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Clebury Mortimer Primary School - Class News

Ducklings Class

During the last two weeks, Ducklings have focused on finger grip and hand control. We have been independently making playdough and forming this into fruit shapes to match the fruit from our story "Handa's Surprise" The children have been able to complete some super threading activities, looking at patterns and colours. We have been using scissors to improve our control and the children have really persevered to cut closely around pictures and trying to cut out their own drawings.

In maths we have mixed in our listening skills gained through phonics to play the bongo game. They have been counting aloud with the drum beats and they have enjoyed trying to be the first to know the answer. We have recapped our counting backwards and the children have really impressed with their subtracting skills.

Our topic work around "All Creatures Great and Small" has led to the children trying to find minibeasts and animals around the school (pigeon spotting is very serious in this class!!). We have also talked about where we might see larger animals, which has led to some lovely stories about their visits to places such as West Midlands Safari Park.

We have continued trying to take our learning outside, looking at all the different opportunities our outside space offers. The children have really enjoyed this and we have been using the dress up clothes to make new games whilst doing topic, maths and phonics activities.





Stars of the Week

Congratulations Porscha.

Fox Class

Because of the lovely sunny weather we have been lucky to be able to do a lot of our learning outside.

During the last two weeks we have been busy continuing to learn about the ocean and the creatures that live in the ocean, many of our activities have been ocean related.

We have been reading "The Rainbow Fish". This story helps us to see how important it is to share. We have been using our phonic knowledge to write words to describe The Rainbow Fish and what she did.

Our art activities have included making and labelling sea creatures and our Summer display.

In maths we have been learning to add and subtract numbers within 20, we used practical objects to help us find the answers to problems and then drew what had happened. We have begun to learn about sharing numbers and odd and even numbers. we did this practically using plates and counters and then recorded what we found out.

In phonics we are recapping the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. We have been practising forming the letters correctly and writing them in sentences.

In outdoor classroom we made potions and looked for minibeasts. Some of us built dens and then pretended to cook food in there. We were very excited to see a live mole digging on the muddy bank, we watched him for a long time being very quiet.







Stars of the week

Congratulations to Oscar J and Theo!

Squirrel Class

The last two weeks have been great fun for Squirrel Class! Last week we had a one off dance lesson with Grace, which was great fun. We put together a short routine to music before ending with different poses! We have really enjoyed Grace's dance lessons this year and it has been great for our confidence too!

Last week we also had a little visitor in our playground- a mole! We think that he came up to the surface to look for water and he spent ages tunneling around. Miss Snape managed to give him a little drink before he went off again on his travels. We were really lucky to have had this experience, as Moles never usually come out in the day time.

This week we have been learning about sharing and grouping in maths. We have used counters to share between different groups before talking about odd and even numbers.

It has also been locality week and for this we looked at Cleobury from a bird's eye view using google maps. We discussed the formation of Cleobury and all of the shops and resources that Cleobury has. We then went outside to draw our own maps and build buildings from the town. Well done Squirrels!





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Bodhi and Archie C!

Badger Class

It has been an exciting fortnight in Badger Class. We have had Mr Hodge come to visit us twice to talk about what Cleobury was like in the past. He showed us lots of pictures and it was very interesting to see how some of the buildings have changed and some are very similar to how they were hundreds of years ago! As part of Locality Week we also explored our local area, labelling a map of the school grounds and making a sound map about the different sounds that could be heard in different areas of the school.

We also had our school trip this week to Witley Court. It was great to go on a trip outside of school and get to explore the grounds at Witley Court. We enjoyed making sound maps, sketching the sights and seeing the fountain in action.

In maths we have revisited number bonds to 10 and are moving on to number bonds to 20, we have enjoyed playing lots of games to help us embed our learning.

In English we have continued to learn about Little Red Riding Hood, we have used the vocabulary in the story to write our own sentences.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Finn and Zosia!

Hedgehog Class

We have had a lovely fortnight and the children have continued to work hard.

In English, the children have been writing their own non-chronological report about a person of their choice. They have innovated the class text map well and tried hard to write interesting sentences using beautiful handwriting. The children have also showed great maturity as they have worked collaboratively to edit and improve each other's writing. I have been impressed with their attention to detail and determination to help their partner improve.

In maths, we have continued to explore fractions and the children have enjoyed the challenges that they have been tasked with. They have used a variety of resources, including cake cases, to help them find a half, quarter and third of a whole. We have also explored what happens when the numerator is not one. The children also loved making fraction pizzas on the computer.

In music, the children enjoying using the instruments to compose a piece of summer music. They showed great awareness of beat and created some wonderful pieces which they confidently performed to the class.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the class trip to Witley Court and they all had a brilliant time. Gasps of amazement could be heard as the children watched the fountain start to flow. The children also completed sketching, created a sound map and found all the plants and objects on the i-spy activity. The children were delightful to take out of school and all the adults were impressed by the manners and kindness that the children showed

Reminder- Nurses Speaking and Listening projects are due in on Monday 4th July.

Have a lovely weekend.



1 - Finding a third.



2 - Checking that I have made a model using thirds



3 - Playing pizza fraction



4 - The amazing fountain at Witley Court.



5 - Sketching the fountain.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Hedgehog Class for behaving so beautifully on our Witley Court visit.

Rabbit Class

This week, we enjoyed writing our own diary entry. Over the past few weeks, we explored a model diary entry before creating a toolkit to help us write our own. We are looking forward to publishing them in our books. In maths, we have continued to explore time, investigating the 12 and 24 hour format. In science, we explored the life and work of Mary Anning, a famous fossil hunter. We made our own fossils out of salt dough. In topic, we explored a range of replica Roman coins, using them to find clues about how the Romans lived. We assessed the impact that the Romans had on Britain. We enjoyed our penultimate swimming lesson on Friday. We are looking forward to our final fun swim next week. We are also looking forward to our trip next week, when we will visit Pizza Express to make our own pizza!





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Noah and Priya S!

Hare Class

This fortnight, the children have started learning statistics in maths. We learnt about line graphs, focusing on how to interpret them and how to add data to them accurately.

In English, we have been learning how to write a portal story. The children have shared some great vocabulary and ideas with one another to really enhance their writing for the reader. I can't wait to read all of them once they are complete and ready to publish.

We have also been busy preparing for our SGET concert with the ukuleles. The children have really impressed me over the course of the year with their playing ability as well as their perseverance when cord changing has been a little tricky. The children really can't wait to show case their skills.

This term, the children have been learning about European artists. Last week, we learnt about the Italian artist, Michelangelo who was a sculptor, painter, architect, poet and engineer. We discussed his work of the Sistine chapel and how it took 4 years to complete before having a go at painting our own picture in a similar way. Check out our photos to see how ...





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, George and Demi!

Kestrel Class

The children have had a busy fortnight with lots of extra curricular activities. During locality week last week, we had a visitor from the local history society, who answered some questions from the children about Cleobury Mortimer. The children then used a variety of 'Cleobury Chronicles' from over the years, to research interesting facts about Cleobury Mortimer. The children then produced a power point presentation to display their information.

Last week, both classes joined together to create five teams to take part in a rounders tournament at Lacon Childe. As a result of their hard work and competitive spirit, one of our teams was placed first place. Well Done Team 1.

Upper KS2 had a visitor from Severn Trent who talked to the children about hydration and about the work that the company does.

The children really enjoyed being able to erupt their volcanoes in topic last year.





Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Archie and Eden!

Mole Class

Last week, Moles class competed in the Area Rounders tournament at Lacon alongside the rest of the Y5 children from Kestrel Class. They competed against each other and also against teams from Farlow and Clee Hill. It was a fantastic afternoon, where every child showed how much they had learnt during their PE sessions. Their understanding of the rules and tactics was excellent. I was so proud of their attitude and competitive spirit. As a result of their hard work, one of our teams won the overall competition. Well done.

During locality week last week, we had a visitor from the local history society, who answered some questions from the children about Cleobury Mortimer. Their questions were very interesting and we all learnt so much more about our lovely town. We did some work on the old school and Mrs. Guest came to talk to the children about what it was like to go to that school and how much things have changed nowadays. She showed us a photograph of the children in the school at the time she was there. If you recognise anyone on it, please let us know.

The children have been learning about Greek myths in literacy and are in the process of designing their own mythical creature and thinking about an adventure they could have had.

On Wednesday, we had a visitor from Severn Trent Water, who talked to children about the importance of hydration, especially during the hot weather and also talked about the work that the

company does. The children were very interested to see how much work is done to provide us with clean water and take away all the dirty water.

It has been a busy but exciting two weeks.







Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Kerija and Dylan!

Deer Class

Last week the children enjoyed the Crucial Crew tip where they took part in workshops to raise their awareness of safety issues. The workshops included fire safety, electrical safety, anti-social behaviour, knife crime, recycling, water safety, drug and alcohol abuse, road safety, farm safety and resilience. Elsewhere, the children have just started their topic on Ancient Egypt having just finished

WW2. Related to history, we enjoyed a visit from Mr Hodge, a local historian, which enabled the children to ask questions about the history of Cleobury Mortimer.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations, Lilia and Obie!

House Points

Housman 110

Jebb 96

Owen 73

Webb 94

CMPS' TEAM HOUSES



Congratulations to Kestrel Class!

You are the overall house point winners, this week.

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