

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

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Enjoying and Achieving Together

## Class News

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### Ducklings

This week we have been very busy painting self-portraits. We have also been learning about space and aliens. We have made pictures using paints and models using playdoh.

At Gymtots on Monday we practiced balancing and jumping. We are hoping that after half term the weather will start to be more Spring like so we can spend more time outside on the ride on toys. Have a lovely half term.



### Fox

This week we had a very exciting visit from the team at Balanceability. We tried out lots of different balances before getting to have a go on the balance bikes. We played some really fun balancing games on them and learnt to push ourselves along and glide on them with our legs up. It was fantastic and really helped us to improve our balancing skills.

This week we have been learning all about space for STEM week. On Monday we designed our very own planets and sculpted them using balloons and papier mache. They look wonderful! We thought of lots of silly names for them. We had some special visitors on Wednesday; they were scientists! We learnt all about the universe and the planets in our solar system and we got to watch some exciting experiments. Our favourite was the volcano reaction!



### Badger

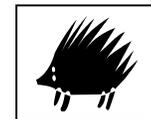
We have had an exciting STEM week in Badger class. On Tuesday, the children designed an alien and wrote a non-chronological report about it. They then created a picture of the solar system using the 'paint a picture' software on the laptops. On Wednesday, we had a visit from the science teachers at Lacon who performed some experiments for us, then we designed and began to create our own planets. It has been a fantastic half term and I hope both you and the children enjoy a well-earned break! Thank you for your continued support.



### Hedgehog

This week has been STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week and the theme for this week was planets.

The children were amazed during a special assembly when they observed some experiments conducted by Lacon Childe science staff. The children particularly enjoyed the recreation of a volcano eruption and the Northern Lights. I was very impressed with the questions that the children asked after listening carefully to facts about space. In English, we have been creating our own aliens and have written non-chronological reports about them. The children have had great fun thinking about what their alien eats, its appearance and activities that it takes part in. In maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and have been investigating how multiplication can help us to divide. The children are becoming more confident to use these two operations. Have a lovely half term holiday.



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## Rabbit

Over the last few weeks, we have continued with our work on playscripts. The children have been creative in writing their own versions of a fairy tale. This week has been STEM week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about planets and also designing and creating their own new planet. Over the holidays, please will you hear your child read on as many occasions as possible and remind them to continue to learn their times tables. I hope you all have a lovely half term break.



## Hare

This week has been an exciting week for Hares! It has been STEM week, and as part of this the children have been designing their own planets, for which they have explored environments, atmospheres and materials that would be suitable to use. Linking in with STEM week the children have had two very different assemblies- one from the brewery, who very kindly came in and talked to us about where and how beer originated. This was particularly interesting, as it suggests that beer was drunk as far back as the Egyptian times because the water was too dirty to drink!

Our second assembly was put on from science teachers from Lacon Childe, who demonstrated various chemical reactions that linked in with the reactions similar to those found on different planets. We were lucky enough to see a typical 'volcanic' explosion, a hydrogen powered rocket, a mini version of the northern lights and to finish, an explosion that represented the sounds found on Pluto during the storms! The children thoroughly enjoyed both assemblies and have used the stimulus to support their own ideas.



## Pheasant

This week has been STEM week for the school and Pheasant class have enjoyed looking at the science around space travel and life on different planets. In Maths, we have looked at the weight of astronauts on different planets due to the gravitational pull of that object, and have learnt to convert from kg to g and back again. In Literacy, the children have been completing their suspense stories based around our guided reading book for this half term, Grandpa Chatterji. The children have enjoyed visits from Science teachers at Lacon Childe for a demonstration of the science behind space phenomena. Also, the children took part in a talk about Ancient Egypt and the curse of Tutankhamen, alongside our topic on Ancient Egyptians.



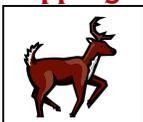
## Mole

Mole class have just completed their 5-part story unit in English, with some fantastic pieces of writing. In maths, the children have enjoyed multiplying fractions, and reflecting and translating shapes. Our Science topic of Life Cycles has come to an end with the class demonstrating their understanding of the unit, and in Topic we have just started to build our own rainforest homes.



## Deer

This week has been busy with volleyball up at Lacon all afternoon on Tuesday, as well as the STEM visitors we have had in school. Hobsons came in on Tuesday morning to talk to the children about the scientific processes in brewing, such as how yeast works, which was really interesting. We all enjoyed the science demonstrations on Wednesday, specially the northern lights demonstration and the popping Pringle container. The children have also been enjoying our class text which is quite exciting at the moment - I keep stopping at cliffhangers! After half term, we have lots of activities to look forward to in the first few weeks such as a practical science session at Lacon on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, World Book Day on the 2 March and bikeability week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March.



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# Stars of the week!

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

Deer	Tilly
	Keane
Mole	Katy
	Cameron
Hare	Evie
	Oscar
Pheasant	Harry
	Isla
Rabbit	Paige
	Leland
Hedgehog	Nanci
	Anila
Badger	Obie
	Lilia
Fox	Leah
	Ella
Duckling	Molly
	Jake

**Attendance**  
**WELL DONE**  
**Rabbits 96.37%**

**Congratulations to you all!**

**House points:**

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	225	1602
Jebb	151	1354
Owen	156	1245
Webb	188	1358

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