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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Duckling class. The children decided to learn all about dinosaurs and they have explored them through a variety of activities. The children have been using their senses to describe the dinosaurs and have used the instruments to create sounds to show how they might be moving. It has been wonderful to hear the different sounds that have been combined together and see the children move to the music in such an enthusiastic manner. They have also enjoyed singing a variety of rhymes. The children have explored length and height by measuring dinosaurs using cubes and have created a graph to show which is their favourite dinosaur. They have also been busy making dinosaur models and using salt dough to make dinosaur bones and fossils. I have been impressed with the children's ability to follow the salt dough recipe. They have also enjoyed making a dinosaur world using herbs and wooden blocks and have been searching for dinosaur footprints in the outdoor classroom.



Fox

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Fox class. The children have been enjoying their learning and have been trying so hard. In English, we have really enjoyed listening to our new story "On the Way Home" by Jill Murphy and the children have created some wonderful artwork and models based on the characters. They have also used the musical instruments to compose short pieces of music to represent the different characters. The children have also created wonderful text maps to help them retell the story and we are impressed with the expression that they are using. In Maths, we have been learning to use the words first, then, and now to show our addition knowledge. During whole class activities we have been counting to 10 from a different number and working out the difference between two numbers. This week, the children have really enjoyed learning about the Hindu and Buddhist "Ploughing Festival" which celebrates the start of the planting season. The children enjoyed making special umbrellas and paraded around the playground in a regal manner. The children are also learning about their local area and have been looking at maps and what services may be found in a local area.



Badger

This week Badgers have enjoyed working on counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s by using videos, songs and sequencing activities to help us do this. We are now focusing on applying these skills to problem solving, although we still sometimes need an adult to help us read the questions. Next week, we will be revisiting number bonds to 10 and 20 as these are essential for our work on calculation. In English, we have been focusing on our new text 'Hansel and Gretel' and have been learning the story through drama and hot-seating. We have really enjoyed using masks to help us get into the role of the characters before acting out parts of the story. It is important for us to develop our vocabulary, so next week we will be identifying unfamiliar words and exploring their meaning, before applying them to our own sentences. Next week we will be starting our new science topic 'Plants' where we will look at identifying types of seeds, bulbs and plants, as well as looking at what plants need in order to grow and reproduce. It is a good topic to investigate at this time of year, as hopefully (weather permitting) we can get outside and explore the plants in our school environment.



Hedgehog

Hedgehog class have had another brilliant fortnight. We have finished up our maths unit on position and direction with the children gaining confidence with their left and right as well as clockwise and anti-clockwise. We made this active trying to escape mazes and moving our 'robot' friends around the classroom. In English, the children are thoroughly enjoying our unit with a snippet of text from 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. We are focusing on the use of inverted commas for speech and the children are blowing me away with their creativity and I am very impressed that they are considering how speech is being said too. In geography, we are continuing with our safari topic and looked at using compasses. We learnt the compass points and made up our own silly rhymes to remember the order of direction. Some being, Nora Eats Slimy Worms; Naughty Eels Swim Wet and Nick Escapes Silly Whales. In PE the children are continuing to enjoy our dance, 'Carnival of the Animals', with dance dynamics is canon and unison as well as learning how to use an underarm throw to aim at a target and a chest pass in games. Well done, Hedgehogs!



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Rabbit

Rabbit class are working so hard at the moment. We have started our new class novel 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes which the children are enjoying. We have completed some art work based on 'The Iron Man' using chalks which have been really impressive and look great on our art display. As part of our DT we are going to create a mini greenhouse to link with our topic 'Where does our food come from?' Working towards this we have made spaghetti towers to demonstrate how to make a structure stable.



In Maths, we are starting our new unit of telling the time, please practise this throughout the day by asking your child the time using these key words half past, quarter past, quarter to and o'clock. Finally, just a quick reminder about homework on MyMaths and Purple Mash which will be set weekly and due in on Thursday.

Hare

The children have enjoyed looking at spy gadgets this week in English. This will hopefully inspire them to create their own spy gadgets to write about in the coming weeks. This has been sent out as a homework due in on Monday 24th May, the children will not be set Purple Mash or MyMaths homework to account for this. In maths the children have been focusing really hard to tell the time to the minute and could practice this at home with their own clocks. Wishing everyone a happy weekend.



Kestrel

Kestrel Class have had another busy week. Excitingly, this week we took part in a whole class instrument lesson. In collaboration with Shropshire Music Service, we will be running whole class pBuzz lessons until the end of the school year. We each had our very own instrument. We made sure that we washed our hands before and after use, social distanced and ensured the room was very well ventilated so that we complied with the latest guidance from the government. This is a really exciting opportunity - we are the first class to learn the pBuzz in the whole of Shropshire! We are looking forward to working with Mrs Giles and hope to be able to perform something for you very shortly. We have continued to explore volcanoes in topic. In literacy, we completed our survival stories based on Hatchet. We will be exploring newspaper reports in the next few weeks. We have written a book review on The Midnight Fox, which we also completed this week.



Mole

Over the last two weeks, Mole class have been looking at the art work of Henri Rousseau. They produced some wonderful sketches and paintings based on his picture of Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised!). I am looking forward to seeing them use their own style to produce a painting of a jungle scene next week. In PE, we are playing games of rounders. I have been so impressed by some of the skills the children are showing, particularly in hitting. It has made some of our games very exciting. I think we still need a little more practise at throwing and catching though! Hopefully this will improve over the next few weeks.



Deer

In their topic work on World War 2 they have been learning about the role of women in the war and their important work as the land army. Music has also been related to world war 2 as Deer Class learnt to play the warning and all clear sirens on the glockenspiels. In English, we have nearly finished our class novel and the children are really looking forward to watching the film. Maths has seen us learning to reflect and translate as well as ensuring we are confident with all our calculation methods. In PE, we have been working hard to achieve an award in the School Sports Games Competition, by taking part in several different activities such as chest pushes, speed bounce challenge, sprint run, height jump and standing jump. The children have really enjoyed completing these challenges.



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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

George

India

Sienna

Ollie

Isla

Mason

Lexi

Lucas

Damion

Christian

Charley

Jackson

Amelia

Freddie D

Oli

Archie

Autumn

Congratulations to you all!

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