

Turtle and Starfish Class



Wow! What a busy week Turtles have had. We have been reading Peppa Pig Sports day and we practiced our running downstairs on the big field. Then on Wednesday we had SECAT Cultural day when we learnt that there are other countries. Some of those are hotter than England and some of them are colder. We had lots of activities to explore across both Starfish and Turtles class, with the children being able to access both classrooms freely for the afternoon. This was a good experience for all those children who will be moving on to Starfish class in September. On Thursday we had our first ever school sports day and we took part in fun physical activities with parents and then enjoyed running races with our friends. Thank you for joining us.

Next week our book will be Ten Little Pirates. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess



This week, our story has been **Sports Day**, which inspired lots of conversations about the children's favourite sports, including tennis, football, running and swimming.

On **Culture Day**, the nursery classes came together in the afternoon to explore activities across both classrooms. The children learned about hot and cold climates through a range of experiences, including dressing for cold weather, creating colourful sun catchers, exploring an icy tuff tray and using hot and spicy scented playdough.



For our own **Sports Day**, the children took part in a variety of physical activities using different equipment before finishing with a

flat race. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in, trying their best and cheering each other on.

Next week, our story will be **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. Well done, Starfish Class, on such a busy week!
Mrs Attard, Mrs Brant, Mrs Bowser and Ms Burgess



Seahorse



Seahorse Class has had an extremely busy week. We began the week by exploring Sports Day. We listened to 'I Really Want to Win.' This story is about a girl who thinks she is going to win every race and activity she enters. However, she soon realises that there are other children who can beat her. At the end of the story, she wins a trophy for trying her hardest.

As we spoke about competing, we explored sportsmanship. We discussed how taking part in Sports Day should be fun, and that we should be proud of ourselves if we try our hardest. We spoke how it was ok to feel disappointed or sad, but we should try and think about how we enjoyed ourselves and be happy for our friends.

We talked through the events we would take part in at Sports Day and how their parents and other family members may come to see them compete.

On Wednesday the children took part in Culture Day. We learnt about Poland, France and India. The children made a mermaid's tail inspired by The Mermaid of Warsaw, painted using cotton buds in the style of Georges Seurat, a pointillism artist and chalked rangoli patterns based on Diwali.

On Thursday we took part in Sports Day, although some children found seeing their parents and taking part in the activities a little overwhelming, they all persevered and enjoyed cheering their friends and House Team mates on. All the children loved having a picnic with their adults and chatted about their experience that afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

In the afternoon, we extended Culture Day and learnt about some Slovakian food, kindly donated by Joey and family. It was very tasty!

On Friday the children met their new teacher, Mrs Oakley and spent time in the Year 1 classroom for transition morning.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class

What a busy week it has been! The children thoroughly enjoyed Culture Day on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see the variety of clothes the children were wearing and to hear them talking about the culture of their family. They all looked fabulous. Thank you for the effort! During the day the children created their own passports and 'visited' 4 different places, learning something about the culture of each one. First stop was France where we discovered the technique of Pointilism created by the artist Seurat. The children made some wonderful art in a similar style. Next we travelled to India. The children recapped the story of Rama and Sita and then created their own interpretations of Rangoli patterns. Next we travelled to Poland, where the children found out about the 'Mermaid of Warsaw'. The children used clay to sculpt their own mermaid tails. Our last stop of the day was Romania. We took a closer look at some Horezu pottery, having a try at creating our own similar designs.



Yesterday we had fun in the sun for sports day. I am sure you will all agree that the children were fantastic, both in taking part so enthusiastically and in showing lovely sportsmanship and cheering on their friends.



Today, the children spent the morning in their new class, meeting their new teacher. There were some nerves but by lunchtime the children were 'buzzing' with excitement and telling us all about the fun they had had with Mrs O'Donnell.



What a fabulous week!



Seagull Class

Wow, what a busy and exciting week we have had in Year 2!

The children had a fabulous time learning about different countries as part of Culture Day. It was lovely to see so many brilliant outfits and the children really enjoyed finding out about different cultures, traditions and places around the world.

We also had our fantastic Sports Day this week! The children worked incredibly hard and showed great enthusiasm as they took part in the different activities. It was wonderful to see them cheering each other on, trying their best and having lots of fun along the way.

Well done, Year 2, for another brilliant week!

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy.



Heron Class

We have certainly had a very busy week of learning and fun!

In English, we have started our final unit, which is based on the story 'The Black Rock'.

In maths, we have been focussing on right angles, acute and obtuse angles, horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines!

In geography this week, Heron class carried out a research task on animals that live in the rainforest. They researched which layer of the rainforest they live in, as well as other key facts which help them to survive in rainforest climate.

We also had a lovely day on Wednesday celebrating culture day. It was lovely to see so many countries represented and thank you to all those who brought something in to share with the class. Heron class enjoyed learning about different cultures. They took part in four lessons on the day and explored Croatia, Egypt, Sweden and Romania.

On Thursday, we had a lovely afternoon taking part in sports day, as well as the fabulous picnic lunch. It was lovely to see all their hard work, team spirit and sportsmanship on the day.

Everybody worked so hard!

Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class

Well then, it's been rather an eventful week hasn't it!

On Monday, in art, the children looked at Damien Hirst's ambitious Kaleidoscope paintings. Then, they created their own images on the iPads and also started ones on paper plates using sticky dots.

On Tuesday, in science, we continued thinking about the impact humans have on the world around them. This week, we learnt about deforestation. We will be continuing this next week.

On Wednesday, it was Culture day. All the children looked fantastic in their clothes to reflect their own cultures and some brought items to show the class or had facts prepared to share with them. During the day, each KS2 teacher spent time with each class. The children learnt about Romania, Croatia, Sweden and Egypt and creatively represented each one in a variety of ways.

Thursday was sports day. Well done to all the class for trying their hardest in all events and also for displaying great sportsmanship to each other.

Lastly, Friday was transition day, and all children spent the morning in their new classes. Sadly, I will not be with these gorgeous people for a third year, but Mrs Emmings is extremely excited about inheriting them and they all had a fantastic morning together.

I did say it had been a busy one didn't I!

Have a lovely, restful weekend fabulous foursies – and **COME ON ENGLAND!**



Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Mistry



Sanderling Class

It's been a crazy week this week with Culture Day (we learnt about Sweden, Romania, Egypt and Croatia), Sports Day and Transition, but the Sanderlings have taken it all in their stride. A little off our usual timetable, but lots of fun along the way. The children have been learning about volume in Maths and started a unit on Ancient Athens in English.

Have a restful weekend,
Mrs Emmings, Mrs Allen and Miss Walpole.



Avocet Class

On Monday, the Head of Geography from Shoeburyness High School came to work with Year 6. They recapped the features of rivers and impressed her with their knowledge. To finish they created a model of a drainage basin and labelled the key parts.

On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in Culture Day with the rest of the school. They enjoyed exploring Egypt, Croatia, Romania and Sweden. As an extra bonus some children in the class brought in snacks from their own culture including; Welsh cakes, scones and Slovakian treats. A huge thank you to everyone for your efforts with outfits and food.

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford

