

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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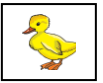
Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Ducklings, it has been wonderful to see the children play so happily as they become more familiar with the nursery environment, the staff and the other children. We have been making the most of the glorious weather and have spent most of our time playing outside. The children have really enjoyed playing with the animals and have made some fantastic habitats for the different species. The children particularly enjoyed exploring ice and were amazed when it all disappeared. This led to interesting discussions about what ice was and how melting happens. The children were also fascinated by the texture of ice and loved that it felt a bit sticky at first. The children have also been experimenting with connecting pipes so that water can flow from one part of the outdoor area to another. The perseverance and determination that was displayed is impressive. Many of the children have also been busy designing and making their own bubble wands. It is wonderful to see and hear their excitement as they manage to blow peculiar bubble shapes. We have also been to the outdoor classroom where the children have enjoyed exploring the forest and playing with the natural resources. They made some wonderful faces using sticks, leaves, acorns and fallen apples. The children also loved playing hide and seek, and this has encouraged the children to count to 10 which is fantastic. We should be most grateful if you could send in or email photographs of your child's family, favourite activity/toy and any pets.



### Fox

We have had an extremely exciting fortnight in Fox class and the children have impressed us with how they are settling in. It has been wonderful to see them continue to explore the different areas of the classroom so confidently and play a wide variety of games with their new friends. As the weather has been so beautiful, we have been spending most of our time outside playing and the children have been experimenting with the best way to move tyres, constructing obstacle courses with crates and using their imaginations to create interesting and exciting play themes. Many children have also really enjoyed creating delicious meals and potions in the mud kitchen. It has been lovely to see the enjoyment on their faces and hear their conversations. We have visited the outdoor classroom and we have been impressed with their listening and teamwork skills as they have been determined to move large pieces of wood. Although, we think that their favourite activity has definitely been rolling down the bank! We have introduced the children to the Colour Monster, he has different colours for each feeling that he has. The children have been telling us the colours of their feelings ranging from yellow being happy to black feeling scared.



### Badger

This week Badgers have worked really hard on their new topics. In English we have been working hard on making sure our letters are formed correctly and are written on the line. We are writing labels and captions for different pictures and photographs using our phonic knowledge. In phonics we have been revising our phase 2 sounds and then learning a new sound every day. This weeks sounds have been 'th', 'ch', 'sh' and 'ng'. We have also learnt the common exception words me, we, be, I, he and she. The children are beginning to recognise these words in their reading books now too, which is brilliant. In maths we have continued to count forwards and backwards to 20 and we have also been counting in multiples of 2 to 20 using songs, recital and practical equipment. This gives the children a whole sensory understanding of number, which they can then use when completing their activities. Badgers have particularly enjoyed their PE lessons this week, one of which was dance with Grace. We were lucky enough to have sunny weather, which meant we could put the music on outside and practise our dance routines. Every week we are learning new moves, which we then add to our routine before showing it to the rest of the class. In science we have been looking at the two types of trees- evergreen and deciduous. We learnt that deciduous trees lose their leaves in the winter, where as evergreen trees stay green all year round. I am sure that the children might enjoy identifying these types of trees when they are out and about.



### Hedgehog

Another brilliant fortnight with Hedgehog class. This fortnight we have begun our unit of work on place value. We started by revisiting our knowledge on numbers within 20 and moved on to work with numbers within 100. The children have used base10 to represent numbers into tens and ones and used more than and greater than to compare. In English, we have been working on a suspense story unit. The children have been using a story called, 'Staying Out' by Pie Corbett and have participated in some great ideas and discussions surrounding it. Next week, we are going to be writing our very own suspense stories. If our innovation is anything to go by, I'm sure they will be fantastic! Our topic this term is called, 'Where do we live?' Over the past fortnight, Hedgehog class have been learning about the seven continents and the five oceans of the world labelling them on a world map. An excellent fortnight Hedgehogs, well done!



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## Rabbit

The children have had a very good first few weeks back and we are getting into the swing of being back at school. In English we are looking more at the story Poppy, Waldo, and the Giant by Pie Corbett. We are very close to writing our own version of the story. So get those thinking caps on over the weekend. In music the children have had the opportunity to have some instruments out to experiment with. Our French lesson with Madame Reynolds have been a hit with all the children and they have been excited each week. Please do not forget that homework and spellings will be on MYmaths and Purplemash each Friday. It was great to see so many of you complete the homework this week.



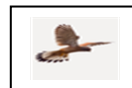
## Hare

The children have been getting on well since their return to school. They have shown real enthusiasm during English this week whilst writing their own warning stories, the imaginative storylines and vocabulary have really added a spark to their writing. The children impressed Madame Reynolds this week in French with their excellent pronunciation and they enjoyed starting short conversations in French. As well as this, they have really blown me away with their maths this week. It is lovely to see that children have been getting on well with their spellings on Purple Mash and maths homework on MyMaths, login details were sent home with the children last Friday but if there are any issues please inform the office and they will pass a message on to me. Wishing everyone a great weekend.



## Kestrel

This week has been another busy one in Kestrel Class. We have settled into our routine now and really enjoying learning. We continue to explore My Friend Walter in Literacy; this week we have focused on the way the author has described characters and settings. We are looking forward to writing our own descriptions next week. We have explored direct speech, identifying the punctuation we need to ensure we are punctuating direct speech correctly. We continue to explore place value in maths, this week looking at counting in 10s, 100s, 1000s and 10,000s, whilst also practising recalling times table facts. In art, we used horizon lines and vanishing points to help us create perspective in our sketching. We sketched a picture of a desert scene with single road through the middle - it was trickier than we imagined! In computing, we have continued to look at e-safety activities, recognising the importance of keeping safe online. In PE, we thought about the importance of teamwork, carrying out several activities designed to help us identify the key features of good teamwork. We compared the physical and human geographies of Cleobury Mortimer and a range of other coastal towns. With the colder weather fast approaching, please ensure your child wears an additional layer of clothing - please see the email from the office.



## Mole

Moles class are now well settled into school and enjoying their learning. In guided reading, we have started reading Boy Giant by Michael Morpurgo. This is one of his more recent publications, which the children will really enjoy. In art, we have been looking at sculptures based on nature and the children have created some beautiful work of their own. Thank you to every one who collected and sent in the materials needed for their work. Homework is now being set on Purple Mash and My Maths. I have given log in details to anyone who has asked, but as no log in details have changed since last term you should be able to continue using what you used before. Times tables and spellings are being tested each week. Please support your child in learning these securely. Now that the warm weather seems to have ended, please can you ensure that your child has a warm clothing and a waterproof coat every day. It does get a bit breezy and chilly in class from time to time!



## Deer

Last week, it was great to get started on our Year 6 topics with Deer Class and I was really pleased to hear that Deer Class had produced some super work during my absence at the start of term. This week, we have been developing our knowledge of place value in maths whilst in English, our work has been based around The Highwayman poem which we have used to write a newspaper report. The children enjoyed interviewing some of the characters to gather quotes for their news reports. Hopefully, you will all have received (electronically) the welcome letter I sent last week. One of the changes for this year is that homework tasks can now be found on our class webpage on the CMPS website. If you have any queries about anything, please let me know and I am more than happy to help.



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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

Amos

Hannah

Edward

Paige W

Isla

Jacob

Harlee

Hermione

Mason

Lexi

Freddie

Ruby

Laila

Reggie

Alfie

Chloe

Riley

**Congratulations to you all!**

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