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Enjoying and Achieving Together

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# Class News

# Ducklings

Over the last two weeks we have continued to look at growing plants, we have been moving soil in wheelbarrows and buckets to fill our tyres on the playground, ready for our plants and shrubs. We are also improving our outdoor area by enlarging our mud kitchen and exploring new toys and social games. In phonics we have been listening for different sounds around school as well as describing new sounds we have not heard before.

In maths the children have been asking to look at the number 10. We have counted fingers and toes as well as counting out 10 pieces of Lego and 10 colouring pens.

The children have made some lovely Easter cards and crafts, they are very proud of them and have been looking forward to your reactions. We have been hunting for eggs around the playground and even managed to find some chocolate!!

Thank you for all your support this half term and we hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

#### Fox

During the last two weeks we have continued to talk about growing plants, we have been looking after our runner beans and planting flowers around our playground. We are also investigating where the best place to grow cress is, we put some in the veranda, some in the cupboard and some in the fridge, we check them everyday to see what happens.

In phonics we have been recapping our Phase 3 sounds and our tricky words. We wrote a sentence about what had happened to our runner beans.

In maths we have enjoyed learning about 3D shapes, we investigated which shapes roll down the ramp and we built different objects with the shapes and then described the shapes we had used.

In outdoor classroom we talked about length and capacity. We poured water into our potions and used words like full and half full, we looked at the length of worms and compared them to the length of our hands and fingers. When we pushed each other on the swing we used words like higher and lower.

Thank you for all the reading you have been doing at home this half term and I hope you have a lovely Easter break.

# Squirrel

The last two weeks have continued to be busy for Squirrels. We have been excited to see how our beans have been growing and most of us were lucky enough to see some progress! We made our observations pf how the beans were growing and then used this as our writing stimulus for English this week. We have also been looking at what plants need to grow and making sure that our plants outside have been watered.

In maths we have been exploring 3D shapes, which has been fun. We have investigated 3D objects and how they move down a ramp before discussing and recording our findings. This gave us the opportunity to use shape and science related vocabulary to compare the shapes. We then used the shapes to do some printing and we tried to make some repeating patterns- again discussing which shapes are best for printing based on their properties.

This week Squirrels have enjoyed completing Easter activities, which include making Easter cards, phonics and participating in the Easter egg competition. We are looking forward to seeing who the winner is well done to everyone who has entered.

## Badger

We have had an exciting fortnight in Badger Class. After many letters from him, Sunny the meerkat has finally come to visit us in school. He was very impressed with the letters that we sent to him! Sunny is a very shy meerkat, so he doesn't talk to us, he whispers in Miss Perrin's ear, but we are all very kind to him and talk to him all the time. In maths we have explored measure, we were amazing at using a ruler to measure different things and have been using playdoh to make worms to measure. In science we have found seeds in different fruits, it was very messy and sticky but very fun. Have a lovely Easter Break everyone!

## Hedgehog

We have had an extremely busy fortnight in Hedgehog class and the children are definitely ready for a holiday. In English, we have finished writing our own adventures based on the Tear Thief story and I have been impressed with the descriptive vocabulary that the children have selected to help the reader imagine the characters and settings.

In maths, we have been exploring money and the children have enjoyed making the same amount in different ways. It was brilliant to see the joy in their faces when they realised that there were at least five different ways to make six pence. They have become more confident to find a total, find the difference between amounts and calculate change.

In science, we have been finding out about healthy diets and exploring different food groups. The children have been sorting food and designing a balanced meal by ensuring that they have included a variety of food from each food group.

In topic, we have been looking at African patterns and have been inspired to create their own patterns which they will be using to print with after the holidays.

Thank you so much for taking the time to visit us for our story telling session recently. It was lovely to see so many parents in school and the children really enjoyed showing off their classroom. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to share a story, skill or job with the class.

#### Rabbit

We have had another busy week in Rabbit class. We have enjoyed working with Mrs Probert throughout the week. She helped us to understand Holy week, learning about why Christians celebrate Easter. We created our Easter cards - we hope you like them! We began to look at a world map, identifying different geographical features and landmarks. We will use these map skills when exploring our new topic on where our food comes from. We enjoyed working with Mrs Giles on Thursday with pBuzz. We have made great progress over the last term and are looking forward to showcasing our skills at a concert in the Summer term! We hope you have a restful and relaxing Easter break. We are looking forward to seeing everyone return fresh and ready to learn as we begin the Summer term shortly. Thank you for your support this term.

#### Hare

This fortnight, Hare class have been reading and completing work on the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. This has given us an extra insight into what life was like in the Victorian era which has linked into our work in history. In maths, we have been introduced to decimals. Children have learnt to read and write tenths and hundredths as well as order and find missing decimals from number lines, bar models and part-whole models. Our work on decimals will continue into the Summer term. Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been refining their sketching skills and drawing flowers. We have then scanned their images into the computer and repeated their art to create their own wallpaper design inspired by William Morris. Please check the website out in due course for their designs!

I have been very impressed with the creativity of the children's Easter eggs they have made for our competition. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter.

#### Kestrel

In English, Kestrel class have finished exploring the poem 'The Highwayman'. We recreated the first part of the poem in the style of a story. In maths, we continue to look at decimals, where we will explore adding and subtracting. Kestrel class found out about the Holi festival which marks the start of spring. Children then produced their own artwork where they created the effect of paint being thrown to represent the celebration.

It was great to see so many entries to the Easter egg competition and cannot wait to see the winner.

Finally, Myself and Mrs Auger would like to wish you a Happy Easter and hope you have a lovely break. We look forward to seeing you back after the holidays.

Well done to stars of the week this week.

### Mole and Deer

Mole/Deer Class - What a lovely week we have had. The children have been fantastic and have enjoyed having different teachers throughout the week. In Maths, the children have been working hard on their number skills and having fun with numbers and had a go at using co-ordinates. In English, the children have been building up to planning a story about a house flooding. I look forward to reading the final copies. We have also been learning all about the Easter story and the events of Holy week leading up to Easter. The children have created a timeline wheel and have written about the events. Wishing you all a wonderful break and a Happy Easter.

# Stars of the week!

This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:

Deer Kobi

Mole Ellie

Kestrel Henry

Leah

Hare Poppy

Malachi

Rabbit Joe

Lacey

Hedgehog Evie-Mae

Freddie D

Badger Marnie

Rudy

Squirrel Sia

Ollie-Jack

Fox James

Nina

**Duckling** Reggie

Many congratulations to you all!

**House points:** 

House	Week's
	Total
Housman	140
Jebb	182
Owen	158
Webb	157

Congratulations to Badger class who are the overall house point winners this week!