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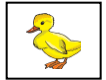
Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

Friday 24th January 2020

Ducklings

We have had a busy and enjoyable fortnight in Ducklings, and we have been busy learning through play. We have visited the library where we took place in a "Rhyme Time" session. The children really enjoyed reciting a range of rhymes and sang familiar songs confidently to other parents and babies. They also enjoyed listening to a version of "The Hare and The Tortoise" and were surprised that the tortoise won. In addition to this, we also re-started our "Gym Tots" sessions at Lacon Childe School. The children demonstrated excellent balancing skills as they walked along the beam. They also listened carefully and joined in with the yoga stretches with increasing control. We have enjoyed reading about "The Naughty Bus" and the children have shown great imagination when building multi-levelled roads and buildings. The children have also been learning how to walk safely on a pavement and how to cross a road. They enjoyed joining in with the stop, look., listen, think song and practising road safety on the playground. The children have also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, and they have worked together to create a dragon model ready to perform a dragon dance. Also, they have used ribbons on sticks and have experimented moving in many different ways to create a ribbon dance. In addition to this, they have also demonstrated great fine motor control when cutting to create individual, paper dragons and lanterns. Finally, the children have enjoyed listening to the story of the Chinese Great Race and they have been finding all the different creatures that have were hidden in a picture. Have a lovely weekend.



Fox

In Fox class we have been working very hard in all areas. In Maths, we have been having lots of fun using the adding machine to help us count. We have been looking at two numbers that make 5. In Literacy, we have been reading the Frog Prince and have tried to retell the story, thinking about the different sounds and trying to blend them. Thank you for your continued support with our daily reading challenge, the children are making great progress. We have also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. We have made Chinese fans, danced with ribbons to Chinese music and even tried Tai Chi, a Chinese martial art.



Badger

This week Badgers have been busy working hard on their English work. We have planned and written our stories based on 'Lost and Found' and have also made some 3D penguins for our DT project. The children have also loved learning about Antarctic animals and how they are adapted to live in their environment. We are continuing to work hard on our phonics too, which includes revising sounds we already know and identifying the sounds within words using sound buttons. It would benefit the children to continue to revise these sounds at home with an adult if possible. I am very impressed with how hard all of the children are working on their reading and spelling, it is brilliant to see how much progress they have made already. Well done Badgers.



Hedgehog

Another promising fortnight for Hedgehog class. This fortnight, the children have continued their work on multiplication and division by using and making arrays and sharing objects into equal groups. In English, we are continuing to learn about diary entries and have used extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary as inspiration. This will aid the children in their own writing next week. The children are enjoying the beginning of our Great Fire of London topic and helped to bake some currant cakes as our 'hook', last week. This week, we have identified and labelled the countries that make up the United Kingdom and searched for London using an atlas.



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Rabbit

We have been lucky to have had a visitor from the fire service in school this week to talk to us about Fire Safety. We have learnt many different ways to keep ourselves safe in the home and what to do in the event of a fire. Please talk to your children about this and ask them to tell you about what they have learnt.

We have now completed our work on authors. It was so interesting to find out about some of these authors and see what a wide range of books the children like to read. We have also learnt about Chinese New Year celebrations and done some art work based on this year, the Year of the Rat.

In geography, we have been looking at maps. We started by finding out about Great Britain, then looking more closely at Shropshire and our town. We are learning to use an Ordnance Survey map and find out what some of the symbols mean.



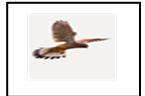
Hare

We have had a busy fortnight since coming back to school. Children have been learning about light in science and how it can help us to see. They have tested out different materials to decide which material would make the best jacket for walking in the dark. In English children have started to write extracts for their own fantasy quest stories, they have had lots of interesting ideas so far! To celebrate Chinese New Year we have made Chinese lanterns which look brilliant. Year 3 children have also had a fire safety talk which has been very informative to them. I hope that everyone is getting on well with purple mash homework on the computer, as always if there are any technical difficulties with this then please let me know and we can arrange paper homework to be sent out. I can see that lots of children have really been practicing their spellings and times tables at home and this is really helping them in their lessons.



Kestrel

This week has been another busy week for Kestrel Class. We explored how we could use perspective in our artwork to help us sketch a picture of the Australian Outback. In PE, we worked in pairs to create a routine that included three different jumps and three methods of travel. We performed these routines to the rest of the class who decided whether or not the success criteria had been met. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of division, using the bus stop method to help us work out more complex calculations. Next week, we are due to visit the library. Please could you ensure that library books are in school for next Wednesday.



Mole

Last week the children completed a unit of work on poetry where we enjoyed performing the poems. We also analysed them (by looking at rhyme and syllable patterns in relation to how it helps with performing); identified the meaning of idioms and discussed the play on language such as the meanings of the word cool. In maths we have been learning to work out percentages of amounts so next time you go sales shopping, they should hopefully be able to work out the discounts. Last Friday, they enjoyed the dodgeball competition up at Lacon where they worked well in their teams. In geography, the children have been developing their mapwork skills by using contour lines to find out the height of a river above sea level along its profile.



Deer

These past two weeks the children have been consolidating their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths and in Guided Reading learning how to use Point, Evidence and Explain (P.E.E) to answer questions related to texts. Our Science topic of 'Evolution' has come to an end with the children learning about Charles Darwin and his journey to the Galapagos Islands. In Topic the class have continued to learn about the United Kingdom and the Mediterranean by looking at the parliaments and population in various countries. Additionally, the children have enjoyed going to Lacon Child School for a Dodgeball Tournament and Jumping Jaxx training.



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Stars of the week!

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

Deer

Mole

Kestrel

Hare

Rabbit

Hedgehog

Badger

Fox

Duckling

Hetty

Robert

Zac P

Lauren

Lilia

Max

Oliver

Ellie

Vinnie

Ella

Isla

Malachi

Charley

Stanley

Olivia

Ethan-Kai

Rudy

Attendance
WELL DONE
Badger Class 99.59%

Congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	172	5880
Jebb	375	6041
Owen	275	4638
Webb	222	4804

Congratulations to all of the members of Jebb.

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