



HINGUAR SCHOOL

Our Learning This Week

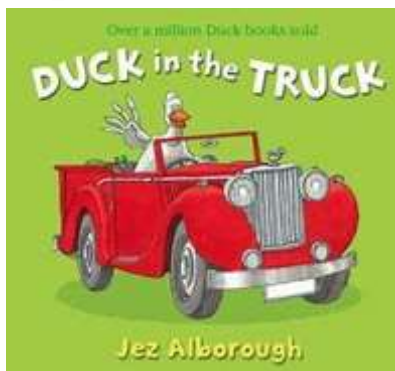
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Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtles class we have been reading “Bunnies in a Boat.” Looking at the pictures we worked on understanding and using positional language such as in, on, under and through. We’ve looked at lots of types of water transport and expanded our vocabulary by talking about sails, ropes and anchors. In the tuff tray we had little boats with water and, later on in the week, we had water with sea creatures and little hand nets to catch them in. The children practiced their counting to see who had the most fish. In creative development they learnt a new song, Five Little Boats. To improve our fine motor skills we carefully placed the tails back on the bunnies using pincer grip and tweezers. Then in another tuff tray we had lots and lots of little balls to pick up and place into small cups. Next week our book will be Fire Engine is Flashing.

Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess



This week in Starfish class our story focus has been ‘Duck in a truck.’

We have had a very muddy week in nursery with toy cars, animals and people becoming stuck in the mud!

We have been focusing on rhyming words, listening for the words that sound similar in the story and have explored continuing a rhyming string of words.

At the end of the story Duck drives off leaving all the animals that had helped unstick him stuck in the mud themselves. We talked about what we would have done to help. The children had some interesting ideas, including, calling a fire engine, adding water to make the mud slippery and getting help from Spiderman.

In the story the characters tried pushing and pulling the truck to unstick it from the mud. Across the week we have been exploring forces and using pushing and pulling movements. We used ramps with the cars to push them down, String attached to vehicles to pull them out of the mud, we worked together to move the parachute up and down and magnets that pulled metal objects to stick to them.

Our story focus next week will be ‘Mermaid’.

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 have been learning about 'Doctors and Nurses'. Our home corner was changed into a hospital with a reception area to check into. The children were able to dress up in doctor and nurse's uniforms, used toy medical equipment, wrap each other and dolls in bandages and write doctor's notes.

We listened to the story Zog and the Flying Doctor, and discussed vocabulary such as wail, in vain, a patient and seize. We have explored the names of different types of doctors and what they treat, and what may happen if you visit a hospital.

In Zog and the Flying Doctor, the mermaid gets sunburnt, the children discussed what they would say to her if they were a doctor, before writing their idea in a sentence. We have also listened to and followed first aid instructions of how to put a plaster on a cut correctly.

In maths, we have been exploring how to share objects between 2 people. We have discovered that an even number of objects can be shared equally, while an odd number cannot. The children were tasked with sharing currant buns between 2 teddies. They used the dealing out method to ensure the objects were shared fairly.

Throughout the week, the children have role-played as doctors, built with Lego, gone on word hunts, threaded with beads and completed jigsaw puzzles.

On page 18 of the reading record is the Gold Times Table challenge. For this challenge, your child needs to hold the given number (the numeral before the pictures) in their head and count on one to one to find the total.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser, and Mrs Penny

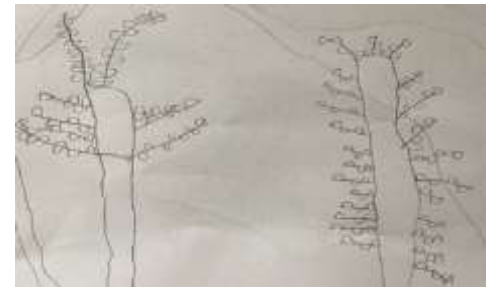


Oyster Class

This week in our PSHE lesson we have been learning about what to do in an emergency. We looked at a variety of different situations and sorted which were emergencies and which were not. Then we talked about how to get help when needed. We thought about the different emergency services and some of the ways they can help. We also discussed using 999 to call for help. The children role played making a 999 call to ask for help and being the operator on the other end of the phone call. We also discussed why it is important not to call 999 if you don't have an emergency.



In our science lesson this week we have continued looking at plants and trees. We looked at trees in our area and discussed whether they are evergreen or deciduous. The children then used their observational skills to draw some of the trees in the school grounds.



Seagull Class

This week in Year 2, the children have been busy developing their poetry skills. They have been learning more about the ABCB structure and have been thinking carefully about rhyme and how poems are organised.

In Music, the children have been performing their friendship song, accompanied by the glockenspiel. It has been lovely to hear their confidence growing as they perform together.

In PE, we have been practising throwing for accuracy. The children completed a range of mini games to help them develop this skill and had great fun challenging themselves.

In ICT, the children have been learning how to code. Lots of the children were very keen to keep practising at home, so I have set some coding activities as To Dos on Purple Mash, along with some multiplication practice. Please feel free to have a go at these at home.

Well done, Year 2, for another super week!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class

In English this week, we have worked really hard on our plans for our independent write, which we will complete over the next couple of lessons. Their poems are inspired by nature. In maths this week, we have focussed on comparing, as well as adding and subtracting volume. We have since moved on to money. In P.E this week, we have been continuing to practise throwing, this time with javelins. In computing this week, we have looked at the use of images in PowerPoint, and had a go at inserting images. In French, we looked at how to ask for something. We have also been looking at how to say different foods in French. In history, we have looked at Mayan religion and beliefs, and found out so many interesting and shocking facts! Heron class also took part in Joe Wicks' live workout. Over 6,000 schools took part! Whilst taking part, Heron class had the opportunity to create their own workout / dance routines, and some even taught their routine to their friends.

Overall, a very busy week! One week to go until half term!

Have a great weekend.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton





Curlew Class

It's been another busy week in Year 4.

In history, we learned about Boudicca and how she fought against the Roman army. The children then used a piece of descriptive text to form their own ideas of what she looked like. This was then transferred onto paper.

There was lots of teamwork happening in geography and science:

- In geography, the children worked in pairs and used atlases to identify where various Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Viking settlements were formed across England. They identified which period of history they were from by looking at specific suffixes commonly used for towns by the 3 groups and where in the country they had invaded/occupied.



- In science, the children worked in table groups to sort pictures of animal skulls into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores, just by looking at their teeth. Then then tried to identify which animals they were. There were a few surprises along the way – especially identifying the hedgehog skull! After that, they worked together again to form food chains from specific habitats.



In English, we have started our new unit, which is looking at a fictional diary written by a Roman slave. The class watched 2 videos and then went in the ICT suite to research Roman gladiators and the fighting arenas.

In maths, we have also started a new unit. We are now learning about decimals. We have also been fervently practising out times tables, as the national assessment test is getting closer and closer. Please continue to practise these at home – especially if your child is regularly scoring under 20 out of 25.

Well done Fabulous Foursies. Have a great weekend.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford, Mrs Mistry and (albeit briefly – yay!) Mrs Allen



Sanderling Class

This week, Year Five started planning their non-chronological reports on the mountain of their choice. In Maths, they continued working on decimals, in Geography they learned about the different ways in which mountains are formed and in Art, they looked at watercolour landscapes. I think the most fun (judging by the smiles) was when the children took cutting from geraniums – fingers crossed they will root over the next few weeks. Although, I think some people had more fun collecting all the baby snails they found living in the plants ☐.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Emmings, Mrs Allen and
Miss Walpole



Avocet Class

A huge well done to all of Year 6 for their excellent attitude and behaviour during their SATs tests this week. They all tried their absolute best and we could not ask for more. Well done!

In our topic lesson, we explored the use of sculpture for creating bronze head statues to remember loved ones. We had a go at creating our own sketches of a famous head statue. To relax after our tests, we enjoyed taking part in some quizzes using Kahoot on a wide variety of topics.

Remember to check your kit list and to pack all the essentials for our residential next week. The weather is looking variable, so pack for all eventualities!

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford

