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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

We have had such a busy week in Ducklings. We have been reading our favourite story 'We are going on a bear hunt', the children have been busy making pictures of the bear using paints and collage materials. Outdoors we have been making bear caves using tents, wooden blocks and blankets to make it dark, the children used the torches to make it light inside and we were able to find the bear! The children enjoyed making binoculars to go on our very own bear hunt, we couldn't find him for a very long time! We spoke about where bears live in the world and all of the different types of bears. Our favourite activity was the teddy bears picnic, we got some teddy bears and made them lots of cups of teas and cake.



Fox

What another busy week we have had, and we can't believe that we are already at half-term. One of our main highlights from the past fortnight, was our walk around Cleobury Mortimer. The children really enjoyed the walk and were fascinated at many of the buildings that they saw. When looking at the old primary school, the children were delighted when a nearby resident explained that she used to attend school there. As we walked down to the church, we were impressed with the children's observation skills as they noticed many different types of bricks that were made at different times. The children were also excited to see where some of their friends live, walking past the shops, telephone box and bus stop. Unsurprisingly, Mimi's fish and chip shop and the sweet shop caused the most excitement. When we returned to the classroom the children were inspired to draw their own maps and have started to use a key to show the route we walked and locate some of the landmarks. Thank you so much for your support and have a restful half term.



Badger

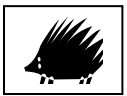
Last week Badger class went on a walk around Cleobury as part of their work on locality week. We started off from school and walked down past the old school and to the church. We stopped and had a look at the twisted spire before continuing up the high street and down Pinkham Lane to the old water mill. There we had a look at the outside of the mill and talked about what it was used for before walking back to school. The children really enjoyed the walk and luckily the weather stayed dry. We were also lucky enough to see a slow worm and a donkey on our travels!

This week we have continued with our work on locality week and have sketched some of the buildings we saw from photographs that we took. We focused on using tone and shading to give the buildings a 3D effect. We have also looked at the school grounds and landmarks in KS1 and KS2 before drawing our own small scale maps with a key. This has been a lovely end to this half term and we are all looking forward to starting new topics after the half term.



Hedgehog

This fortnight the children have worked wonderfully hard across all areas of the curriculum. In English, we are using an extract from Fantastic Mr Fox to embed our learning of inverted commas. The children have been very creative with this and we have used macaroni to help us remember to open and close our speech. In Maths, we have finished our unit on position and direction, and we have been using the last fortnight to consolidate some of the skills we have learnt this year. We have been revising how to use place value charts in addition and subtraction and explain how and when we need to exchange. This week across the school, we have been celebrating 'Locality Week'. We have been learning all about the local history and the geographical location of Cleobury Mortimer. The children fully enjoyed a walk down to the old Mill and enjoyed observing and talking about the historical buildings we have on the high street. The children exceeded my expectations and were very polite to local residents who stopped to let us through and acted very responsibly next to the main road. When we arrived back at school, we viewed the photos we took and drew some pictures of the buildings we saw, being very careful to look at and include all the details. Look out for a video being released after half term of our learning for locality week.



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Rabbit

Rabbit class have enjoyed locality week and have learnt some interesting facts about Cleobury Mortimer from our visitor Dr Robert Hodge. Rabbit class then went on their class walk where they visited the old school house and were grateful for us to be able to sketch from the drive. We then made our way down to the church to have a look at the twisted spire and how the high street had changed in time. In Geography, we explored the differences in maps past and present to see how Cleobury Mortimer had developed and increased. In history we looked at a timeline of various things that happened locally and found out more information about the old school. In English, we have completed our diary entry of the character Hogarth and his day meeting the iron man. These diaries were really impressive.

Rabbit class have worked so hard this half term and deserve a break. Myself, Mrs Skellern and Miss Greenhill hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term.



Hare

We have had a lovely week celebrating Locality Week in Hare Class. On Monday, the children enjoyed their walk around the local area and enjoyed sketching and comparing the old junior school to this school. The children were keen to find out facts about Cleobury Mortimer and listened carefully to visitor, Robert Hodge. This week, the children have completed their persuasive writing about spy gadgets. I was so impressed with the homework they brought in presenting their gadgets and have really enjoyed reading their writing. Wishing everyone a lovely (and hopefully sunny) half term break.



Kestrel

What a busy final week we have had! We celebrated locality week this week by learning about our local area. We enjoyed talking to Robert Hodge from the Cleobury Mortimer History Society about Castle Toot. Later in the week, we went on a walk down past the old mill and up onto Sadler's field to observe the remains of Castle Toot. We thought about why the castle was located there and discussed the role it would have played in Norman Cleobury. Whilst walking, we used a map to help us identify where we were. We explored a range of map symbols. We are making good progress with Mrs Giles, who is helping us to learn the pBuzz. We played part of 'I feel good' by James Brown! On Tuesday, we finished making our volcanoes. We painted them to give them an authentic look before making them 'erupt' with baking soda and vinegar on Friday. This week, we explored money with Miss Blount. She has helped us to understand the value of different coins and to solve money word problems. We are looking forward to starting our new topic on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings after half term. We can't wait to share our half term research projects when we return. We hope you all have a lovely half term.

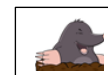


Mole

Moles class have thoroughly enjoyed locality week this week. They have been on a walk around Cleobury, learning about the history of Cleobury and how old some of the buildings are. They have learnt to look for clues to find evidence of the ages of other buildings in the town and what changes have been made. We have looked at some geography relating to Cleobury Mortimer using local maps.

In art, we have looked at different buildings in Cleobury, especially those on the High Street. We then made clay plaques of them to create a model of the High Street.

The children also enjoyed a talk about Cleobury from our visitor, who gave the children some really interesting information about the origins of Cleobury. We would have loved to have heard more from him. It has been a lovely end to the half term.



Deer

This week has been a busy week as we have enjoyed learning more about Cleobury Mortimer as part of locality week. On Wednesday afternoon, we went for a walk around Cleobury stopping at key places to learn more about the history of the town. We also completed some fieldwork activities such as field sketching, sound maps as well working out how rural Cleobury Mortimer using a rurality index. On Thursday morning, we were pleased to welcome local historian Robert Hodge to the school. It was interesting to hear more about the history of the town going back hundreds of years to when just 42 people lived in Cleobury. Today we have been writing up what we have found out and also comparing and contrasting Cleobury Mortimer to a much more urban place: Birmingham. I will put some of the photos on the class page of the website.



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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

Greg

Grace

Maisie

Harry

Isabelle

Kian

Indira

Archie

Isla

Oscar D

Tony

Molly

Arthur

Elliot

Jack

Chloe

Jacob

Congratulations to you all!

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