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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

We have had pancake day and World Book Day in the last few days and the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed them. Before half term we made a large map of Cleobury and drew and made all the buildings that we knew. The children were very creative with all of the materials in nursery to make their houses and shops they knew. We completed a virtual walk on Google maps and the children enjoyed finding places they recognised. The children have built a castle in our book area and made a wonderful beanstalk that rises to the ceiling. We completed pancake races on the playground and looked at different ways to flip them. We then made pancakes in the afternoon for our afternoon snack. All the children looked amazing in their costumes for World Book Day and we found books and video clips of everyone's characters. This week we also looked at what Fairtrade is and how we recognise products that are Fairtrade.

Fox

We have had a very busy few weeks since half term in Fox Class! We have been continuing with our maths and English, as well as enjoying dance with Grace.

In maths we have continued to revise our numbers to 10, including ordering the numbers and counting backwards from 10 to 0. We have enjoyed learning how to play Bingo.

In English we have enjoyed a short story 'Mr. Wolf's Pancakes' which we linked in to RE and the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday. The children enjoyed a pancake race and discussing what they like to have on their pancakes we were also able to take a pancake home.

This week we have started learning a traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and through this we have been learning about the typical characters, setting and vocabulary related to a traditional tale. We have also linked our English to science-learning the parts of a plant and the lifecycle of a plant.

We have enjoyed learning some break dance moves with Grace and are now beginning to put our moves into simple routines to music! We have been focusing on how to make our bodies tall and small and how to move them in different ways to music.

We all enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and well done to you all for the amazing costumes.

Squirrel

The last few weeks since half term have been busy for Squirrel children! We have been continuing with our maths and English, as well as enjoying dance with Grace and exploring the outdoor classroom. In maths we have continued to revise our numbers to 10, including ordering the numbers and counting backwards from 10 to 0. Next week we will begin to look at digits to 20 and we have already begun to expand our counting to 20 at the start of the lesson. In English we have enjoyed a short story 'Mr. Wolf's Pancakes' which we linked in to RE and the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday. The children enjoyed discussing what they like to have on their pancakes and were also able to take a pancake home. This week we have started learning a traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and through this we have been learning about the typical characters, setting and vocabulary related to a traditional tale. We have also linked our English to science-learning the parts of a plant and the lifecycle of a plant. We have enjoyed learning some break dance moves with Grace and are now beginning to put our moves into simple routines to music! We have been focusing on how to make our bodies tall and small and how to move them in different ways to music. In the outdoor classroom we learnt our phonic sound for that day 'air' and also read our class text 'Jack and the Beanstalk' before having some time to explore. We had great fun making muddy puddles to jump in, bug hunting and playing kings and queens. We also had to learn some rules for the outdoor classroom, which include no running, keeping sticks pointed downwards and not walking through our fire pit area. The children listened really carefully to the rules and followed them carefully- well done Squirrels!

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Badger

We have had an exciting letter come to us from a meerkat named Sunny, he has asked us where to visit and we have written back to him suggesting he come to Cleobury. We are waiting patiently to see if he will decide to come and visit! It was a lovely day on Thursday when everybody dressed up for World Book Day, we shared some stories with children in Hedgehog Class and even had a video lesson with the illustrator and author Axel Sheeffler (who illustrates most books that Julia Donaldson writes). We have begun our unit 'Plants' in science, this started with us planting seeds, we will monitor how they grow over the next half term.

Hedgehog

In English, we have continued to use the book Gorilla by Anthony Brown to help us write a diary entry. The children have loved this book and have particularly enjoyed looking at the illustrations. We have begun to infer what the author is trying to tell us about the characters from the illustrations that have been included. We have also been exploring many other diary entries and have been identifying the skills that we need to write our own diary entry. In maths, we have explored division by grouping and sharing. The children have used a variety of techniques to help them explore this aspect of maths. They have also explored how multiplication is the inverse of division and how this can help us to solve mathematical problems. In science, we have started our new topic which is about animals and their young. The children enjoyed finding the difference between mammals and non-mammals. We were able to see a lamb being born on a virtual farm visit with Farmer Sam. The children were amazed that the lambs could stand up when they were just 20 minutes old. We have also started out new topic which is based around Kenya. The children confidently recalled the continents and oceans that form our world. To start the topic, we have used warm colours to make a piece of African art which are already looking fantastic despite not being finished. World Book Day was a great success and the children really enjoyed their day. They looked fantastic.

Rabbit

We have had a very busy week in Rabbit Class. This week, we have enjoyed creating some artwork inspired by the Stone Age. We investigated the types of jewellery that was created in the Stone Age and had a go at making a bead necklace out of clay. On Monday, we used natural dyes (made from red cabbage, beetroot and turmeric!) to create a piece of artwork. Next Thursday, we are looking forward to sharing our creations with you when we transform the hall into a Stone Age museum! We talked about the process of making a natural dye and discovered some of the ingredients people have used throughout history. In science, Mr Marsh taught us about the different parts of a plant. He used a model to show us how water is transported around a plant. On Friday, we enjoyed working with our tennis coach. We have continued to explore newspaper reports in English. We have looked at an example text and are looking forward to writing our own next week. In maths, we have continued to look at statistics. Throughout the week, we have collected data and have presented it in different ways. We are looking forward to another busy week next week.

Hare

Hare class have had another wonderful fortnight in school. Since starting back from half term, we have started a couple of new units throughout the curriculum. In Maths, we have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions as well as learning how to find equivalent fractions. The children have really enjoyed their work and had fun challenging themselves to make fraction walls. In English, we have started learning about explanations texts. Our text focuses on how the human digestive system works - which links back to our science unit from the autumn term. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be planning and writing our own explanations. In history, we have started learning about the Victorians. I was very impressed with the children's current knowledge and am interested to see how this progresses throughout the unit. Last week, we enjoyed marking World Book Day by dressing up as characters from book covers. The children enjoyed their 'cat walk' in the classroom and we participated in an online lesson about how stories are structured. In PE, we are lucky enough to have some tennis lessons by a professional tennis coach where the children enjoyed learning their 'warrior pose' and rallying over the net.

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Kestrel

This fortnight has been very busy for Kestrel class. In English, we are finishing our talk 4 reading unit where our book has been Hurricane. Children have enjoyed creating their own imaginary adventure like the characters go on in the story. In maths, we have finished our fractions unit and now will be moving onto decimals and percentages.

The year 5 girls were lucky enough to be picked for a football session at the high school which allowed them to practise new and old skills as well as being able to put them into practise in a game situation. The girls weren't the only ones that got involved in football this week, as Kidderminster Harriers came in to school to do a football session with the whole of year 5. Kestrel class celebrated international women's day where we learnt about women in history that are inspirational for the things they have done. We also talked about women that are close to us and how they are inspirational.

Mole

The children have had a busy first fortnight back, starting new topics in both science and geography. We have also started our new writing and reading tasks in literacy.

It was lovely to see the children dressed in their World Book Day costumes last week. Thank you for all your efforts in getting them sorted out.

This week, we have been looking at fairtrade. If you have any fairtrade packaging at home that we can use for discussion and display, then please send them in on Monday.

The children will be needing shin pads every week for PE this half term, so please can you ensure they stay in school along with spare long socks and a jumper/sweatshirt that is different from their school jumper.

Deer

Since the last class news, we have had a busy few weeks. The children really enjoyed RE day: the day was split into 5 sessions where they were taught by a different teacher for each session with each session focusing on a different religion. We have also had mental health awareness week and safer internet day. Please have a look on our class page of the website where you can find the write ups for each of these sessions. Should you want any further information about supporting your child at home then please ask. In English, the children really enjoyed the Rudyard Kipling Jungle Book story we had been focusing on which inspired some fantastic writing. We are just about to start a new WW2 inspired novel to link with our topic work.

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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

Rosie

Obie

Ozzy

Sophie

Indie

Elijah

Tristan

Paige

Oliver

Isla

George M

Isla

Chloe

Oliver

Danny

Alexander

Caelan

Mason

Isaac

Many congratulations to you all!

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