

Newsletter

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Mrs Sweeney's Elephant Challenge

Dear children,

With lockdown being so difficult for so many people, there has never been a more important time to be a good elephant. Throughout our community are people who would really appreciate a thoughtful gesture, however big or small. Therefore I would like to set you a challenge to perform an act of kindness for someone near you. This could be anything from making a card or baking some cakes to donating to the local food bank. I know you will have lots of fantastic ideas, but whatever you do, make sure you keep yourselves safe.

Please send a picture or a description of what you did to the office so we can hear all about your good deeds.

During the lockdown, I also set myself a challenge to learn how to crochet. I recently made this rainbow elephant and I am going to give him to one of you who really shows themselves to be an extra special elephant.

I am really looking forward to hearing about what you get up to and will share some of your acts in next week's newsletter.

Mrs Sweeney



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

This week the children have enjoyed a new book called 'Racoon on the moon'. The children used this story to think about traveling to the moon and what they would see. It also used our phonic sound 'oo'. We asked the children to create their own junk model space rockets and they were absolutely fantastic. Really creative and lots of different ways of using a variety of items. In maths the children learnt the part, part, whole model to find the total. They were able to count to find the total and found some interesting ways of showing the model. We also had lots of snow toward the end of the week so this encouraged the children to get outside making footprints in the snow just like on the moon.



Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week, Robins, Woodpeckers and Owls have been looking at all things penguin! It looks like the weather got the memo too! The children have enjoyed being able to get outside, having snowball fights, building snowmen and in some cases snowpets! We started off the week reading the story of Geronimo, the little penguin with big dreams and created a character description using lots of interesting adjectives. We then moved on to some non-fiction writing. The children began by researching Emperor penguins using different websites, YouTube and encyclopaedias. After that, they used their creativity skills to decide how to present their information. We had leaflets, posters, labelled diagrams and penguin shaped booklets as well as many others. In maths, KS1 have been looking at statistics. The children have gathered their own data using tally charts and then looked at different ways of presenting that data. They have answered questions on tally charts, bar charts and pictograms. We continued the penguin theme is science looking at the life cycle of a penguin. Between all of KS1, they have created an army of penguins using a toilet roll, card and glue!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

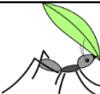
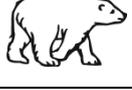
Well done Waterbirds on another great week of home learning. We have all been really impressed by your positive attitudes and hard work. This week, we have continued to read The Iron Man. You have answered comprehension questions, punctuated speech, created descriptive Stone Age menus and made a plan to catch him. In maths, you have learnt all about perimeter and area. You even completed different challenges to test your understanding. It has been lovely to see all of your history and science work this week too. It was interesting to see the differences between modern day and Stone Age houses and your Stone Age house designs. We can't wait to see some of your designs come to life. In science, you have started to learn about light. You now know that dark is the absence of light. It was great to see some of your book bag designs and your investigations into reflective materials. Well done to those children who took part in the TT Rock Stars tournament. We have been very impressed.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Continuing our topic on inventors and inventions, year 5 and 6 have been learning all about light. They have created a non-chronological report on Thomas Edison and the invention of the light bulb. In Science, the children have learnt about Isaac Newton's discoveries involving the light spectrum, as well as lots of tricky vocabulary

involving reflection, refraction and dispersion of light. The children have enjoyed investigating light both in school and at home. In maths, we have been learning how to find perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes. The children have enjoyed designing their own Zoo, following area of irregular shape instructions. Well done to all the children who have taken part in the extra interventions this week: the booster maths session on 'multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000' and our spicy grammar session on 'using semi-colons'.

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Henry		For amazing imagination when creating his rocket this week.
Puffins	Emily		For all her independence when working at home – we are very proud!
Robins	Francesco		For a really interesting penguin fact file
Owls	Imogen		For being an enthusiastic learner
Woodpeckers	Mikey		For working really hard on his phonics
Kingfishers	Sam		For an outstanding menu and use of drama to perform it
	Ellie		For creating a fantastic statue of the Iron Man
Swans	Matilda		For pushing herself and working hard at home
	Seb		For pushing herself and working hard at home
Sandpipers	Xander		For working extremely hard to achieve Rock Hero status on TT Rock Stars
	Evie		For an amazingly creative Iron Man menu with beautiful use of ICT
Kestrels	Lucas		For always being an active participant on zoom
Hawks	Teddy		For great engagement with the work and keeping us all entertained
Eagles	Rory		For super participation in all zoom sessions, interventions and use of the Padlet page