



Curriculum Newsletter

1st half of Autumn 2021

Blue Class

In Blue Class we have been learning about Ourselves and our families. We have been working on sharing and playing together in class. Some of the children worked well together to make a bridge in the playground. In cookery we have learnt about using knives to cut and spread. We have made sandwiches, salad wraps, roasted vegetables, toast and spread icing onto cakes. We have enjoyed our trips out to the supermarket, pet shop, farm and park. We liked buying strawberries and cakes from the shop to eat at snack time.



Red Class

This half term we have been settling in to Red Class and learning the rules and routines. We have been focussing on the big book 'You Choose', and focussing on foods we like, pets we want and family. In Art we have drawn pictures of important people in our lives and in ICT we have been using 2Simple Paint to draw self portraits. In Cooking we have been focussing on spreading and cutting. We have made sandwiches, toast, vegetable bake and fruit salads. This half term we have especially enjoyed going on trips. We have been to the park with Blue Class, Tesco to buy ingredients for sandwiches, and the Pet Shop to look at the different pets and learn about how to look after them.



Yellow Class

In Yellow Class our topic has been Superheroes. We dressed up for our lesson introduction to the topic, we posed as Superheroes. As a class our favourite superheroes are Spiderman and Wonderwoman! We have been completing work with this theme in mind. In cookery we made cakes based on the Incredible Hulk. We also made superhero biscuits. In literacy, we wrote a character profile, we chose a character and described their appearance, their hero ability and drew their picture. For our Art work, we made a superhero mask. We planned these, choosing what resources we would need and what design we would do. We then made the mask, after this process, we evaluated and decided what we could do better and what we liked about our final product.





Triangle Class

During the first half of autumn half term Triangle Class have been working on activities linked to our book 'Giraffes can't dance'. The children really enjoyed dancing like Gerald from the story in our Literacy lessons and then making a visual sentence and practised their mark making and letter formations to say how their peers danced and if they liked their dances. In art we have used a variety of different materials to create different effects and made different animals from the story, the children particularly enjoyed using their hand prints to make Giraffes.



Cone Class

In Cone Class we have been looking at 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. We have been exploring how different animals feel when people are being kind and unkind. We have complimented each other on our amazing dancing and created a list of all the different things we need to take for a party. We managed to squeeze in a visit to Standalone Farm before they closed for winter. On a Wednesday we have been making a day out of our cookery lesson: we have been creating shopping lists, going shopping to local supermarkets and then cooking and eating all of our delicious food back in the classroom.





Cube Class

In Cube Class this half term the children's topic has been 'All About Me'. We have been studying our own faces, drawing them and talking about how we feel and our emotions in PSED lessons. We have been exploring our own families, naming the members of our family including pets. In RE we have been learning about Christians, comparing church buildings and we also made stained glass windows. In life skills we have been practising we spreading skills.



Sphere Class

Welcome to Sphere Class. We have been really busy since starting back in September.

We had a RE day which focused on Christianity. During the day we found out that the Bible is the religious book that is special to Christians and there are stories about Jesus. We listened to the Creation story – it was interesting that it took God 6 days to create the world and then he rested on the 7th day! We then used props to retell the story. We went for a trip in the mini-bus to look for churches in Letchworth. We found 9 churches! We also had lots of fun using tissue paper to make stained glass windows.



Diamond Class

This half term in maths we sorted and classified 2D and 3D shapes. In English we read fairy tales and myths, and we wrote sentences about our favourite mythical creatures and what we enjoy doing at school. In Understanding the World we created and followed maps and used the words *near*, *far*, *left* and *right* to give directions. We also used thermometers to test if a big bowl or a small bowl of porridge cools quickest. We spent a lot of time in the environment area hunting for treasure, walking Beau the school dog and picking blackberries to make ink. In PE we practised ball skills and we finally got to go swimming after such a long time away from the pool!





Star Class

The topic in Star Class this half term has been Fairytales and Mythical Creatures. We have read and made up stories about dragons, fairies, unicorns, the Lambton Worm and many fairy tale characters. In Art we have been using different materials in order to create drawings, paintings, collages and a castle model out of recycled materials. In Music we have been practising moving and playing in time to the pulse. In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction, the use of number lines, counting in 2s, shapes and classification. Each day we have a focused time for handwriting practice. The children have been practising their whisking, cutting and rolling skills in cooking and had the opportunity to try something new when they made pumpkin soup. On our RE day we were learning about how and why people give to charity and heard the story of Mother Teresa. They roleplayed some of the ways people might give to charity by setting up a charity shop, a food bank and making jewellery and cards to be sold on a stall to raise money for a charity.



Hexagon Class

In Hexagon Class our topic this half term has been Films, where we have discovered how films are made and learnt about the history of film. We have enjoyed watching Monsters Inc. and Moana and have used these films to inspire us to write descriptive sentences about the characters and create our own monster stories. We have been cooking a range of film-themed recipes, including Alice in Wonderland cookies, Ratatouille, mini pizzas and popcorn to enjoy with a film. We have developed our cutting skills, learning to be safe when cutting vegetables with sharp knives and have increased our understanding about the main food groups. Our Science work has involved exploring light and shadow and our Art work has focused on film, where we have created flickbooks to show basic animation, sculptures to be used as part of stop-motion animation and movie posters. We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic!



Pyramid Class



This term the children have enjoyed getting used to the routines of Pyramid Class. The children have been working hard with a focus of film. We have been looking at Monsters Inc and the children have completed reviews, character descriptions and even made up their own stories. We completed debates about who made the first motion picture camera and explored the history of super heroes finding out that Superman was one of the very first created. The children have enjoyed making different dishes from films; we made delicious ratatouille which was sampled by Mrs Hall and we have made pizzas from Toy Story's Pizza Planet – Mr P even popped down to review some of our work! Next we will be looking at the film Moana.