

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

We have had a lovely fortnight in Ducklings and the children have been enjoying a wide range of activities both inside and outside the classroom. The children have really enjoyed learning and retelling the nursery rhymes of Humpty Dumpty and Baa Baa Black Sheep. After learning Humpty Dumpty, they constructed some wonderful walls and used a variety of materials for Humpty to sit on. The children have also really enjoyed learning "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and have acted out the story enthusiastically. It was wonderful to see the delight in their faces as they joined in with, "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?". In the outdoor area, the children have loved making muddy puddles to jump in and we have been impressed with their patience as they wait to take their turn. The children have also been showing off their creative flair by using the natural resources that are available such as log slices, stones and shells to make some beautiful transient art pieces. The attention to detail and perseverance that was demonstrated was wonderful to see. They have also been practising their cutting skills after being inspired by Baa Baa Black Sheep, to cut out a sheep shape to create their own woolly sheep. Have a lovely weekend.



### Fox

We have had a lovely fortnight in Fox Class and the children have been enjoying a wide range of activities both inside and outside the classroom. The children have really enjoyed learning and retelling "The Gruffalo". They have been busy putting the story in the correct order, saying sentences to describe how the animals move and making Gruffalo crumble. The children have learnt and can already use some wonderful vocabulary that Grandpa Fantastic has taught them. It was wonderful to see them making their Gruffalo crumble mud pies. The delight in their faces was wonderful to see as their muddy mixture oozed through their fingers. Their crumbles also smelt delicious with the mixture of herbs they included. In maths, the children have been busy counting to 5 and have spent time to ensure that they understand the value of each digit and can form each digit correctly. They have also been exploring all the different ways there are to make 5 and it is wonderful to see them becoming more confident to recall these related facts. The children have also been exploring colour and they have enjoyed discovering what happened when they mixed different combinations of primary colours together. We were impressed with their observation skills and this activity generated some wonderful discussions.



### Badger

Badgers have had a busy week this week! We have enjoyed our PE lessons, which were yoga and dance. In our yoga lesson we were focusing on posture and breathing techniques whilst stretching. This is very good for developing core muscles, as well as relaxation techniques. In dance this week we have been practising our routine in preparation for our class finale next week. With any luck we will be able to record the performance and upload it to the website so that parents can see what we have been up to.

In science this week we have been learning about the position of the sun in the sky throughout the day and we were lucky enough to have a clear sky to be able to make our observations. Next week we will be looking at weather and how this co-insides with the seasons. Luckily, we have managed to dodge the bad weather this week and still enjoy our play times! The children have also been busy learning their new phonics sounds alongside tricky words, which we are then identifying in our reading books. It is pleasing to see that the children are remembering the new sounds and able to refer to them at the beginning of each phonics session. It would be great if the children could identify these sounds whilst reading at home too.



### Hedgehog

This fortnight in maths, Hedgehog class have finished their unit on place value and have moved on to addition and subtraction. This week we have been looking at fact families using part-whole models and bar models. The children are very good at finding all four addition facts but are finding the subtraction facts a little trickier. We will continue working on this next week to embed the learning. In English, the children have completed their own suspense story after learning all about them in our talk 4 writing unit. I was very impressed with their hard work and some fantastic vocabulary was used. We have now moved on to learning about persuasive writing. I was also impressed with their writing where they had to attempt to persuade me to give the class extra break. In PE we are continuing to learn about ball control in various ways. This week's focus has been rolling a ball with the correct amount of force to aim for a horizontal target. In music we are enjoying the movement of finding the pulse to varies pieces of music. Another wonderful and hardworking fortnight. Well done, Hedgehogs!



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## Rabbit

We have finished our short suspense stories this week. There were some great ideas with some fantastic vocabulary choices. I have really enjoyed reading them all.

Rabbit class have just started our addition and subtraction block in maths. In topic our united Kingdom topic has began well. We have learnt about countries, town and cities and hills. We wrote some great diary entries about walking up Clee hill. The children have been working so hard this term.



## Hare

It has been an exciting couple of weeks in Hare Class, despite the wet weather! We have begun reading studying a new book in class, 'Freedom for Bron', the children have made great inferences and predictions about the book and we cannot wait to get stuck into it in the coming weeks. The children have shown a real enthusiasm for art and have enjoyed recreating sketches based on Anglo-Saxon and modern agricultural art. Maths has been tricky this week, as we have started our addition and subtraction unit, we are focusing on the column method and the rules that we use with this method, so homework will be focused in this area for the time being. I hope children are finding their homework easy to access, if there are any problems please speak to the office and they can pass a message on to me. Wishing everyone a great weekend.



## Kestrel

We have worked hard this week to develop our understanding of rounding. Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 has helped us to estimate answers. We have continued to practise our weekly spellings - a copy of which can be found on the Kestrel Class page on the website. In English, we have drawn inspiration from Michael Morpurgo and written our very own story openings based on his style. In our stories, our character receives a mystery invitation to a party. After persuading their family to attend the party, they arrive to meet a mysterious figure. This structure follows the same arc as Morpurgo's story *My Friend Walter*. In PE, we have continued to explore the skills necessary to complete an orienteering course. This week, we thought about how teamwork could help us to achieve our goal and we used a much more detailed map. In French, we learnt how to say the phrase 'my birthday is on ...' with Mrs Reynolds. We have learnt so many new and interesting French phrases with her over the past few weeks. We are even having a go at writing in French! Our vocabulary ninjas continue to expand their vocabulary, collecting interesting words and phrases that we have come across in our writing and reading. Now that the weather is getting colder, please consider wearing an extra layer - please see the email regarding additional clothing.



## Mole

This last two weeks has flown by with some interesting work being produced by the children. They are thoroughly enjoying our guided reading book and are using this to develop their vocabulary and descriptive writing. In maths, they have learnt about factors and prime numbers. These require good knowledge of tables, so we are continuing to work on these to increase speed and accuracy.

In art, the children have been looking at sculptures. The clay flowers they have produced are exceptional. I was delighted to see how much care and attention they paid in the lesson. I will post some photos on the website when they have dried.



## Deer

Now we have finished *The Highwayman* (the children wrote some super news reports about the events in the poem) we have moved onto our new class novel. The children have been predicting what might happen using the front cover and blurb and have come up with some great ideas based on the evidence they have been given. In maths, we have been focusing on percentages and the order of operations (BODMAS). Elsewhere, the children have been learning about the circulatory system in science and have been developing their painting skills in art. Many children have now read their first book of the year and have updated their reading records. It is great to see that there are many children who are keen to read and have made it part of their daily routine. We have a good selection of novels on our bookshelf and we are more than happy to recommend a book if the children are not sure what to choose. As Walt Disney once said, "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island."



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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

Oliver

Mia

Lilia

Max

Ellie

Ozzy

Luke

Lilia

Lexi

Quinn

Summer

Jackson

Amelia

Connor

Evie

Jacob

Ranveer

**Congratulations to you all!**

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