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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

Happy New Year.

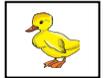
I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

It has been so lovely to be back at school and the children have settled in well. They seem to have grown so much and I have really enjoyed listening to what they had from Father Christmas.

We have had such a lovely week in Nursery and the children have enjoyed hearing lots of stories including "The Snail and The Whale" and "The Train Ride". They have been busy making lolly stick and egg carton trains and I have been impressed with their imagination and resilience. We have also been learning a new poem all about popcorn and the children have joined in enthusiastically particularly with the pop, pop, pop. The children have also been experimenting with mark making and I love to see them write secret messages and draw some wonderful pictures. They are gaining super pencil control.

As the weather has been mild, we have spent lots of time outside and the children have loved jumping in the puddles and building some tricky obstacle courses. Thank you so much for sending in observations and notes from home. We love to find out what the children do when they are not with us. Your observations and notes are really useful so please keep sending them in. More stars are always available from the nursery staff.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.



Fox

We are very proud of how the children have settled back into school life. We have enjoyed hearing all about their Christmas events and have done some lovely writing and drawings about it. We have started the new year with a focus on reading, in and out of school. If the children read at home every night for a week, they will be involved in a class reading reward. Thank you for your support already with this.

In Maths, we have been revisiting our numbers to 10. In PE, we have started creating our 'Seasons' dance.



Badger

It is good to be back at school, and Badgers have had a busy week getting back to work! This week we have started new units for all subjects. In English, we are looking at the picture book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jefferson. We will be using this story to write our own versions at the end of the unit.

In maths, we have been learning how to tell the time using o'clock and half past. The children have enjoyed using model clocks to make given times and have then used this to solve one step word problems. Next week we will be moving onto recording time and understanding time related vocabulary.

This half term in science we are learning about seeds and plants. We have planted some different types of seeds and will observe the changes over the next few weeks. A morning check on the plants seems to be a popular thing for the children to do at the moment!



Hedgehog

Happy New Year and welcome back. Hedgehog have come back into school full of enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards their learning and have worked exceptionally hard this week. We started the week by revising some of the maths that was taught last term and then moved on to continuing our multiplication and division unit. This week the children have been looking at pictorial representations of groups and working out how to turn this into a multiplication sentence (3 equal groups of 5 is 15 / $3 \times 5 = 15$). In English, we have started a new unit about diary entries. The children imagined they were back in the evening of Christmas day, writing all about the excitement.



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Rabbit

The children have settled really well back into class after their exciting holidays. It has been lovely hearing about all the lovely things they did.

We are learning about authors this term. I have asked the children to find out about an author of their choice for homework ready to write a biography in school. I hope you will support them with this please.

This term, we will be developing our hockey skills, so shin pads must be in school every day this term. Our PE lesson day may change from week to week depending on the weather. Warm out door PE kit will be needed too.

I understand that some parents have had difficulty accessing purple mash for the children's maths homework activities. This is the address that needs to be used to access the school log in

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/cleoburymortimer> Please let me know if you have any difficulties with this and I will do my best to help you sort it out. Maths homework will usually be set in this way from now on.



Hare

It has been lovely to welcome the children settle so well back into school this week, I hope that the Christmas break was enjoyable and restful and the children are looking forward to an exciting new year. We have introduced this term's topic of Australia, the children are keen to find out all about this country! In science the children will be learning about light this term, we have already investigated what is a light source and what is a light reflector. This evening a letter to parents will be going home with children introducing them to Purple Mash, an online resource that we use in computing lessons and the children are also able to use at home. Children's maths homework will be set on this website weekly. If there are any issues with internet access then please let me know and we will aim to sort something out.



Kestrel

The first week of the New Year has been a busy one for Kestrel class. We started our new topic on Australia and New Zealand by sharing some of the projects that our classmates had made over the holiday period. As part of our new Literacy topic, we thought about the features of a newspaper report before having a go at writing one ourselves. In Art, we identified the features of a desert environment before creating a mood board to help inspire us when creating our own desert landscapes. In PE, we investigated ways that we could incorporate different types of jumps into a gymnastics routine. After, we performed our routines to the rest of the class. Next week in PE, we will be exploring different methods of travel. Please ensure that PE kits are brought into school. Everybody in Kestrel class would like to wish you a very happy New Year!



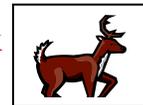
Mole

First of all Happy New Year. Having recharged their batteries over the holiday, the children have produced some great work during the first week. We are continuing to enjoy the Michael Morpurgo novel that we have nearly finished. They have used their senses to empathise with how a character was feeling to produce their written work this week. In Maths, the children have spent a week on data handling so they should now be able to work out the mean, median, mode and range and next week we will continue with this by learning to construct, as well as interpret, graphs. Our topic work is interesting, as we have just started a topic on rivers which is a collaborative project we are working on along with a partner school in Alderney.



Deer

This week it has been lovely to hear about what the children did over the Christmas and New Year holiday, and they have all come back refreshed and ready to learn. In Maths the class have been learning about fractions and decimals and in English writing a persuasive letter to Currys PC World about the new Apple Ipad Pro. Our topic unit this term is looking at a city in the United Kingdom and comparing it to a place in Europe. Some of the children took part in the STEM Challenge at Lacon Childe School and thoroughly enjoyed designing and building a stadium.



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Stars of the week!

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

Deer	Mae
Mole	Harry
Kestrel	Austin
Hare	Harvey
Rabbit	Mia
Hedgehog	Dylan
Badger	Lacey
Fox	Jake
Duckling	Evan
	Tabitha
	Oscar D
	Orla
	Charley
	Hugo
	George B
	Reggie
	Alfie

Attendance
WELL DONE
Hare Class 100%

Congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	231	5316
Jebb	297	5193
Owen	190	4363
Webb	200	4210

Congratulations to all of the members of Jebb.

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