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Enjoying and Achieving Together

Class News

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Ducklings

This fortnight we have been learning all about growth and what plants need. The children have enjoyed looking after the plants they have grown and have been eager to water them everyday! This week we have been very busy making our mums Mother's Day cards. In maths we have been investigators and have been measuring different objects using non-standard units. The children's favourite activity was drawing flowers on the computers and then printing them off. Well done everyone!



Fox

As part of our learning about mini beasts, last week we welcomed our new class pets; stick insect eggs! We have been observing them over the last few weeks and filling in diaries, writing names and talking about what they look like. This has led to some super vocabulary being used. In maths we have introduced addition. We have been learning how to add through practical activities such as adding mini beasts together and finding the total. The children have picked it up so well; we are very impressed! In literacy we have continued to learn our Jack and the Beanstalk story with actions. This week we have written Jack some letters to ask him questions. We wonder if we will get a reply!



Badger

We have had another exciting couple of weeks in Badger Class. In Maths, we have been learning about division. The children have enjoyed sharing practical resources and have really impressed me with their understanding of this skill. In English, we finished our unit on letter writing. We received some African artefacts from Kenya and wrote a letter to the person who sent them. The children are really enjoying our Topic and this week we learnt about the weather in Kenya. We also made an African moral for Red Nose Day which was great fun.



Hedgehog

In Maths, we have continued to explore fractions and the children are now confident to identify and name different fractions. They had great fun when they had to use their fraction knowledge to name fractions of a variety of toys. We have also been investigating equivalent fractions. In English, we have started our new unit on descriptive writing and the children have really enjoyed being teachers this week when they "marked" different author's writing. This really helped the children to understand what makes a good description. We had also enjoyed an afternoon of sport at Lacon Childe and the children were able to try tennis, football, hockey and golf. I was really impressed with their team work and ball skills.



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Rabbit

Rabbits have enjoyed lots of different experiences over the last 2 weeks. Firstly, they took part in the Stepping Out programme, teaching them how to cross roads safely and how to keep safe when walking along pavements. They all worked very hard and now know how many different dangers there are, even on our quiet roads. Secondly, Rabbits went to a science fair at Lacon Childe. They had lots of fun trying out different skills, including firing a rocket using just air. Finally, Rabbits did some sketching of the buildings in Cleobury Mortimer. We were lucky to have such glorious weather whilst the children looked at the interesting shapes on the doors and windows. We certainly have some budding artists in our midst.



Hare

Last week, Hares had a fantastic week with science! On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a company come into school and do some investigation work on powering turbines to produce energy. The children were given a set of materials, which they had to use to build their own turbines. They then tested the turbines to see which produced the most energy. In the afternoon, the children were given some K'nex sets and had to build a trebuchet, which they thoroughly enjoyed. On Wednesday, the children went up to Lacon Childe to have a look around the science fair where they had the chance to explore the planetarium and the otherstalls that were displaying interesting science activities. All in all a very busy, but exciting week! I hope the children shared some their experiences with you.



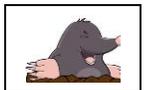
Pheasant

In Maths, we have been developing our data handling skills by interpreting bar and line graphs. This children have produced some accurate and striking looking bar charts using pastels on black card. In Literacy, we have been learning about play scripts and their features. The children enjoyed internalising the language patterns of a play script by acting out 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. For Red Nose Day the children have had the opportunity to wear something red to show they are supporting the cause. We will be holding an afternoon of Red Nose Day art, with the children being inspired by the red nose assembly earlier this week and also a red nose day poem!



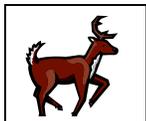
Mole

Moles class have just completed their persuasive writing unit, with some brilliant pieces to entice tourists to a weekend attraction. In Maths, we have been looking at measurement, specifically imperial and metric measures. Our Topic of Rainforests provided an opportunity for a debate about deforestation, presenting both sides of the argument. In Science, the children used their home research to discuss the items that can be recycled and investigate their new purposes.



Deer

Bikeability and STEM have been the highlights of the last two weeks. The children were very excited last Monday to be either taking part in the practical STEM activities, which included building a wind turbine, or to starting their cycling course. As the week progressed, the bikeability staff were highly complementary about the children saying they were one of the best classes they have ever taught and what a lovely school Cleobury Mortimer Primary is. Everyone who took part passed at least the level one qualification. Well done to all the children for representing the school so well. The other highlight was going to the STEM fair on Wednesday, where the children went into a planetarium to learn more about space - the video projection on the inner dome was fantastic. Next week we have a visiting author on Monday to look forward to as well as finishing our class text and working hard on our mathematical reasoning.



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Stars of the week!

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

Deer	Alfie
	Leah
Mole	Jenson
	Kayleigh
Hare	Matty
	Ellie M
Pheasant	Jack
	Megan
Rabbit	Max A
	Lily
Hedgehog	Harvey
	India-Rose
Badger	Obie
	Mia
Fox	Kit
	Indie Y
Duckling	Miles
	Holly

Attendance
WELL DONE
Badgers 97.90%

Congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Week's Total	Overall Total
Housman	275	2764
Jebb	291	2560
Owen	193	2065
Webb	187	2323

Congratulations to all of the members of Jebb.

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