



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2021



Blue Class

Blue Class have been painting in art this half term. They found out about the artist Jackson Pollock and had great fun creating drip and splatter paintings in his style. We have also been learning about high and low pitch in music and have been learning to play the xylophone. We even had a concert for each other this week!



Red Class

This half term in Red Class we have looked at the big books 'Dear Zoo', 'Old MacDonald' and 'Who's in the Shed?' We have enjoyed completing lots of different activities around these stories. In cooking we have been focussing on peeling and grating, and made a variety of animals from peeled fruit. In Art we painted our favourite farm animals and painted boxes to make sheds for the animals. We have also focused on life skills such as washing up, crossing the road safely and hanging up washing.



Yellow Class

This term our topic has been "Animals" so we have shared a series of different big books all about animals – "I Love Animals" was all about farm animals, "Polar Bear, Polar Bear" was all about animals at the Zoo, "We All Went on Safari" was about African animals and also taught us how to count to 10 in Swahili and finally "Grandfather Bear is Hungry" was all about animals that hibernate. In Maths we have been learning addition and subtraction and started to learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also worked on naming and sorting shapes by different criteria. In Cookery we have been working on the skills of peeling and mashing and made sausage and mashed potato this week. We have also made egg sandwiches and a banana loaf. In Music we have learnt about high, middle and low sounds and have played tuned instruments. We have luckily been able to have our first trip this week where we could actually get off the minibus, although we did drive to look at the bluebells in Hitchin wood earlier this month. We fed the swans and the ducks and also saw some ducklings at Radwell and then we had a play in the meadows and the sun shone on us! Let's hope for better weather next term when we will be learning all about Water.



Green Class

Our topic this half term is Animals and the big books we've read are: *I Love Animals*; *Polar Bear, Polar Bear*, *What Do You Hear?* and *We All Went on Safari*. We also listened to an oral storytelling of *Grandfather Bear is Hungry* and role-played scenes from the story. We wrote sentences about animals and labelled pictures with animal names. In Understanding the World we recognised similarities and differences between animals and their habitats, and we laid track traps in the environment area to look for signs of animals – we found bird and rabbit tracks! In Maths we continued and devised repeating patterns as well as working on doubling, halving and sharing. We even tried counting to 10 in Swahili! In Art we used the techniques of painting, printing and collage to make different pictures of animals. Look at our safari silhouette pictures!



Diamond Class



This half term in Diamond class we have been learning about Giants. The children have really enjoyed learning about the world's tallest man and we measured each other in our class and found the tallest person and shortest person, the children also estimated how tall the tallest man would be in our classroom. In literacy the children wrote a shopping list for the giant and thought about what new clothing he would need after he gave all of his old clothing to the animals in the story of 'The smartest giant in town'. In understanding of the world the children learnt about giant bridges around the world and then went to create their own giant bridges for the animals in the environment area, the children really enjoyed finding different materials to use to build their bridges.



Star Class

This half term we have been learning about all things big in our topic about giants. We had to become detectives in Maths to work out who had stolen Jack's harp. We did this by testing our measuring skills to work out which giant left the biggest footprint in our classroom. All the children did a great job and were all able to work out that the blue giant was the culprit! We have really enjoyed growing our own bean plants this half term and have filled in a bean diary to show how our beans have changed each week. The plants will come home before half term so they can continue to look after them at home. In RE we learnt about Eid and Ramadan, we created decorations and hung them in the classroom, and designed our own Mendhi patterns. For PSHE we have been talking about our families and learning about how everyone's families are different, we drew pictures to show who is in our family and thought about what makes them special.



Triangle Class

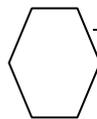
In Triangle Class we have been learning about Noah's ark in RE. We have been listening to and taking part in a sensory story and have sequenced pictures from the story. We had great fun singing the animals went in two by two and pretending to move like the different animals. We enjoyed making Noah's ark in cooking using a banana and animal biscuits.



Cube Class

In Cube Class the children have been practising their life skills. All the children have really enjoyed making lots of different types of sandwiches and eating them. All the children are really gaining in confidence using their knife skills.

The children have been working very hard on their number formation and number recognition. They really enjoyed practising writing their numbers in different coloured paint.



Hexagon Class



We have been looking at 'Space' for our topic this half term. We have enjoyed looking at books about space and stories involving aliens. We have written our own 'Blast off' poems. We have read the adventure story 'Whatever next?' and 'Dr Xargle's book of Eathlets'. We have written our own explanations about how to make a rocket. In science we have conducted experiments with a focus on predicting the results. We have looked at gravity and impact when making our own craters. We loved making and launching rockets made using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. We have learnt about the famous astronauts Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake and we have done a presentation about the facts we have learnt. In cooking we have made recipes relating to space. We have made melon, strawberry and marshmallow rockets, Yorkshire pudding craters, green smoothie alien drink and sherbet space dust. In design and technology and art we have made paper plate and egg box space ships, rocket jet packs and we have made pictures in the style of Vincent van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' and a moon surface made out of clay. In RE we have been looking at parables.



Cone Class



During our first full half term back since returning from lockdown the children in Cone Class have been enjoying 10 in the bed by Penny Dale. The children have engaged in a range of activities; role playing 10 in the bed and falling out, sequencing our own bedtime routines, washing the babies and putting them to bed, describing different characters and counting out different characters to name just a few of the amazing activities we have done in class. We have had 2 RE days this half term where we have managed to be very lucky and get out on the minibus. I was extremely proud of all the children after we had spent some of the morning creating our own Sikh flags and then the children immediately identified the flag as we pulled up outside a Gurdwara in Hitchin.



Sphere Class

In Sphere Class this term our topic has been 'Under the Sea' and the children have enjoyed art and craft activities as well as making their own helicopter stories. Each child had the opportunity to create their own story about their favourite sea creature. There was a variety of sea creatures for them to choose from and after the teacher modelled how to make up a story, they all had a turn to narrate their ideas. An adult then scribed it for them. After this they chose their friends in the class to play the different parts in the story and they all acted it out and the adults filmed it. We also made jelly fish in a bottle.



Pyramid Class



This term we have been looking into Space – the children have loved exploring space and finding out more about the planets and how humans have explored space. We have learned about the space race and famous astronauts from Neil Armstrong to our very own Tim Peake. We have watched a moon landing, created our own moon's surface and even designed, built and attempted to send our own rockets into the stratosphere. We used Vinegar and Bicarbonate of Soda as our fuel, this proved to be much more explosive than Coke and Mentos. The children have also had great fun creating rocket skewers and tasty, healthy rocket wraps in our topic based cooking lessons! Keep an eye out for our extraterrestrial friends which we created in D&T, who knows where they will end up!