 as well as by 3 and 6 in more depth. In English, the children have been planning and drafting their own newspaper articles about a defeated monster. The children have been really engaged in their writing and it has been interesting to read some of their creative ideas. In our music lesson we have started to prepare for our Christmas concert. The children have taken to their ukulele lessons well and are very excited to show their adults all the skills they have been learning. Mrs Giles and I would also like to thank the children for participating in their 'make your own ukulele' homework. We were thrilled with the children's effort and loved hearing how they were all made. We will be displaying these at school until the new year and will share photos of them on the website in due course so keep your eyes peeled!

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Kestrel

Kestrel class has been extremely busy over this past week. Last Friday was STEM day. The class looked at different types of energy and conducted a variety of experiments to create energy. In maths, we have just finished our multiplication topic. Next week Kestrel class will be learning about measurement.

English has seen the class exploring a picture book and creating tension within their writing. There has been some very tense sentences.

A big 'Thank you' to all of kestrel class for taking part in bad hair day. There were some very creative and colourful styles.

Mole

This week, the children have spent time completing their stories inspired by Amanda Humphries. They have really enjoyed writing an adventure story and being allowed to use their imagination. I know several of them have added to their work at home, which has been lovely to see. This week, the children have started to work on fractions in maths. This is another area of maths where times tables are so helpful. Please continue to help your child practise their tables at home ready for our weekly test on Wednesdays. We will soon be starting our Christmas preparations, which I am sure the children will enjoy.

Deer

It has been a busy couple of weeks: last week, we joined in with part of the community bulb planting scheme where the children helped one of the councillors with bulb planting by the skateboard park - we will look forward to seeing the blooms in spring. In Police Cadets, PCSO Jacqui Fletcher set up a crime scene in the classroom and the children learnt all about how the police use forensics to investigate. On Friday, we had a STEM day where the children enjoyed learning all about renewable and non-renewable energy. Our focus was on the island of Samsø in Denmark. It is now the home of the Samsø Energy Academy, a learning centre where scientists and scholars from all over the world come to exchange ideas about energy conservation. The children thought it was amazing how much they achieved as an island to conserve energy.

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Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Mia

Mole

Alfie

Ozzy

Kestrel

Isabelle

Elijah

Hare

Lilia

Oscar M

Rabbit

Lexi

Molly

Hedgehog

Joseph

Arlo

Badger

Willow

Jenson

Squirrel

Evie

Sam

Fox

Izzy

Harper

Duckling

Arlo

Phoebe-Mae

Many congratulations to you all!

House Points:

House	Week's Total
Housman	284
Jebb	288
Owen	351
Webb	196

Overall winner Hedgehog Class.

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