

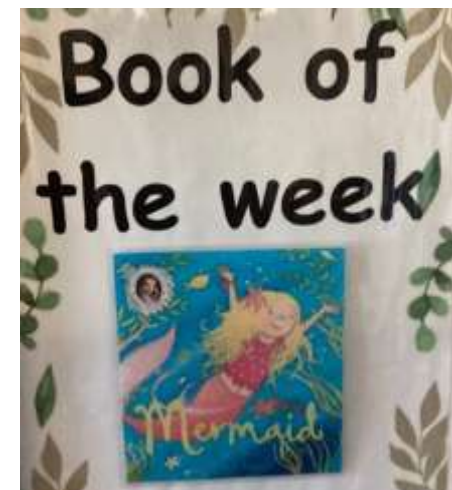
Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtles class we have been reading Fire Engine is Flashing and talking about the emergency services. The children were keen to look at the pictures in the book and we have been learning about keeping safe and that some things are hot. If we touch them they can hurt us, such as the oven, iron, BBQs, fire as well as hot drinks. We had small world fire engines and other emergency vehicles to use our imaginations in the sand to make marks. We had some colour sorting to do, sorting out red items from yellow items and explored mixing colours with paint. In our math's this week we have been starting to match numerals 1 to 5 to amounts and we have begun to develop an understanding of more/ many or less/ fewer.



Have a lovely half term next week and we will see you the week after when we will be reading Bizzy Bear's Happy Holiday. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess.



This week in Starfish class our story focus has been 'Mermaid.'

We have had a very busy seaside themed week in nursery with mermaids, sea creatures and shells in the water tray!

We have been discussing our own experiences of going swimming, recalling who we went with and whether it was in a swimming pool or in the sea like the character in the story.

Alongside our book of the week, we also read 'The singing mermaid' carrying on with our focus on rhyming words from last week.

The children enjoyed helping to make

playdough this week, taking turns to mix the ingredients. We chose to colour it blue, just like the ocean. They had great fun using it to make seascapes by adding sea creatures.

Our story focus after half term will be 'Billy's bucket'.

Well done Starfish class on another busy week of fun and learning.

Mrs Attard, Mrs Brant, Mrs Bowser, Ms Burgess and Mrs Edwards



Seahorse



This week in Seahorse Class, we explored the police and fire brigade. We began the week by looking at what jobs a police officer does. The children knew that the police caught baddies and robbers. However, they were surprised to find that they can be dog handlers, visit schools, direct traffic, be forensic scientists and keep the peace.

We discovered that PC means Police Constable, before looking at some other police ranks. We have discussed what the words community, criminal, law, briefing and emergency meant.



We have looked at different types of emergency vehicles, including the coast guard. Later, we explored how and when to make an emergency call to 999.

Later in the week, we explored the fire brigade. The children knew that firefighters could be men or women. They were also able to explain that firefighters put out fires and rescue animals in trees. We learnt that fire-fighters also help with road traffic accidents, check smoke alarms, carry heavy equipment and must stay physically fit.



In Literacy, we have begun to draw our final family portraits. The children have also added a caption or sentence describing their family.

In maths, we have looked at how to form groups of objects from a larger number. The children have been asked to arrange different numbers of pencils into sets of the same value.

Throughout the week the children have made incident reports, badges, telephones, roleplayed as police officers and firefighters, built marble runs, molded with playdough, and charked on the play deck.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class



This week in our PE lesson we have been working on our athletics skills, focusing on throwing for accuracy and for distance.



In our English lesson we have reached the end of our unit learning about Grace Darling. The children have really enjoyed learning about her and why she is remembered today. They are all agreed that she really was a very brave young lady. The children have produced some lovely writing about her and her life.

Also, this week we have been thinking about positional and directional language. The children have played games involving giving and following instructions using positional and directional language. We have also looked at ordinal numbers.

Have a wonderful half term holiday

Mrs Oakley, Mrs Lovelace-Court and Mrs Edwards.



Seagull Class

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2!
This week, the children have been putting the finishing touches on their wonderful Colour Collector poems. They have worked hard to choose interesting vocabulary and create imaginative poems full of colour and description.

In Geography, we have been learning all about the 'Big 5' African animals. The children enjoyed researching these amazing animals and used their knowledge to create information sheets, showing off lots of fantastic facts.

In Music, we have been composing our own notes to play along with our friendship song. The children thought carefully about the sounds they wanted to create and enjoyed performing their musical ideas.

Have a fabulous holiday everyone—we can't wait to see you back, refreshed and ready for an exciting final term in Year 2!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class

In English this week, we have completed our independent write. The poems were inspired by nature. We have since been completing a couple of lessons on SPaG, where we have looked at when to use 'a' or 'an', prepositions, conjunctions and adverbs.

In maths this week, we have finished our unit on money. We have looked at adding, subtracting and working out change. Heron class found subtracting and working out change quite tricky, so we turned the classroom into a shop! Heron class worked in groups to be the shop keeper and customer. They had to add the totals of their items on their whiteboards, as well as working out what change they need to give. They worked incredibly hard in their groups and collaborated well with one another.

In R.E. this week, we have looked at how Christians have been inspired by the teachings of Jesus. We looked at a song by the artist Stormzy ('Blinded By Your Grace'), and considered the key message from the lyrics, and why he may have been inspired to create the song.

In history, we have been looking at how Mayan people lived and how society was run at the time.

We have completed our last athletics lesson in P.E this week. Our lesson focussed on relay. Heron class seemed to really enjoy playing a game of 'stuck in the mud' with a twist! They had to pass the relay batons to free those who had been caught. We then practised relays in groups, and the class worked incredibly hard.

Well done on a great half term. Have a wonderful break and we look forward seeing everybody again in the final term!

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class



Well done Year 4 for successfully completing another half term.

As always, the week has been busy.

We have continued our PSHE theme about being a compassionate class, by considering how we can share the message of reducing plastic pollution. The children had the choice between creating posters/leaflets/fact files to raise awareness, or to experiment with making sea-life picture out of plastic bottle tops to help plan our class collage.

In art, the children completed their Tiffany glass paintings.

In ICT, they continued their coding unit and considered 'if' statements.

Please, please, please continue to practise times tables over half term, as we will be completing the national assessments in the first 2 weeks afterwards.

Have a great week off, fabulous foursies.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Mistry



Sanderling Class

This week Year 5 have written their non-chronological reports on Mountains and in Maths they have finished their unit on decimals. They learnt about many different life cycles in science and all had great fun practising long jump with Mrs Calvy and had their last session with Southend United. We hope you all have a restful Half term holiday and look forward to the long, hot summer ahead together!

Take care and have fun from Mrs Emmings, Mrs Allen, Miss Walpole, Miss Hardy, Mrs Calvy, Mrs Bowser and Miss Brailsford.

