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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

Welcome to nursery! We've had a few tears, but the children are now settling in well and are having a wonderful start in Ducklings. We have all really enjoyed getting to know new faces and becoming reacquainted with old friends. The nursery has been full of giggles and it's brilliant to see so many happy faces. The children have been busy exploring their new environment and finding new ways to play with their newest friends. We have been experimenting with playdough, even making some ourselves. This week we made the most of the good weather and spent most of our days outside exploring the colours of the trees and printing handprints to recreate the leaves. We've spent a lot of time playing in water and mud as we build towards spending lots of time in the outdoor classroom. It's been really great to see such impressive mixing and building but also sharing and conversation skills. We're looking forward to developing our painting skills and creating some lovely artwork that can be taken home.

Fox

Fox Class children have settled very well into school and are beginning to learn the rules and routines to help them with their day. I am very impressed with their manners and their listening skills. This week we have focussed on the children learning the morning routine and they have enjoyed exploring the morning activities. We have begun counting to 10 by singing rhymes and finding objects and have also enjoyed reciting a daily poem/rhyme. In the afternoons we have painted our self-portraits it has been great sharing information about ourselves and learning about our families. We have also explored our outside play area. On Thursday Miss Bufferey took the children to the outdoor classroom she will be coming into school every Thursday. During these sessions the children will explore the outside space.

Squirrel

The children in Squirrel Class have settled really well into school life and are beginning to learn the rules and routines to help them with their day. We have been very impressed with their manners and their listening skills so far. This week the children have established the morning routine and have enjoyed exploring the morning activities that have been set out for them. We have begun counting to 10 and have also enjoyed completing a daily poem/rhyme and story. The children are very good at joining in! In the afternoons we have completed some self-portraits along with a quote about ourselves that Miss Snape has put up on display. It has been great sharing information about ourselves and learning about our families. The children have also had the opportunity to begin their outdoor classroom sessions with Miss Bufferey and she will be coming into school every Thursday to take the children into the outdoor classroom. Here the children will explore the outside space as well as complete some given activities. It sounds like fun!

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Badger

The children have settled beautifully into Badger Class. They have been very enthusiastic about their return to school and have been very sensible when sitting at their tables in the classroom. They were excited to learn about their topic of transport and coloured in some lovely hot air balloons, they were very keen to share all of the things they know about different modes of transport. They have also tried very hard in their English lessons this week, they have labelled different items in the classroom and parts of their body. They have used lots of different equipment this week to represent different numbers. I am very much looking forward to teaching them this year.

Hedgehog

Welcome to Hedgehog Class. The children have settled really well into Year 2 and have had an extremely busy start to the year. In maths, we have been counting backwards and forwards within 100, exploring patterns in numbers and practising rapid recall of number bonds to 10. The children have really enjoyed singing our number songs and I have been impressed with their accurate counting. In English, we have been remembering how to write super sentences. The children have worked hard to write interesting sentences and have begun to check their own work to make sure that they have included all the skills to make a sentence. We have loved listening to the stories of Allan Ahlberg and the children have laughed out loud when listening to Funny Bones and Burglar Bill. In Topic, we have begun to learn about maps and the countries that make up the British Isles. The children were amazed that there are so many different names to describe where we live. They have also been learning how to read a compass and find the different compass points around school. It was lovely to meet so many of you this afternoon and do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Rabbit

We have had a really busy first week back in Rabbit Class. We have enjoyed exploring our new topic on biodiversity. To celebrate this, we created life-size models of several animals. We now have a three-metre-long shark displayed at the back of our classroom! In PE this week, we worked with Grace to our dance skills. We have started reading a new story - The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. We are looking forward to reading more of the story and finding out how the story progresses. In maths, we have developed our understanding of place value, using base ten blocks to help us solve problems involving ones, tens, and hundreds. In science, we began our topic on animal homes. We explored where a range of animals live before describing and comparing them. We have created individual time capsules, including a self portrait and a letter to our future selves. We will keep the time capsules safe and open them up this time next year to see how we have changed.

Hare

Welcome back everyone. We have spent the week being introduced to all our new topics across the curriculum. In maths, we have started place value and have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. In English, we are learning how to write warning stories using Pie Corbett's 'The Caravan' as our model text. Our history topic this term is 'British Settlements of Anglo Saxons and Scots' and we kicked this off by looking at some photos of artefacts found at the Sutton Hoo burial site. The children made some inspiring suggestions alongside their justifications as to who they believed these items belonged to. In science we are learning about classification, and we started by using a Venn diagram to show how animals can be sorted by more than one criteria. We also started our ukulele lessons this week which the children fully enjoyed - as did I and finally, next week we start our dance lessons with GKY dance. We've had a wonderful start to year 4 and I'm looking forward to seeing how the year progresses.

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Kestrel

Kestrel class have had a great week settling in to their new year 5 class. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my new class and can already see great potential in all the pupils. In English, we have started our talk for writing unit based on 'My Iceland' where the children will be working towards writing a short story about a daydream. In maths, our first topic will be place value looking at numbers to 10,000, roman numerals and rounding numbers. The children have enjoyed their first topic lesson where they were to use an atlas and some clues to find out which country some of the physical features were in. In science we are starting our topic of forces where we will explore the different forces and experiment using them.

Mole

I have really enjoyed getting to know the children in Mole Class this week. We have made a good start to our topic based on the environment. The children are learning about what natural resources are and how they are used. They will also be learning how we can respect and look after our environment to protect it for future generations. I was very pleased that everyone had PE kit in school this week. Thanks to all the parents/carers who sorted them out. Please remember that shin pads are needed in PE bags throughout the year. Times tables and spellings have been given as homework this week and will be tested next week. Please can you also spend time reading with your child and talking about what they have read. I would like them to be reading for about ten minutes each day at home.

Deer

I have been very impressed with how well Deer Class have settled into year 6 and they have been a super class to teach so far. As well as working hard in class, we have also been talking about the residential trip to Broneirion. I will also set up a worry box in class so we can help them if they have any concerns. English has seen us developing our story writing techniques. In maths, we have been focusing on place value as well as rounding and negative numbers. They have also enjoyed looking through our class library and choosing some new books; it is great to see so many keen to read. 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

Squirrel

Fox

Duckling

Olivia

Kobi

Katie

Kian

Henry

Lexi

Agnes

Oscar

Darcey

Reggie

Elliot

Laila

Jazmin

Cooper

Izzy

Samuel

James

Raegan

Liana

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