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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

In our last few weeks of our Autumn half term the children have been looking at the celebration of harvest. We have looked at how food is harvested and through to how it arrives in our houses. The children dug up carrots and pumpkins and have enjoyed using them in a variety of ways all week. We have decorated them and used them in our home area kitchen, we have looked at how the pumpkins roll and the ways in which we can transport them around the classroom and finally what they look like when we cut them up. We have finished our work with the Three Little Pigs, retelling the story and imitating our own versions. There have been some excellently acted retellings, so please ask your child about this (especially the Big Bad Wolf). We have been representing the number three in different ways including playing games where the children gathered three items, sometimes animals, sometimes items of different colours. Our phonics games have really come along in the last few weeks, the children have been very good at "passing the code" and making new codes for each other to try. The children have also made minions and rockets to take home, using their painting and crafting skills that we hope they will be able to show you at home over the half term. These last few days we have begun on our Autumn wreaths, copying and mixing colours themselves matching the leaves on the trees. We have also updated our seasons tree so that it closely resembles the tree outside of our window. Our final activities of the half term will be making our Halloween monsters that the children can use as decorations at home. Ducklings Class hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you again at the beginning of November.

Fox

During the last two weeks in Fox Class, we have continued reading The Gruffalo story, we have been practising changing our voices for the different characters, choosing our favourite characters, and choosing a new animal for the story. In maths we have been writing our numbers to 5, representing 5 in different ways and getting quicker at remembering our number bonds to 5. In topic we have been talking about caring for our teeth, we practised cleaning the plastic teeth and we have been learning a song to help us to clean our own teeth. We were very lucky to be able to go and plant some flower bulbs at the Skate Park and we are looking forward to seeing them grow and flower next Spring. During our work on Harvest we investigated root vegetables and talked about how important farmers are, we made some harvest wreaths. We hope you have a lovely half term and we will see you in November. Thank you for your continued support.

Squirrel

Squirrels have been very busy over the last two weeks, but have had lots of fun enjoying different activities, including bulb planting! Last week we were lucky enough to walk over to the skate park and plant some crocus bulbs, ready to grow in the spring. The children learnt about which way up the bulbs needed to be planted in order for them to grow. We are excited to see what happens in the spring time and hopefully we will see a blue patch of crocus flowers growing!

We have continued to focus on counting to 5 and identifying number bonds to 5 in maths using a range of practical equipment. Miss North and Mrs Dews have also been working with us to help us form our number correctly. After half term we will recap numbers to 5 before moving onto learning numbers to 10.

We have also covered Harvest through discussion and exploring different root vegetables and pumpkins, which was great fun. The children are working hard on learning about the surrounding environment.

We hope that you all have a great half term and look forward to seeing you after.

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Badger

In Badger Class we have been concentrating on addition and equals signs in Maths. We have also been working on our number bonds to 5 and adding to 10 using two numbers. In English, we have finished our class book Percy the Park Keeper 'After the storm'. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading this story this half term. We have thought about nouns and adjectives that we can hear throughout the text. We really enjoyed designing our own front cover for this story. We have also been learning the rhyme 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear' and this week we created our own version. In phonics we have been learning the 'ee' and 'oi' digraphs, please continue to practise these at home over half term. During our afternoons, we have been thinking about Autumn and our environment. We have been creating and colouring Autumn pictures. This was lots of fun. Have a happy half term.

Hedgehog

The children have been working extremely hard and are ready for a well deserved rest.

In English, the children were surprised to find a saucepan, knife, peeler, chopping board and pumpkin in the classroom. They used their detective skills to work out what our new story was, Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. I was impressed with their predictions and the reasons that they gave to support their ideas. The children have also been identifying new vocabulary and found many different words to describe how the characters were feeling.

In maths, we have been counting in different steps and the children are becoming confident to count in 2's. They have also been doing lots of problem solving which has challenged their understanding of number.

I have been really impressed with the quality of the projects that the children have produced at home. It has been great to see the information presented in such a variety of ways and the children are becoming more confident to speak in front of the class.

In science, the children had a wonderful day making the bug hotel. It was great to see them working together and using a range of problem solving skills to ensure that the hotel was built to their satisfaction.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful holiday.

Rabbit

We have had a busy final week of the half term in Rabbit Class. On Monday, we walked down to the Queen Elizabeth II park to plant some bulbs with Councillor Paul French. We are looking forward to visiting the park in Spring to see what has grown! We finished our dance unit with Grace by performing our dance routine. In pBuzz, we learnt a new song and explored three new notes! Mrs Williams has worked with us over the past few weeks to teach us various phrases in French. On Tuesday, we recorded our French conversations in writing. We have enjoyed reading our new class novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We looked at the front cover of the book and used the illustrations to help us to predict what the story might be about. After reading the first chapter, we designed our own fantasy world inside a wardrobe. We are looking forward to finding out more about the adventures of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy. We hope that you have a restful week after a very busy half term!

Hare

Hare class have been working extremely hard during assessment week. In science Hare class have been in the outside classroom identifying plants and invertebrates to classify. They have also learnt about the important role of Carl Linnaeus in developing the classification system. In English the children have written some amazing nonsense poems, using the poem "The Jabberwocky" By Lewis Carroll for inspiration. In Mathematics Hare class have been learning to subtract 4 - digit numbers with more than one exchange. We have enjoyed learning to play the ukulele in music. This week we have also learnt to sing and play the song "Row, Row Row your boat" in Spanish and everyone created and performed a group dance in PE.

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Kestrel

Kestrel class have been really busy this week.

We have been completing our logbooks in English and recounting our adventures in Cape Verde and Brazil as the character Michael from Kensuke's Kingdom. In Maths we have been looking at line graphs and we took our heart rates to collate the information into a line graph. The children really enjoyed counting their heartbeats.

Finally we got into the spooky spirit by designing our own skull masks. The children could make them as colourful or as scary as they liked. The designs were spooktacular!

I hope you have a wonderful half term.

Mole

Moles class have spent the last 2 weeks of the half term completing their written work based on a diary entry in the role of Omar, the main character in our book, Boy Giant. I have been so impressed by the children's enthusiasm for this story and how well they are learning new vocabulary and applying it in their writing. I hope we can continue to learn a wide range of vocabulary and be excited to try out new words. I have been encouraging children to do their online homework, but understand there have been a few problems with some of the activities set. Please drop me a line if you encounter any issues so that I can try and sort them out in school. I hope you all have a lovely break.

Deer

The children have now started their Police Cadet programme and really enjoyed their first session with PCSO Jacqui Fletcher from West Mercia Police. It has been designed to develop the children's leadership skills, promote citizenship, community awareness and an understanding of the diverse work of the police, through a range of fun and exciting activities. In French, the children have been learning how to describe themselves using extended sentences. In maths, we have been learning and applying the rules of divisibility as well as mastering the written method of long division. The children really enjoy their geography and DT work last week as they used their sewing skills to create a collage depicting the features of a river. This will be displayed in our classroom when it has been completed.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy half term.

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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

Edward

Tyla

Thomas

Isla

Alisa

Lucas

Joseph

Isla

Ruby

Oliver

Evie-Mae

Isaac

Finn

Sophie

Alexander

Dolph

William

Willow

Marnie-Lee

Many congratulations to you all!

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