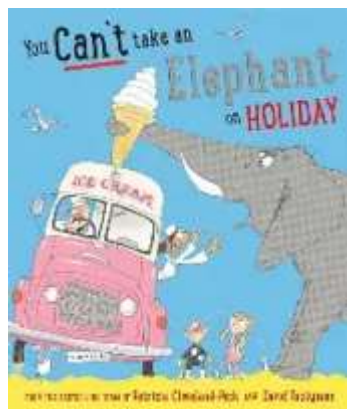


Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtles class we have been reading *Spot Goes on Holiday*, a lift the flap book. We discussed the pictures and learnt about water safety with the Tweenies. In the book illustrations there were several patterns so in our maths we explored patterns and on the creative table we had spots, stripes and other patterns to stick. In the tuff tray we had some shells and water and then later in the week we had blue and green rice to be like the sea and boats with people to use our imaginations with. Outside in the sandpit we have been trying to make sandcastles and talking about the difference between wet, damp and dry sand. Next week our book will be *Maise Goes Camping* and we will be talking about sharing. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess.



This week in Starfish class our story focus has been 'You can't take an elephant on holiday.'

We have been discussing our own experiences of travelling and going on holiday and have enjoyed sharing our experiences with each other. We looked closely at the different types of animals in the story, learning the names of some more unusual animals, such as Armadillo, Bison and Piranha. The children have been busy role-playing 'holidays'. They showed great imagination when using the large blocks to build beds for their babies at the "holiday house". We have enjoyed developing out fine motor skills as we used the pencils to colour ice creams and ice lollies at the mark making table and completing this term's look at me portraits.

Our story focus next week will be 'Topsy and Tim go camping'.

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 the book Sam and Dave Dig a Hole. Before reading the story, we looked at the front cover to see if it would give us any clues about what might happen. The children recognised that the picture showed us that the characters were 2 boys, who had a dog and a spade. They also stated that the words in the title gave us an indication of the plot. The story told us that Sam and Dave dug in different directions looking for something spectacular before falling down a hole. In the end Sam and Dave decided it was their adventure with each other which was spectacular.

In Literacy, the children have become Sam or Dave and have written about what spectacular items they would like to find if they were digging a hole.

We watched the animation of Alice in Wonderland falling down the rabbit hole to get a sense of how Sam and Dave may have felt and moved falling down the hole they had dug. The children came up with vocabulary such as shocked, angry, happy, brave, claustrophobic, floating, speedy, slow motion. The next day, we watched the film version of Alice falling down the rabbit hole and revisited words we could use to describe the emotions and movements.

In Maths, we have explored maps and mazes. We have looked at street maps, tourist attraction maps, an atlas and a treasure map to see what type of information they show us. We have discussed how to follow arrows to help with directions. Before using directional vocabulary to indicate how to travel certain routes. Using Google Earth, we have 'walked' from school to Asda, talking about the direction we have taken and the position of certain shops, road and street signs.

Throughout the week, the children have used diggers in shredded wheat to find treasure, made maps using the small world, played with the new Power Ranger and Superhero toys, made potions in the water tray and made gems and crowns on the mark-making table.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser, and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class

This week we have continued looking at the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children heard how the seagull stole Mr Grinling's lunch each day and thought of ways they could help Mr Grinling by designing a new method of protecting the lunch. We had some very interesting ideas such as putting a scarecrow on the lunchbox, putting a cat in with the lunch and using barbed wire to stop the seagulls.

In our maths lessons this week we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 100. The children have worked both practically and abstractly to demonstrate their understanding. It was lovely to see them drawing on skills they developed earlier in the year, using smaller numbers, and applying these skills in their work now.

Also, this week we have continued thinking about the world around us and how we can care for our planet. We talked about being helpful or being harmful and were able to discuss the difference we can make in caring for our world.



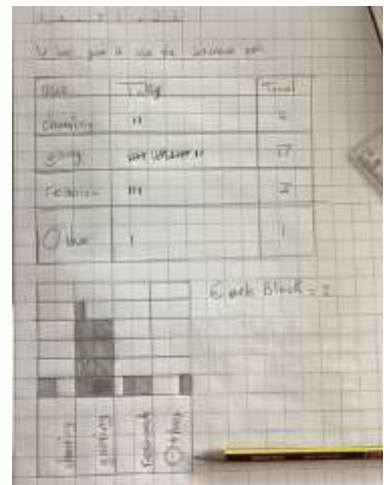
Seagull Class

What a brilliant week we have had in Year 2! In Maths, we have been busy learning all about data handling. The children have enjoyed conducting their own surveys and then using their findings to create bar graphs, block diagrams and pictograms. They worked so carefully to collect, organise and present their data clearly.

In English, we have been learning all about big cats. The children carried out their own research on a chosen big cat, ready to use their facts in their independent writing. I was so impressed with their enthusiasm, focus and fantastic research skills. We can't wait to see their finished pieces!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class

In maths this week, we have been continuing our unit on time. We have particularly focussed on telling the time on an analogue clock to one minute, as well as looking at time on a digital clock.

In geography this week, we began our unit on the rainforest. We looked at different types of forests, as well as which countries have rainforests. Then, atlases were used to locate the different countries, which were then used to place on a map.

In PSHE this week, we looked at the importance of staying active and how movement has a positive impact on our mental health.

On Tuesday, some of Heron class had the opportunity to compete in Borough sports. It was lovely to see their hard work, determination and resilience throughout the day. Well done to everybody who attended! The rest of the class had a lovely morning with Miss Eakins, where they completed a maths investigation, as well as a tennis coaching session.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class



It has been a fantastic week again in Year 4 (obviously!)

In PSHE, we continued our unit about caring for our world. We started our large-scale bottle top pictures. These will be finished next week. Watch this space for the final pictures.

This week was the National Times Tables tests for all year 4 pupils. Well done to all for the continued practice and hard work. You all did fantastically well, but please continue to practice if you don't feel confident, as times table knowledge benefits so many areas of maths.

I think it is rather obvious what everyone's highlight of the week was! Our science lesson proved a fabulously messy, manic and very practical way to demonstrate the human digestive system. The children worked in table groups to use household objects to demonstrate how this happens. Check out the school's Instagram account for more pictures.

Have a brilliant weekend, Fabulous Foursies.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Mistry



Sanderling Class

Year 5 have had another busy week. In Maths, they have started their unit on conversions and in English they have continued with their work on the poem *Malfeasance*. They have started their new history topic on the Ancient Greeks, learned about the lifecycle of mammals in science, created so mazes in art and learnt about the Shahada in RE. Rain did not stop play and the children had their second session of cricket in the covered area of the playground. What an amazing week!

Have a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Emmings, Mrs Allen and Miss Walpole.



Avocet Class

This week, Year 6 have been busy with rehearsals and learning the songs for our production. They have also begun creating posters and tickets linked to the theme. In English, they have written their final independent write based on the Alma animation and used all the skills of creating imagery within their writing that we have been learning over the past few weeks.

They have continued with their tennis and cricket coaching sessions, as well as beginning their swimming course. Added to that some children attended the Borough Sports too, so all in all a very active week.

On Wednesday, we took part in an online session with Mr Dilly who introduced us to a selection of famous children's authors. They read extracts from their books and answered questions.

In Maths, we begun to learn how to use a compass to draw a variety of circles. Some people found this very challenging!

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford

