

Newsletter

26th March 2021



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Following our Zoom visit from the Fire Station we have had a 'Firefighter' themed week this week. In Literacy we have continued to recap our phase 3 phonics sounds and we have been impressed with how the children are using their phonics knowledge in their writing. The children have enjoyed spraying sounds outside with water and finding words hidden in the 'fire' using tweezers inside. We have also thought about rhyming words this week - we read a rhyming story and gave each other silly rhyming names too. Good work Puffins and Penguins!

In maths this week we have begun exploring simple repeating patterns. We have made patterns in lots of different ways - beads, lego, body shapes, and even made a pattern hat! We have focus mainly on AB patterns with 2 pictures that repeat, e.g. red, blue, red, blue.... Have a go at home using lots of different things to make a repeating pattern.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week has been a busy week in Robins, Woodpeckers and Owls. The children have been showing, explaining and writing about the maths topic we have covered so far this year. It's amazing how much they have learned despite the strange circumstances of the last term. Well done to the children, parents, grandparents and everyone else involved in home and in school learning last term. We have will be finishing off fractions next week so keep practising those mathematical terms, half, quarter, 3 quarters, equal and unequal. The children have also been demonstrating their reading and comprehension skills this week looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We all loved getting into the woodland this week and the tern in the weather made it even more enjoyable. Hopefully, it carries on! This week we have also started The Dragon Machine! We are all really enjoying the story and will carry on exploring it next week!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Well done Waterbirds on another great week. The children have worked extremely hard this week completing their NFER tests. We have been blown away by their effort and determination. As part of our Viking topic, the children have learnt about Viking burials, Viking society and Viking jobs. We had a fantastic discussion about the stereotyping of different genders and how Viking jobs were similar and different to modern day jobs. I think most of the children were happy that they weren't living in Viking Britain. In Science, the children investigated different materials to find out which one would be best for a pair of curtains. They used the scientific terms opaque, transparent and translucent to explain their findings. The children are very excited for their Vikings days next week. Great work Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week in Literacy we have reviewed a range of SPaG learning to do with descriptive writing, which we then applied to independent pieces based on 'The Promise'. The children really impressed in their descriptive paragraphs through their use of technical descriptive features. In maths, the children have completed their final week on fractions where they have been learning to find a fraction of a number and to add/subtract fractions. Next week we will be reviewing mental arithmetic strategies. In Science, the children have continued to review their learning Light. In topic, the children enjoyed learning all about crime and punishment in the Aztec Era. This week was a special week for us as we celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness day, which continued our 'No outsiders' learning as part of our curriculum. We are looking forward to next week as the children will each have a morning where they will be involved in an Aztec Food Party. Watch this space.

Griffin- 32

Pegasus- 55

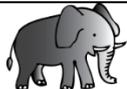
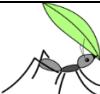
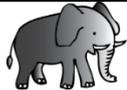
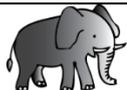
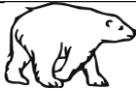
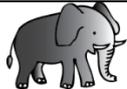
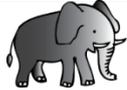
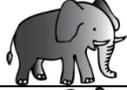
Dragon- 27

Phoenix- 48

The Hive

This week has flown by and we have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The winners of our Eco Poster competition have been announced and the lucky winners will have their beautiful designs put on display in The Hive, well done to everyone who entered and a special thank you to Dave for helping us judge. The winners were Ted, Isabel and Jasmine. Some of the children have crafted Easter mobiles using cardboard, string and lots of coloured pencils, the chicks and bunnies look so lovely, spinning and dancing. Meanwhile, Acorn Room have squished and squashed play dough, they have made some wonderful creations.! The game of the week has definitely been Connect 4 and the competition has been fierce, the twists and turns of the game have sent squeals of delight around The Hive. Outside, the children set about tidying the field area and armed with litter pickers and lots of enthusiasm they collected lots of discarded paper and wrappers, a really worthwhile activity! There has also been some industrious den building, bathed in sunshine the den hosted the 'Super Power Family' who enjoyed a campfire with a full roast! The children certainly have wonderful imaginations and have entertained us all week.

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Ziah		for being a kind and considerate member of Penguins class
Puffins	Jacob		for challenging himself to write lots in the environment outside
Robins	Ella B		for always being kind and caring for everyone in the class.
Owls	Indie T		for showing a kind and responsible attitude within class
Owls	Jack S		for showing determination with his handwriting.
Woodpeckers	Leah S		for designing and making a great dragon
Swans Teachers Award	Kayleigh M		For beautiful presentation, especially with her handwriting
Swans Children's Award	Lola H		For working really hard in her booster group
Sandpipers Teacher's Award	Emmie W		For working extremely hard all week in every lesson and showing great progress
Sandpipers Children's Award	Xander W		For always being determined and showing his intelligence in his maths tests
Kingfishers Teacher's Award	Oliver N		For significantly improved concentration and application of his mathematical skills in his NFER tests
Kingfishers Children's Award	Lyra S		For being an outstanding friend when she sees children on their own
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Max R		For working hard on new challenges in maths.
Kestrels Children's Award	Tommy E		For being a really kind and thoughtful friend.
Hawks Teacher's Award	Jack T		For supporting and helping others in the classroom.
Hawks Children's Award	Maisie S and Jack M		For always making sure people are okay and feel included.
Eagles Teacher's Award	Holly W		For super improvement in all areas of the curriculum- particularly in her creative writing.
Eagles Children's Award	Will H		for being a loyal and caring friend.

