

Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtles class we have started our summer topic, and we have been reading Bizzy Bear Happy holiday. This book has moving sliding parts on some pages. The children were very keen to have a go moving the sliders and watching the picture change. In the tuff tray the children used nets to catch fish and talked about what they had caught and who had more or less. In our maths we have been singing five little ducks, doing the actions and trying to show the matching numbers of fingers.



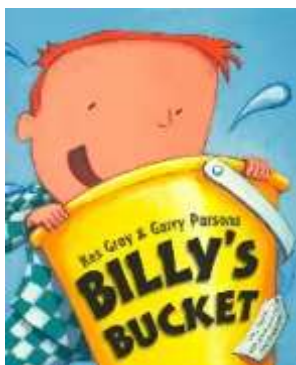
Next week our summer theme continues with Spot goes on Holiday. We will be covering sun and water safety. During this term, please ensure your child arrives with suncream already applied and if they attend all day named suncream. They need a named sunhat and water bottle filled with water. Thank you for your support. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess



This week in Starfish class our story focus has been 'Billy's Bucket.'

We have had a another very busy seaside themed week in nursery.

We have had lots of birthday celebrations too! Which fits perfectly with our story this week where Billy chose a bucket for his birthday present. The children have been busy filling and emptying buckets of various sizes in the sand pit, and we have been comparing the different weights of them.



We have been discussing our own experiences of birthdays and presents we might like to receive. We have also been thinking about what colour bucket we might choose and what might be in our bucket. In the story there were lots of sea creatures in Billy's bucket. We looked closely at these, recapping and learning some new vocabulary, such as tentacles, gills and fin. The children have been busy role-playing making birthday cakes for Billy using the playdough. The have also used their maths skills to match the correct amount of birthday candles to the numerals on the cake cases.

Our story focus next week will be 'you can't take an elephant on holiday'.

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 explored how to keep the beaches and oceans free from pollution. We have looked at the books *Clean Up* by Nathan Byron and *The Odd Fish* by Naomi Jones. We began the week by thinking about what we can do to keep our local beaches clean. Ideas included: putting rubbish in the bin, taking our rubbish home, using reusable water bottles and not throwing rubbish in the water.

The Odd Fish is a story where the creatures under the sea creatures meet a bottle who they think is a 'new' fish. As they follow the 'new' fish the sea creatures encounter even more 'new' sea creatures (plastics in the sea). However, these 'new' sea creatures start to make the other sea creatures poorly. The story is inspired by the author and her sons seeing and picking up litter on their local beach in Cornwall.

In Literacy, the children were tasked with drawing an odd fish, before writing a description of why it was odd.

In Maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns. We have looked at the 'unit of rule' that must happen again and again for a pattern to be repeating. We have looked to see if we can spot the mistake in repeating pattern sequences. The children have made repeating patterns using toy teddy bears, stars and buttons.

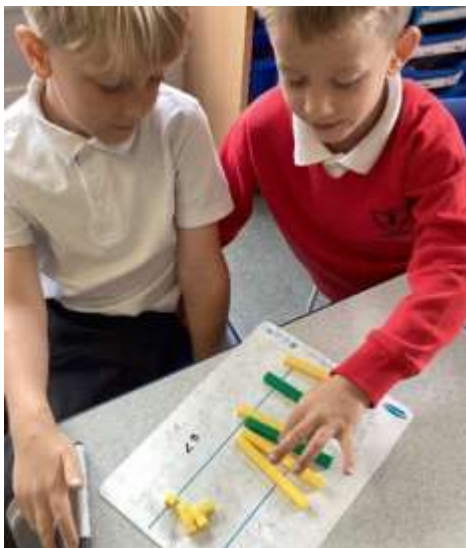
Throughout the week the children have been reenacting the stories in our beach scene, constructed a rubbish dump from the wooden blocks, writing on the mark-making table, moulding with playdough, exploring objects which are magnetic, building farms and zoos with Duplo and used litter pickers.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser, and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class

This week in Year 1 we have been exploring numbers to 100. The children have been able to compare and order numbers as well as partitioning 10s and 1s. They have also explored placing numbers onto numberlines with different sized intervals and predicting the position of numbers using their knowledge of number order.



In our English lessons this week we have started looking at the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

The children have enjoyed discovering Mr Grinling and have been able to recall some facts from their work from last half term to provide further knowledge of the jobs a lighthouse keeper completes.

The children have used some wonderful vocabulary to describe the food included in Mr Grinling's lunch.



Also, this week we have started considering different ways we can care for our environment. The children will develop their understanding of this further over the coming weeks.



Seagull Class

Welcome back to our final term in Year 2! We have had a fantastic start to the week, with the children beginning an exciting new topic all about Big Cats. They have already shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they explore these fascinating animals.

In Maths, we have been completing our unit on data handling, giving the children the opportunity to apply and consolidate the skills they have been developing throughout the term.

The children also enjoyed taking part in a superhero drawing competition. It was wonderful to hear their imaginative discussions about the special powers their superheroes would have, and I was incredibly impressed by their creativity and thoughtful ideas. Even more excitingly, the winning entries may be selected for publication in a book!

Hope you have a fabulous weekend!



Heron Class

We have had a very busy first week back!

In maths this week, we have been learning to tell the time to five minutes. We have been using small analogue clocks to help with this. We will then be moving on to telling the time to one minute.

In English this week, we have begun our new unit on instructional writing. We have looked at some examples of instructional pieces of writing to understand its key features (e.g. imperative verbs, numbered steps). Then,

Heron class had a go at following a set of instructions to make an origami boat. We have also read a story called 'My Strong Mind', which focusses on a girl who finds it challenging to believe that she can achieve her goals. Throughout the book, she gradually changes her mindset and realises that this helps her to develop a growth attitude, which helps her to achieve and remain resilient. We have now begun to write our own instructions for how to develop a strong mindset.

In PSHE this week, we have looked at sugar in food, where we looked at a variety of food items and the amount of sugar cubes contained in each item. Some foods seemed to be quite surprising, for an example a tin of baked beans contain almost as much sugar as a can of coca cola!

In P.E this week, we have begun our unit on rounders. On Tuesday this week, we also had our first tennis coaching session, which the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class



Welcome back fabulous foursies. I can't believe we are now in our last half term together.

This week, the class had their first two specialist PE sessions – tennis and cricket. The children enjoyed the lessons, and all participated fully to benefit from the opportunities.

In Art, they created pictures inspired by the Brazilian abstract artist Beatriz Milhazes.

We have been furiously practicing our timetables ahead of the national test next week. Please keep practising over the weekend, so we can showcase our fabulous knowledge.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Mistry

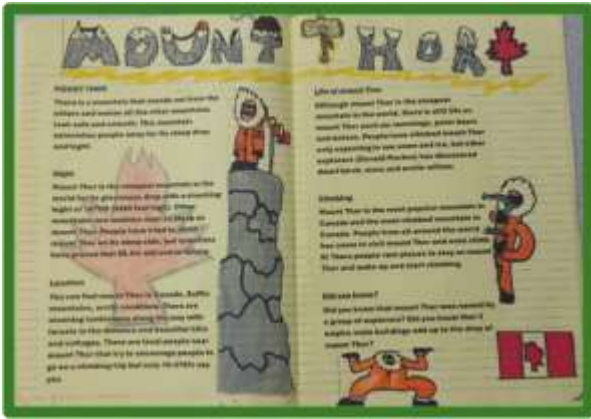
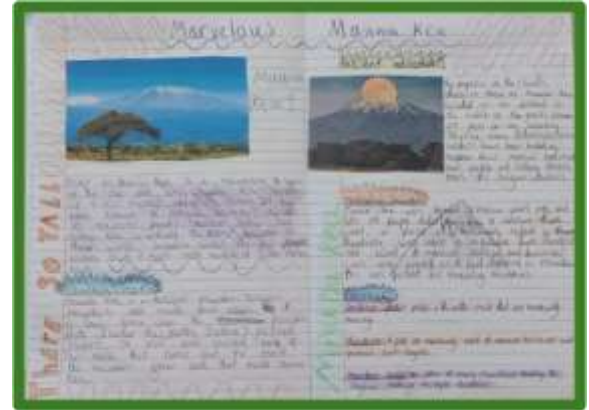




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Sanderling Class



What a great first week of our last half term in Year 5!
 The children have been busy, busy, busy!
 They finished their double page spreads on mountains, started and completed the unit on negative numbers in Maths and began work on the poem *The Malfeasance* in English by creating some eerie images of what they imagined when they heard the poem. They finished their Greek vases in art and we held auditions and our first rehearsal for the Year 5 and 6 performance of *The Greatest Show*. They also had their first cricket session, which will be their PE lesson every Thursday for the rest of term.

Amazing!
 Have a great weekend,
 Mrs Emmings, Mrs Allen and Miss Walpole



Avocet Class



There was a buzz of excitement in Year 6 this week, as auditions were held for our end of year play. They were of a particularly high standard and it was very difficult for Mrs Emmings and I to choose. We are looking forward to the next few weeks of rehearsals and the final production.

Please support your children in learning their lines and we will be in touch regarding costumes soon.

On Tuesday morning, Year 6 enjoyed their first tennis session with an external coaching team and luckily the weather was kind to us. They had the opportunity to practise some key skills when throwing and catching and progressed into some mini games using a racquet. On Thursday afternoon, Year 6 took part in their first cricket session. Unfortunately, due to poor weather this had to be inside, however the skills of throwing within cricket were still explored and enjoyed.

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford

