

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

It has been lovely to see the children again and hear their wonderful stories of their Easter holidays. We have continued our work with plants and have planted some beautiful flowers around nursery and on the playground. In maths the children have been doing lots of work with the numbers of how old they are. We have been singing songs and looking at lots of fun ways to represent their number. In phonics it has been lovely to hear all the songs they have been singing at home and they have sung them for us in circle time. The children have been making some bunting and some amazing animals to decorate our outside area, which is has now been visually improved. All the children have come back really well and we all look forward to having a super summer term.

### Fox

We have had an excellent start to our new term. We have begun our new topic 'All Creatures Great and Small', we began by looking for minibeasts in the outdoor classroom and then we watched a PowerPoint presentation that helped us identify different minibeasts and recognise their habitats. We then made our own Life Cycle of a Butterfly using a paper plate and pasta! In literacy we have been reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' we have investigated the different fruits and vegetables that were in the story, we have made caterpillars and butterflies and we have written sentences about what we remembered from the story. In phonics we are recapping our Phase 3 sounds and our tricky words. In maths we have been learning to recognise and write our numbers to 20, the activities we have been doing have been making us think about how many tens and ones we need for each number. In PE we are beginning to practise for Sports Day.

### Squirrel

We have had a great start to the new term. We have started our new topic 'All Creatures Great and Small' which we are really enjoying! So far we have looked at different minibeast and have enjoyed exploring our role play area, where we have a range of minibeasts and some nature viewers to look at them in more detail. We have also looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and have completed our own lifecycles using paper plates and pasta. Our topic is linking to our English text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and in English this week we have used our phase 2 and 3 phonics to write a sentence from the story. Miss Snape is very impressed with our sounding out and spelling! In maths we have started to count to 20 and represent numbers using practical equipment. We have looked at how we can use tens and ones to compose given numbers. Next week we will continue working on this. The year one children have been working on investigating measuring height and length- for this we have gathered different sized sticks and compared them before putting them into order. We have also looked at the heights of children in our group and put them into order too.

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## **Badger**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break, I hope that it was enjoyable for everyone! The children have quickly settled back into routine which is brilliant. We have continued to learn about famous queens in our topic and have now begun to apply our knowledge to our writing in English by writing an information text about a famous queen. We have also been lucky enough to be invited to take part in some multisports sessions with sports coaches at Lacon, the children were complimented for their impressive football skills. We will be doing this for four weeks, so will enhance our skills in a variety of different sports. I hope that everyone has a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend!

## **Hedgehog**

The children have settled into school well and have worked extremely hard after their holiday. In English, we have started our new unit which is based on "The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me" by Roald Dahl and we have been learning lots of new vocabulary. We have also been identifying parts of the story that we found unusual or had questions about. We have many questions that we would like to the characters or the author. In maths, we have been looking at fractions and the children have been halving and quartering shapes and numbers. I have been impressed with their ability to count forwards and backwards in halves. Today, we managed to count to 40 ½ and only stopped because we ran out of time. In science, we have been looking at what makes a balanced diet and how to stay healthy. We used flour and water to show how easily germs are passed between people and realised how important it is to dry our hands too. We discovered that germs love the warm, wet places in between our fingers. In art, we have been creating printing tiles based on African patterns. We had to concentrate hard to create our printing tile but loved how easy it was to print on paper and fabric. We are looking forward to completing our African wall hanging. In topic, we have been finding out about the different animals that live in Africa and positioned them on a map so that the habitat provided them with all the food, water and shelter they needed. We also described their location using compass points. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

## **Rabbit**

We have had a busy first week back at school. We were so excited to go swimming on Friday! We really enjoyed travelling to Ludlow and meeting a new swimming teacher for the next few weeks. In PE, we practised a range of different races in preparation for sports day. Please make sure that you have your PE kit in school. In science, we began to explore our new topic - light. We thought about various sources of light and decided if they were natural or man-made. In English, we started our new topic by writing our own portal story. Over the next few weeks, we will identify the features of portal story and write our own. In maths, we have explored perimeter, calculating the perimeter of a range of different shapes. We are looking forward to working with Ray who will teach us about road safety. We hope you have a lovely bank holiday.

## **Hare**

Hare class have had a great first week back in school from their Easter break. In maths, we are continuing our work on decimals. This week, we have been looking at how decimals fit on place value charts and how we can compare and order them. In English, we have started a new unit where we will be learning about instruction writing. Our model text is focused on 'How to train a dragon', which uses some impressive vocabulary for the children to magpie. Yesterday in science, the children made string telephones to support our work on sound that we have been doing. The children discussed in pairs how they thought they worked, and we went up on the school field to test them out. Finally, today the children went for their first swimming session. They impressed us greatly and had lots of fun in the water. Well done, Hares.

## **Kestrel**

Kestrel class have settled back into class life well this week. It has been lovely to hear what they have done over the Easter holidays. In Maths, we are continuing our work on adding and subtracting decimals. In English, we have started a new book called "One dog and his boy", which the class are really enjoying. The children have also chosen their events for Sports Day and are very busy practising with Mr Boyd. Our theme in assembly this week has been Spring. I think Kestrel class found the music of Vivaldi very different to what they would normally listen to. Well done to stars of the week this week.

## **Mole**

In the last week of term, the Y6 children went on their residential where they had a great time doing a wide range of activities. I was so impressed by their positive attitude and enthusiasm to push themselves further and try new things. I was also impressed to see how organised some of the children were, especially helping out with chores in the dining room. The Y5 children enjoyed working with different members of staff and working in a different environment. I have been told how well they behaved and how enjoyable the week was. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are now ready for the term ahead - including SATs for Y6!

## **Deer**

First of all, I hope you all enjoyed your Easter holiday. Before the holiday, we had a great week at Red Ridge: the children learnt to deal with new experiences in a very positive way, whether it was learning to work with classmates in different situations, overcoming fears, trying new foods, staying away from home for more than one night or abseiling down a cliff, they all did very well. Not only did we have lots of fun doing all the activities, but we also learnt ways to develop a positive mindset - their motto was, ' You are better than you think you are.' I was very pleased with how they all coped with their week away and it was great to hear so many positive comments from both the children and adults. Since returning to school, preparations for the SATs tests (which start week commencing 9th May) have been our focus in class during the morning sessions. I have been really pleased with how hard the children have been working, so they should not worry at all about the tests as I know they will do their best and that is all we ask.

# Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Squirrel

Fox

Duckling

House points:

Oscar

Tyla

Jess

Archie

Indie

Evan

Holly G

Jamie

Kyle

Summer

Connor

Harry

Archie

Ayla

Koby

Jacob

Louie

Elliott

Arthur

Many congratulations to you all!

House	Week's Total
Housman	125
Jebb	144
Owen	200
Webb	197

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

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