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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

Friday 11th February 2022

Ducklings

In Ducklings we have had a super fortnight preparing for and celebrating Chinese New Year. The children made a beautiful dragon using their cutting skills and taping the streamers and fringe on themselves. We were then able to get inside the head and dance around the room whilst playing different instruments. The children learnt about the traditions of Chinese New Year as well as participating in many different crafts related to the celebration. This week in maths we have looked at the numbers 4 and 5 and how we can represent them, we have even had a go at writing them in Mandarin! We have looked at lots of different stories around the people who help us and have been looking at how we can help each other. Next week we will be looking at the area around us on a virtual walk which will hopefully lead onto us going a walk around Cleobury Mortimer to see the local community.

Fox

Well, what a busy few weeks we have had. We have continued to learn our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. Our new book is 'Stick Man' and have been retelling the story and writing sentences about who Stick Man met on his journey, in the tuff tray we made our own stick men and used leaves, sticks and sand to make the setting. In maths we have been focussing on numbers 8 and 9, we have been making sure we form the numbers correctly and we have been recalling the numbers that make 8 and 9. We celebrated the year of the Tiger in our work on Chinese New Year, we made a dragon that danced through the hall, made some small dancing dragons, some lucky money packets and had a go at writing numbers and letters in Chinese, it was tricky but good fun. We are practising our reading lots in school and thank you for continuing this at home. Don't forget to have a look on SeeSaw for all the photographs of our activities.

Squirrel

Squirrels have continued to be busy over the last few weeks! We have continued to learn our phase 3 sounds, which are now challenging the children being digraphs. Having said that, the children are doing brilliantly at learning the news sounds and actions to match and are even beginning to identify the phonic sounds in words around the school building. We are really proud of how the children are progressing with their reading and it would be beneficial to the children if they could practise their reading skills at home as often as possible in order to consolidate the skills they are learning.

Our new English book is 'Stickman' and the children have really enjoyed learning the story and writing sentences about who Stickman met on his journey. We have also enjoyed exploring tuff tray activities relating to the book such as painting sticks, making our own stickmen and using story mats to do some independent writing.

In maths we have continued to learn our numbers and have been focusing on the numbers 8 and 9. We have been looking at how to form the digits, as well as how the number can be composed using a range of practical equipment. Next week we will be looking at the number 10 and the number bonds that make up 10.

We have also celebrated Chinese New Year this week and as well as learning the story of the zodiac, we were excited to make money bags, dragons and Chinese Lanterns. Photographs of this have been added to the children's individual Seesaw accounts, so don't forget to have a look at what they have been up to!

Year 1 children have been working hard on sharing and learning the story of Stickman and learning numbers to 20. We have also been reading daily and practising our blending skills. Any reading at home would be a great support to the children too.

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Badger

We have had a lovely and busy week in Badger Class! It has been Mental Health Week this week so we have discussed different emotions and things that we like to do that calm us or relax us, like painting and reading. It was also Safer Internet Day, so we talked about the things that we can do to keep us safe online and made posters to teach others what to do! Then, on Friday, we have the most marvellous day celebrating RE Day. We learnt about Sikhism and the celebration of Vaisakhi with Miss Perrin and even went on a parade around school with the flags that we made. Then we learnt about Judaism and the celebration of Passover with Mrs Mountjoy, we made some lovely Elijah cups. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

Hedgehog

We have a lovely fortnight in Hedgehog class and the children have been extremely busy. In maths, we have begun to look at multiplication and the children have enjoyed making equal groups. They have also worked hard to write repeated addition and multiplication number sentences. I have been impressed with their confidence and ability to redistribute objects to make groups equal. In English, we have finished writing the opening for a traditional tale and I have loved how the children are beginning to use more precise language, adverbs and similes in their sentences. We have also started our new topic which is based around diary writing. The children have already explored parts of Samuel Pepys diary and I look forward to seeing how their own diary entries develop. In topic, we have been on a virtual visit to The Museum of London where we have looked at artefacts from The Great Fire. We have also found out lots of interesting facts which I hope the children will include in their projects. In science, we have been exploring materials and looking at their different properties. The children have identified a range of materials around school and are becoming more confident to use scientific language to describe them. They have also been tasked with the challenge of explaining why that material was used to make a named object. The Fire of London projects are due in w.b.14th February 2022. Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

Rabbit

We have had a busy week in Rabbit Class. This week, we enjoyed taking part in a workshop led by Severn Trent. They came into school and, with the help of an interactive presentation and some costumes, they taught us how people throughout history sourced and maintained water. They helped us to understand why it is important to save water, giving us a range of ways that we could reduce the amount that we use at home. At the end of the session, we pledged to use water wisely. On Friday, we took part in RE day. All of the Key Stage 2 teachers taught us about a celebration from a religion from around the world. We really enjoyed learning about a range of different celebrations. On Thursday, we Mr Adams and Mrs Stokes from Lacon Childe visited us to lead a TriGolf session. We played a range of different games aimed at helping us to develop the skills necessary to play golf. In English, we have concluded our topic on Dick King Smith. We have created an author study and character description. We have come to end of *The Sheep Pig* and are looking forward to starting a new class story.

Hare

Once again, Hare class have had another brilliant fortnight. We have spent our time in maths consolidating our work in division using the bus stop method and dividing 4 digit numbers by a single digit. During guided reading, we have been focusing on the book, 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. The children have been enjoying this book and although they started off being baffled by the 'wumpy choo', they soon understood what it was alongside Bill. Are you confused? Why not ask your child what it is! Tuesday 8th February was Safer Internet Day and the children made some posters using the computers on how to stay safe with online gaming - they had a great understanding of this. This week has also been Children's Mental Health Week, we focused on some mindfulness activities where we made some paper hearts to decorate the classroom. On Friday 11th February, Hare class have spent the day being taught by all of the KS2 teachers and participating in activities that link in with Hinduism, Sikhism, Christianity, Islam and Judaism. A busy and brilliant fortnight - well done Hares!

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Kestrel

We have had a busy week in Kestrel class. In English, we have been planning and completing our story openers based on the author Michael Morpurgo. We demonstrated some great writing and fantastic story ideas. We have started our fraction unit of work in maths. In PE, we continue to learn new skills for the sport volleyball, and we will begin to use them in a game situation. We have finally finished our Tudor Pouches where we have included a modern touch using bright colours and added sequins.

Mole

This week, the children have been writing a first person recount from the point of view of the highwayman from our writing unit.

They are showing so much improvement in their writing, now using a wider range of vocabulary and punctuation. I have really enjoyed reading their work.

In maths, we have been looking at area and perimeter. We have been considering recycling in our households and in the community. We are trying to find ways to help the environment, so I hope the children will encourage you to recycle at home as much as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support with doing homework regularly. Doing the homework online is preferable, so I would be grateful if you could remind the children to complete the tasks each week.

Deer

This week, it was Chinese New Year so in class, the children made an agamograph to celebrate the Year of the Tiger. In topic, we have now started World War 2 and have looked at the reasons why the war started. In Science, the children have been enjoying learning all about the theory of evolution and Charles Darwin. They are gaining a good understanding of what this means and how adaptation plays a big part in this theory. We have linked this in with our computing lessons and have started to create a PowerPoint on Charles Darwin where we have been learning about animations and transitions when creating an exciting PowerPoint. I hope the children are continuing to enjoy their reading at home as it is important that they are reading regularly but if they would like any help with book recommendations, Mrs Parker and I are always happy to help.

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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

Edward

Maisie

Jasmine

Kit

Vinnie

Ella

George

Elsie

Noah

Priya G

Evie-Mae

Evie

Henry W

Evie

Jayden

Bella

Calvin

Annabelle

Alfie W

Many congratulations to you all!

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