

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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*Enjoying and Achieving Together*

## Class News

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### **Ducklings**

We have had a super fortnight in Ducklings. We have been watching our flowers grow and making sure we water them every time they are dry. Together with Fox class we have made the KS1 playground much prettier and have had plenty of fun doing so. In maths we have been matching numbers and Numicon using ladybirds and creating our own and adding different numbers of spots. We have also been looking at lots of different counting songs which has linked to our phonics of rhythm and rhyme. Our outside area has seen great improvement, with the children painting and adding bunting. This will see lots of usage throughout our Summer term. We have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* which has created many opportunities for activities. Our maths wall in particular has received a revamp with an excellent caterpillar made by the children.

### **Fox**

Our last two weeks have been busy and lots of fun. We continue to learn about Minibeasts and have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, we used a paper plate and different shape pasta to represent the different stages of the cycle. In Literacy we have been writing sentences using our phonics sounds and writing our favourite part of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* story, we also looked at different fruits and vegetables that the caterpillar might like to choose to eat next, we then drew these and labelled them. In maths we have been looking at numbers to 20. We have investigated how to make these numbers using Numicon and how to write and represent them using different objects. In our afternoon activities we have talked about Symmetry and painted some butterflies, and we planted some Sunflowers. In the outdoor classroom we have been making minibeast hotels and made our own minibeast using natural materials. We continue to make potions and dens.

### **Squirrel**

Squirrels have continued to be busy over the past few weeks getting stuck into their topic of 'minibeasts'. We have been lucky enough to spot some minibeasts up in the outdoor classroom! We used our nature viewers to spot slugs, snails, worms, beetles, ants, caterpillars and spiders, which was very exciting. We have also been talking about what makes a good habitat for different minibeasts. In English we have innovated our story '*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*' to make it our own, this was great fun and we explored different fruits and vegetables to help us with our inspiration! We have continued to revise our phase 2 and 3 sounds and have now started to write a sentence with our sound of the day, which gives us the opportunity to practise our writing skills daily. In maths we have been working on counting to 20 and building numbers to 20 using a tens frame and counters- we worked in pairs to play a game to see who could build 20 first. We have also used the tens and ones in class to make numbers to 20, focusing on how to use the tens and ones correctly. This is something we are going to be continuing with to ensure that our understanding of number is embedded.

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## **Badger**

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Badger Class, especially now that the weather is getting nicer. The children have really enjoyed counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and have been impressing other adults in the school with their great counting. They are now applying this counting to money, they have enjoyed exploring the play money and have had a game of shops, buying different items in the classroom with the coins that they have. In English, the children have been using their knowledge of the famous queens that we have studied in topic to do some lovely writing. Lots of the children have been trying really hard to write neatly in order to win the 'fancy pencil' to write with for next week. We have been so pleased to continue visiting Lacon to complete some different sporting activities, the children were very skilled in tennis and basketball. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

## **Hedgehog**

We have had a lovely fortnight in Hedgehog class and the children have been working extremely hard. In English, we have continued to base our learning around "The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me" by Roald Dahl. The children have loved this book and have been spending time analysing the vocabulary that the author has used and trying to understand what he means and why specific words have been used. I have been impressed with the children's understanding of language and prediction skills. In maths, we have begun to look at 2d shapes and we enjoyed going on a shape hunt outside. The children were really good at counting the sides to help them find out the name of the shape. We have also begun to draw irregular shapes and have been working hard to ensure that the sides were straight. In science, we have been learning about the importance of exercise to keep our bodies healthy and have enjoyed planning an investigation to explore which exercise uses the most energy. We found out that our pulse tells us how hard our heart is working and we have begun to learn how to measure it. In topic, we have finished our African printing and have made a colourful, fabric wall hanging which looks fantastic. We absolutely loved printing. After the hard work of making our printing tile, couldn't believe how quick it was to print a picture. We have also been looking at the map of Kenya and identifying physical and human features. The children have started their SATs and have really enjoyed working in their special booklets. They will continue to complete their SATs during May. Have a lovely weekend.

## **Rabbit**

We have had a busy week in Rabbit Class. This week, we completed our training on road safety. Ray, from Shropshire Council, came along to assess us as we independently crossed the road. We all remembered to stop, look, listen and think and, as a result, we all passed the course! We were proud to take our certificates home. In English, we have continued to explore the story of Elf Road, a portal story. Next week, we are looking forward to writing our own portal story. In maths, we have continued to explore fractions, looking at halves, quarters and thirds. We are able to identify a unit fraction and can explain what the numerator and denominator mean. In topic, we explored foods that are produced in the UK and across the world. We talked about the importance of climate and soil conditions and how they impact the foods that we can produce. We looked at three local businesses and identified the foods that they produce. On Friday, we enjoyed another successful swimming lesson. As we prepare for sports day, please ensure that appropriate PE kit is in school.

## **Hare**

Another marvellous week for Hare class. We have really been enjoying our swimming lessons at Ludlow pool on Friday mornings. Children who started as non-swimmers are becoming a lot more confident in water, which is lovely to see. In maths, we have started a unit learning about money. This follows on from learning about decimals nicely as we have been looking at pounds and pence, placing amounts in order and estimating costs to the nearest pound. In English, we have started to innovate and plan our text. The children have created their own mythical creatures and will write their own set of instructions next week, about how to look after it. In PE this week, we had a dance lesson with Grace. The children performed a short dance routine of 3 poses and 3 ways of moving into them. They worked brilliantly as part of a team and showcased their performances with confidence. Well done, Hare class.

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## **Kestrel**

**Kestrel class have worked hard these past two weeks with a busy timetable. Last week, Kestrel class were lucky enough to be invited to a multiskills festival at Lacon which was run by their young leaders. Children were involved in a number of sports including cricket , rounders, handball and soft ball.**

**In English , we have just finished exploring the story One Dog and his Boy and will be moving onto creating a persuasive piece of writing. Kestrel class have finished their decimals unit in maths and will be moving onto angles. As part of our topic in science we are starting to explore space.**

**As you have seen children are starting to return to using the library again and Kestrel class had their turn on Wednesday where they picked three books of their choice.**

**Well done to the stars of the week.**

## **Mole**

**This week, Y6 have had a full week, completing their SATs. I was so impressed by their behaviour and great attitude. Well done to all the Y6 children. The Y5 children worked with Mr. Marsh, which they have enjoyed.**

**On Wednesday, 18th May, Moles class will be going to the library, which I am sure they will all enjoy. Most of the children's library tickets will be at the library from their previous visits with school when they were in Year 3. I will send home application forms for any children who have joined us more recently. Please ensure these forms are completed and brought into school by Wednesday at the latest. I have noticed that several children have not brought in their correct PE kit since Easter. Please can you make sure that this is sorted from Monday. Warm layers are still needed as it does get quite cold on the field.**

## **Deer**

**This week has been a busy week for the children, with Monday to Thursday being taken up with their SATs. I am very proud of all the children as they have worked so hard this term and they all put in 100% this week: well done to all of Year 6. Today, the children are very much looking forward to their post-SATs fun day. I would like to also thank all the parents and carers for your support at home. Elsewhere in the curriculum, the children have started a computing topic on spreadsheets as well as working with our dance teacher to develop a Year 6 dance. (Please could you remind the children that they will need their PE kit in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term.) Next week, we will be starting a project focusing on a particular country in Africa.**

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# Stars of the week!

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

Deer

All of Year 6 for their hard work this week

Mole

Lillie-Mae & Jacob. Also, all Year 6 pupils for their hard work this week

Kestrel

Lexi

Hare

Ben

Rabbit

Tyler

George

Hedgehog

Keira

William

Badger

Willow

Freddie L

Squirrel

Daisy H

Lucas

Fox

Alexander

Lily-Rose

Duckling

Eddie

Coby

Lawson

Many congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total
Housman	196
Jebb	139
Owen	227
Webb	189

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

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