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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

Ducklings have had a lovely few weeks with lots of fun days and new activities throughout. We have been continuing with our topic "Ready Steady Grow", learning about and drawing our plants from seeds to petals in preparation for planting our flowers around the school. During the glorious weather we have been having we have moved lots of our learning outside, we have had the pleasure of joining in with the reception classes throughout the day with fun activities and playing with different children and meeting some of the wonderful teachers they will be taught by throughout their school adventure. We have used lots of instruments this week to look at different sounds and seeing if we can play along to some of our favourite songs. In maths we have been counting petals, leaves and anything that we can see outside and around school. It was very pleasing to see all the shades of yellow and blue for our day for Ukraine and the children had lots of fun dressing as their favourite superheroes for Red Nose Day in the previous week.

Fox

We have been enjoying the beautiful sunny weather and enjoyed taking our learning outside. We have been continuing recalling number facts to 10 and beginning to use words like greater than and smaller than to describe the numbers. Our topic activities have been to begin to grow our own bean, we are watching it change every day and we have drawn its life cycle to help us see the changes. In outdoor classroom we made our own beanstalk, found our phonic sounds that were hiding, made a see saw and made some magic potions. Red Nose Day was celebrated by us all dressing as Superheroes we had a great day and thank you very much for supporting this and Ukraine day where we wore yellow.

Squirrel

This week Squirrels have been enjoying the glorious weather and have taken their learning outside. We have explored independent continuous provision whilst the adults have completed work with focus groups. Outside we have continued focusing on our numbers to 10 and have learnt about comparative language, which helps us to compare different numbers. In English we have continued with our work on Jack and the Beanstalk by ordering and labelling the lifecycle of a bean. We are being encouraged to use our phonic knowledge more independently now and Miss Snaps is really proud that we can sound out and spell lots of words with little support!

We have also continued to enjoy using the outdoor classroom, where we have revised our phonic sounds before going off to explore. This week we found different bugs and we could hear the birds around us singing their songs, which are definite signs of spring!

We would just like to ask that all parents ensure that their child has wellies and waterproofs suitable for getting muddy in, as we will be going up to the outdoor classroom every Tuesday regardless of the weather.

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Badger

We have had a lovely week in Badger Class. The children are really enjoying our English unit all about letter writing, Sunny the meerkat has sent us a video telling us that he is frightened to come into school, so we are writing him a letter to tell him all the wonderful things about our school in the hope that he will come. In maths we have begun to explore addition and subtraction within 20, we have had some outside maths this week, finding sticks and taking some away to make subtraction calculations. During topic lessons we have learnt about Queen Elizabeth II and spoke about her upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations. There was also a lot of colour in the classroom this week, with our colourful socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Monday and Blue and Yellow for Ukraine on Wednesday. Hope everyone has a happy and healthy weekend.

Hedgehog

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Hedgehog Class and the children have been working hard. In English, we have started our new story and were excited because we spotted fairies in our outdoor classroom. When we went out to take a closer look, we couldn't see the fairies, but they had left us lots of jewels. We decided that the jewels were clues from the fairies to help us work out what they love to collect. After, we discovered that our new book is "The Tear Thief" by Carol Ann Duffy and we cannot wait to find out what happens. In maths, we have been practising our subtraction skills. It is lovely to see the children using their mental maths skills to calculate quickly and being confident to use a number line when the number sentence is a little trickier. In topic, we have continued to learn about Kenya and have been exploring the climate. We made a graph to compare the rainfall of London and Nairobi. We were surprised to see that, in some months, Kenya had more rain than London. We also thought about what we would wear to keep us cool and safe if we were to visit the savanna. In science, we have been looking at the different stages of human life and worked in groups to present what a human could do at each landmark. It was interesting to hear the development milestones that had been identified by each group and I was impressed with the children's teamwork and presenting skills. In P.E., we enjoyed a visit from Kidderminster Harriers and the children practised their ball control skills. The children listened carefully and enjoyed playing dribbling games and an exciting version of stuck in the mud.

Rabbit

Rabbit have been wonderful this week. Unfortunately Mr Martin has been poorly so the class have had the opportunity to work with lots of different adults and learn about lots of exciting things. On Wednesday lots of the children came in wearing blue and yellow to show support for the Ukraine. I had a lovely afternoon finding out more about the county, the people and traditions with Rabbit class and was really impressed with their knowledge and the mature way they discussed the ideas being shared. Rabbit class have also been using their artistic and creative skills to make cards for special people. Hope you enjoy them. I am sure Mr Martin will be pleased to know how well the class have got on this week and hear such good reports about them.

Hare

Hare class have had yet another fantastic fortnight of learning. In maths, we have completed our unit on fractions. To end the unit, we learnt how to find unit and non-unit fractions of an amount. In English, the children have been writing an explanation text linked to our science topic on sound. The children have created their own text about how we hear sound. In PE this term, we have been enjoying having tennis lessons with a tennis coach. The children really enjoy these sessions as their skills are improving week on week. In history, the children have enjoyed participating in our very own parliamentary debate about children's working conditions. They made some very valid points and created some good arguments.

Kestrel

Last week was British science week and Kestrel class have been involved in lots of science activities. On Thursday, we were lucky enough to be picked to be involved in a STEM themed experience room at Lacon in one of the science labs. In KS2, we took part in the Encounter Edu virtual lesson called Climate Change Superheroes. In this live lesson, we developed our working scientifically skills, while learning about climate change. As science week was coming to an end, the whole school took part in another great STEM Day. This time the STEM theme was healthy lifestyles where each teacher taught a different topic of healthy lifestyles.

In English, Kestrel class have started looking at narrative poems and will be introduced to the poem 'The Highway Man' next week. In Maths, we have begun our decimal and percentages unit.

It was great to see so many children taking part in our Day for Ukraine. Well done to stars of the week this week.

Mole

Over the last two weeks, Moles have been developing their art skills trying soap sculpting for the first time. They have enjoyed this new activity, even though it has proved quite challenging at times as so much patience is needed. They have also been painting. I have been delighted at the care and attention to detail that all of the children have shown.

We have started a new book in literacy, Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver, which is developing the children's imagination and encouraging them to delve into the text and ask questions. We are all excited to read on as there is so much to find out.

As Easter is approaching, please can you all get ready for a tidy up of school uniform after the holidays? The children will need to have the correct jumper/cardigan rather than a sweatshirt or hoody.

Deer

With just over a week to go until the big trip, the excitement levels have been building in Deer Class for those going on the residential. As part of our preparation for the trip, we have answered many questions, shared worries and next week, we will go over risk assessments to ensure the children know how to stay safe. All that the children have to do now, is make sure they have all the things they need ready to pack their bags (the kit list can be found on the Deer Class page of the website if you have lost it). Elsewhere, the children really enjoyed the visit by Mr Parker last week where they looked at WW2 artefacts and were even able to try some on - the photographs can be found on the Deer Class page on the website.

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Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Paige W

Mole

Leo

Kestrel

Jake

Jess

Hare

Hannah

Mason

Rabbit

Orla

Quinn

Hedgehog

Priya G

Zac

Badger

James

Jessica

Squirrel

Cooper

Daisy E

Fox

Olivia

Noah

Duckling

Arlo

Millie

Willow

Many congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total
Housman	83
Jebb	163
Owen	95
Webb	137

Congratulations to Hare class who are the overall house point winners this week!

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