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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

Last week we went up into the outdoor classroom to explore signs of Spring. We ended our session by rolling down the hill - it was great fun! This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We started off our week by hearing the story behind Chinese New Year and we recreated the race with toy animals. We explored symmetry when painting a Chinese dragon's face and added on googly eyes - they look fantastic! We also looked at Chinese symbols and had a go at writing our name using them. On Thursday we even tasted some Chinese food. What a busy week we have had!



Fox

This week has been an extremely busy week for Foxes and Cubs! On Monday, we finished our topic work by making some traditional medieval style bread. The children helped to weigh out the ingredients and to knead the dough before rolling it out into individual rolls. We discussed the similarities and differences between modern day bread and medieval bread.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed making pancakes and then tasting them in the classroom. We discussed our favourite fillings and why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Some of the children enjoyed telling us about their pancakes that they had at home too.

Today is Chinese New Year and all of the children are looking forward to participating in some traditional Chinese dancing, and some Chinese craft activities. We wish you all a happy half term!



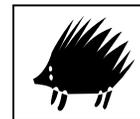
Badger

Badger class have had a great finish to the term! In English, the children have been looking at the different types of story openings and have written their own exciting story opening to get their reader hooked. In maths, the children have progressed to counting onto 50. They have been looking again at more than/less than/equal to and have been counting forwards and backwards in 2s and 5s from any given number. The children loved having their parents and carers in for a learn together phonics session and they are all excited about sharing their phonics packs (which were sent home on Thursday) with you. There are lots of exciting websites for the children to use and they have flashcards to play games with and to make 'sticky word lists' from.



Hedgehog

It was lovely to see so many of you at our spelling and Chinese New Year sharing session yesterday. The children love playing the different spelling games. In English, the children have written their own instructions and are now experts on "How to trap a stone big foot". I was very impressed with the mature vocabulary that they selected and this made their instructions entertaining to read. In maths, the children have really enjoyed finding a fraction of an amount. They have been able to identify half, quarter and three quarters. It has been wonderful to see the children so proud of their calculation skills. In topic, we have been finding out about Grace Darling and the children performed some fantastic role play to the class to retell Grace's bravery. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely holiday.



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Rabbit

Rabbits have been working extraordinarily hard this fortnight. We are using our class story, 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson as our focus for writing letters of complaint to the Hotel Himalaya because of their yeti safari. The children have created a fabulous word bank of some great vocabulary and have written very passionately. We have began to learn about pictograms in maths and are getting our heads around how each symbol can represent different values. As it was 'Internet Safety Day' on the 6th February, the children participated in lots of different activities. We had some in depth discussions about how to stay stay on the internet and they made posters in pairs. I was very impressed with their understanding when discussing scenarios. Well done Rabbits.



Hare

A good week for Hare Class. The children have been delving deeper into their topic of the Ancient Egyptians, and have written a set of instructions for trainee embalmers to use in the mummification process! The children have also taken part in Chinese New Year day with some Chinese Maths, map-work and Chinese dance lessons!



Otter

Otters have enjoyed the end of this half term, completing art work collages based on the rain-forest and learning about Chinese New Year. They have started to learn the new skill of table tennis in PE, where they have shown increasing control of the ball and cooperation when working with a partner.

Otters have recently been given information about the forthcoming residential trip planned for October 2018. They have seen photographs and had the opportunity to ask any questions.

I am sure everyone is ready for a well-earned break - I hope you have an enjoyable half-term holiday.



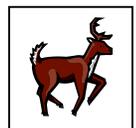
Mole

Moles class have been learning how to calculate percentages of amounts and applying this knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions. In Topic, the children have researched the tropical climate of rainforests and explored the similarities and differences between a tribal child's life and theirs. The class have continued the Life Cycles topic in Science and have looked at the life cycles of mammals and birds, and in Computing the children learnt about e-safety to link with Safer Internet Day last week.



Deer

Today, Deer Class are looking forward to the volleyball afternoon up at Lacon and will be able to tell you all about it tonight. This week, our WW2 topic has seen us making and tasting food that was typical of the type of food you would get during the period of rationing from 1940-1954. With Chinese New Year also being this week, we have painted some dragons to use in English to write non-chronological reports after half term. Over the last few days, we have based our writing around a Shaun Tan book we have been reading. After half term, we have lots to fit in including bikeability, STEM and World Book Day (Thursday 1st March) as well as starting our new topic.



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Stars of the week!

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

Deer	Grace
	Kyan
Mole	Phoebe
	Theo
Otter	Tegan
	Rupert
Hare	Jay
	Mae
Rabbit	Luchia
	Oscar
Hedgehog	Mia
	Max M
Badger	Kian
	Theo
Fox	Miles
	Jacob
Duckling	Charlie B
	Evie-Mae

Attendance
WELL DONE
HARES 100%

Congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	117	660
Jebb	163	660
Owen	68	541
Webb	101	554

Congratulations to all of the members of Jebb.

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