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Clebury Mortimer Primary School - Class News

Ducklings Class

We have had a lovely fortnight in Ducklings enjoying the sun. The children have been outside with Fox and Squirrel Class and have been brilliant friends and played well with all of the older children.

In maths we have been looking at counting down/backwards. We have been singing 5 green bottles and have made some super representations of this.

We have started our new book "Handa's Surprise", we have really enjoyed looking at the different animals and all of the new and unusual fruit.

Our topic of "All Creatures Great and Small" has moved onto the larger animals linking with our book, but we still continue to look for minibeasts around our beautiful flowers that we are continuing to take care of.

In our "Funky Fingers" activities this week we have been looking at improving our grip strength using tweezers and pegs to move marbles into our marble run, we have found this tricky but have shown great perseverance in continue to try.

Throughout this week we have ben making some brilliant cards using our feet to paint lions, we hope that you enjoy them as the children have had a great time making them.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Gwenllian and Bert!

Fox Class

I cannot believe that I am writing this at the beginning of our last half term together in reception.

What an exciting start to the half term we have had, we have begun our new topic on Sea Creatures. Our role play area is an ocean with lots of toy creatures that you would find in the sea.

We learnt lots about the ocean from watching a PowerPoint together and then we drew our favourite creature and labelled it with some new words we learnt like gill, fin and tentacle.

The book that we are reading together is called Commotion in the Ocean and has lots of amazing illustrations to help us describe and recognise the creatures. We have made our own fact file about our favourite creature from the story and have been making lots of the creatures out of paper plates, tin foil and toilet rolls.

In phonics we are continuing to recap on our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words, we have been practising putting them into sentences and making sure we form all the letters correctly.

In maths we have been using the words first, now and then to tell number stories and have begun to use the word and sign for adding two numbers together. We continue to practise counting forwards and backwards to 20 and have been making sure our numbers are formed correctly.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Nina and Mason. D!

Squirrel Class

Squirrels have had a busy few weeks *back* since the half term. Last week we started our new sub-topic 'Under the Sea'. We have used our class text 'The Rainbow Fish' as our base to explore sea creatures and their habitats. We have also enjoyed writing fact files about sea creatures.

We also enjoyed our outdoor classroom session last week and discovered lots of little minibeasts that were hiding underneath the logs and stones. It was important that we made sure that the minibeasts went back to where they came from and that we handled them with care. Coming back from the half term, we could see that our butterflies had hatched out from their chrysalis and were ready to be released. We fed the butterflies well on fruit and a sugary solution before releasing them out into our outdoor area. What a fabulous experience this was!



Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Noah and Izzy!

Badger Class

We have had an exciting couple of weeks in Badger Class. We have been learning about our new topic which is Australia and have thought about all of the things we already know and the things that

we would like to find out about Australia. In science we have begun learning about weather and the different types of weather we would expect to see in the United Kingdom in each country. In English we found a basket full of items that we used to write our own stories. We have also been taking advantage of the lovely weather and have carried on with our athletics in PE, everyone in Badger Class showed their excellent teamwork skills too!



Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Henry S and Chloe!

Hedgehog Class

We have had a busy fortnight in Hedgehog class and the children have been working hard after the holiday.

In English, we have started looking at non-fiction writing and the children were puzzled and excited to find a variety of peculiar objects in the classroom. The objects they found were: a broom, a blanket, first aid kit, a bucket and some bugs. They made some super predictions but were surprised to discover that we are going to be learning about nurses. We have also started to learn some new vocabulary and the children have been finding the definition of technical vocabulary that they can use in their reports.

In maths, we have been revisiting multiplication and division. the children have spent some time noticing patterns and how the 5 and 10 times tables are linked. the children are becoming confident to explain the patterns and explain the patterns that they have noticed. We have also looked at how multiplication can help us solve division number sentences. I have been impressed with how quick the children are getting to recall their times tables.

In topic, we have been learning what makes a person significant. We thought that a person is significant when they have made improvements to other people's lives or the world. Then, we discovered that we are learning about Famous Nurses and are starting with Florence Nightingale. We watched a programme about her and she told us about her life. We thought that she was extremely brave.

In music, we have been exploring the pentatonic scale. The pentatonic scale is made up of five notes (C, D, E, G, A). We used these notes to compose pieces of music and songs which we shared with the class. Some children managed to keep a steady beat and play more than one instrument at a time.

Nurses speaking and listening project is due in on Monday 4th July.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.



1 - Composing music.



2 - Listening to an interview with Florence Nightingale.

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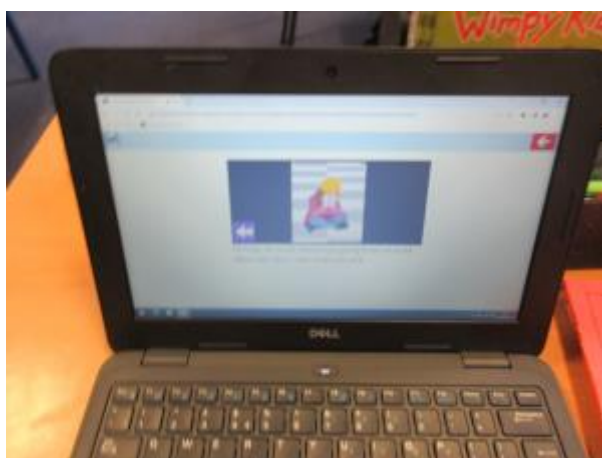
3 - Exploring non-fiction books and comparing them to fiction.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Elodie and Isla W!

Rabbit Class

We have had another busy week in Rabbit Class. We began our new topic on the Romans by looking at a story called 'Pack of Pompeii'. The story helped us to understand what happened in the Roman town of Pompeii in 79AD. In English, we started our new topic on diary entries. We used the 'Pack of Pompeii' as a basis for our diary entry. In maths, we have continued to explore fractions, looking closely at finding fractions of amounts. In science, we looked at different types of rock. We identified man made rocks and natural rocks. We have continued to explore the story of the Abominables. We used a story board to help us to sequence the story. On Friday, we went swimming. We have enjoyed our swimming lessons so far. We enjoyed exploring a range of athletics games in PE. Hopefully, we will be inspired by the upcoming Commonwealth Games over the next few weeks!



Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Jackson and Elizabeth!

Hare Class

Welcome back! The children have had a busy fortnight with starting lots of new topics. In maths, we have started learning about time. The children consolidated work from last year, revising telling to the time to the minute using analogue clocks, looking at AM and PM as well as a reminder of the 24hr clock. This past week, we have looked a lot at telling and writing the time digitally. In reading, we have focused some of our lessons on 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We have been making inferences about a character and their personality. In PE, this term we are having dance with GKY Dance. The children have demonstrated some of the fantastic skills they have been taught throughout the year and have really gained their confidence in showcasing them. In science, we have been finishing up our unit on 'States of Matter'. The children have learned how particles differ depending on the materials. Look at our photos of how we represented them.



4 - Children representing particles of a solid.



5 - Children representing particles of a liquid.



6 - Children representing particles of a gas.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Holly. P and Quinn!

Kestrel Class

Another fantastic week in Kestrel class. In talk for reading, we have started to explore the story *The Midnight Fox* by Betsy Byars, where children have made predictions from the front cover.

In English, we have finished our persuasive writing using facts we learnt on World Oceans Day. We watched a live lesson which discussed and showed the issues we have with pollution in our oceans. In Maths, we have just started our position and direction topic looking at symmetry, translations and co-ordinates.

We have finished our science topic of Space and will be moving onto human development next week. In topic, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about extreme earth and will be finishing off this week with the erupting of our papier Mache volcanoes. Our next topic will be Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

Well done to stars of the week this week.





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Harlee and Mason!

Mole Class

Since half-term, the children have started their new topic learning about The Maya. They have used maps to find where the Maya were located. They have also used a timeline to see how far back in history the Maya lived. In maths, we have been finding out how to convert measures, including between metric and imperial. The children found it really interesting to see how they use both forms of measure in their daily life. We have also been looking at time, both with analogue and digital clocks. Please support your child to tell the time as often as possible using different types of clock and also think more about how much they use time from day to day.





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Ellie and Kit.

Deer Class

Earlier this week, the children enjoyed the grand finale of their WW2 topic with a food tasting session. It was based around foods that were available during the war such as having parsnip sandwiches and comparing them to banana sandwiches which were not available. It was a good opportunity to talk about food miles and where some of our foods come from. In English, we have just finished our Philip Pullman novel, during which, the children wrote some super character descriptions. The children are looking forward to their Crucial Crew trip to Bridgnorth next week on Thursday 23rd June. Crucial Crew is a safety training and awareness course for children in Year 6.



7 - Making a WW2 style parsnip sandwich.



8 - Some liked it...



9 - ...some didn't!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Edward and Paige B.

House Points

Housman 185

Jebb 119

Owen 127

Webb 104

[Congratulations to Badger Class!](#)

You are the overall house point winners, this week.

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