

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the end of the first half term. The children are now so confident in nursery and they have made some wonderful new friendships. We have had a busy fortnight in Duckling class and the children have really enjoyed their learning. The children have embraced the changing weather and have really enjoyed creating leaf piles and muddy puddles to jump in. The children have really enjoyed planting daffodil bulbs in pots. I was impressed with how carefully they listened to instructions and handled the tools. Digging is great for helping the children to develop the muscles they need for writing. The children have also enjoyed spending more time learning in the Outdoor Classroom and they are becoming confident to climb on the ropes and swinging on the swing. They are also becoming more patient and are beginning to understand the importance of waiting their turn. I have also been impressed with how the children are trying to become more independent when getting ready to go outside. It is wonderful to see the children getting their wellies, coat and waterproof trousers on with increasing confidence. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely half term.



### Fox

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the end of the first half term. The children are now so confident in school and they have made some wonderful new friendships. We have had a busy fortnight in Fox class and the children have really enjoyed their learning despite being exhausted. In English, we have been creating our own version of The Gruffalo and I have enjoyed listening to the children as they describe the many different features that their Gruffalo has. The children have also loved writing and hiding secret messages. They have been trying to persuade the Gruffalo to stay away and not to eat them, using a variety of different mark making symbols to represent their wonderful ideas. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have investigated the properties of a triangle, circle, square and oblong. The children have enjoyed making patterns with these shapes and using pipe cleaners to bend into the shapes. They have created some wonderful artwork based on the artists Mondrian, Kandinsky and Picasso. Have a lovely half term and thank you for your support.



### Badger

This week Badgers have performed their final version of their dance that they have been learning with Grace. It was brilliant to see all of the children participating and enjoying it! As well as learning individual moves, we have been learning about team work and timing too. In our other P.E lesson, we have been learning how to throw, catch and roll a ball with accuracy over varying distances. After half term our PE topic will be gymnastics and team games. In English, Badgers have been writing the opening to our short story. It is pleasing to see that they children are making progress with their writing and are now remembering to use key features of the story by themselves. We then innovated the text and made it our own by changing the characters before writing our final version. The children have enjoyed learning the story through actions and games, which has then built the foundation for the language patterns that they needed to include in their own stories. Since the start of the academic year, the children have adapted well to their roles and routines and to the work expectations of year one. We have had a very busy and hard working half term and are all ready for a rest now!



### Hedgehog

Another wonderful fortnight for Hedgehog class. This fortnight, we have finished up our second T4W sequence all about persuasive texts. The children have produced some wonderful pieces of work and have mastered the art of persuasion. Their writing is very creative, and I would definitely advocate for some of their suggestions! In Maths, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction and have begun adding two 2-digit numbers together. The children have used their place value charts to help them and after half term, we will be learning how to add across the tens. We have finished our unit on our local area, and we spent the final lesson creating maps from school to our homes. The children were very informative with their directions and added lots of detail, although some didn't know their address. In PE, we have been learning about invasion games and how to work as part of a team. We discussed strategy and how to get the most out of the game being played. The children were brilliant and worked great within their teams. They were very supportive of each other and congratulated other teams for winning. Well done Hedgehogs - you have had a brilliant the year, and I am very proud of you all. Enjoy your half term break.



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## Rabbit

This term has flown by. Rabbit class have been so busy and worked so hard. In English we have completed our instruction writing on how to trap their mythical creature. There were some imaginative ideas. In maths we are in the middle of our addition and subtraction unit. Please could I ask you to practise this with your children over half term? In science we have been looking at healthy balanced meals where the children created their own meal and explained why it was a healthy balanced meal. As part of a fun treat Rabbit class have made paper Mache pumpkins. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back for another great term.



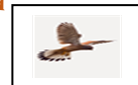
## Hare

We have had a busy fortnight in Hare Class. The children are excited for Halloween so have created some 3D pumpkins, skulls and fangs with paper. They have shown real focus this week during assessments and they should be very proud of themselves for this. We have now finished our classification unit in science which the children enjoyed, I hope they are as keen to study digestion next half term! The children have also completed some brilliant pieces of writing this week, using short sentences to build tension, they really showcased their amazing writing skills! Wishing everyone an enjoyable and restful break, the children have really earned it.



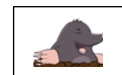
## Kestrel

The final week of the half term has flown by. In PE, we took part in an online Joe Wicks workout which got our pulse raising! We concluded our science topic on sound by creating our very own musical instruments out of recycled materials. We come up with some really interesting designs, including skeletons, pumpkins, dogs and submarines! We made a castanet out of cardboard and pasta and couldn't wait to decorate them on Friday. We have continued to explore the story of My Friend Walter. We have just arrived at the problem part of the story and are looking forward to seeing how Elizabeth resolves the families predicament. In art, we painted the famous Dorset landmark, Durdell Door, using water colours. We were able to blend a range of different colours, adding texture and depth to our paintings. We hope you have a relaxing half term and come back refreshed and ready to resume learning.



## Mole

I am sure that the children are ready for a half term break after working so hard to get back into the routines and expectations of school. We have completed our units of work about natural resources and the environment, which the children have become very involved in. I hope they have passed on some of their learning about recycling and reducing waste. Next half term, we will be doing a mini activity which requires the children to bring in 4 plastic bottle tops/caps please. The ones from milk containers would be ideal. They need to be either all the same size or in matching pairs. They will need these on the first day back, so please try not to forget. If you have any spares, then please send them in as well. I have been setting weekly homework on Purple Mash and MyMaths. If your child is unable to access these at home, then please let me know. Otherwise, they should complete these every week.



## Deer

This week we have enjoyed getting into our new class novel with an action-packed prologue to hook us in. The children have been developing their key comprehension skills with a focus on using evidence to support what they have written. In maths, we have been learning and then applying the rules of divisibility which they will also find useful in many contexts such as cancelling down fractions. In art, the children enjoyed learning how to print - the final designs came out very well and look fantastic. We will add some art to our class page on the website. In geography, the children have continued their topic on rivers and have learnt to plot graphs using the data given for the profile of the River Severn.



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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

Maisie

Harvey

Will

Abbie

Jasmine

Kit

Cherry

Reuel

Sophie H

Damion

Stanley

Priya G

Isla

Grayson

Leelan

Ayla

Annabelle

**Congratulations to you all!**

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