



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2022

Blue Class

This term in Blue Class our topic has been "Around the world". We have read the books Handa's Surprise, We All Went on Safari and This is the Way We Go to School. We have learnt about different animals and healthy foods. We have made some yummy kebabs in cooking and have painted some pictures of fruit and made our own Masaai necklaces in art. We also have learnt how to play the Djembe drum in music.



Red Class

In Red Class our topic this half term is 'Around the World'. We have enjoyed reading the stories 'Handa's Surprise' and 'We're all going on Safari'. We have been on walks around the environment area to find hidden wild animals that were in our story. In Maths we have counted animals and enjoyed weighing different fruits to see which were heavy and light. In our Music lessons we have explored the topic of duration using a variety of instruments, including djembe drums. We have especially enjoyed trying the different fruits from the story 'Handa's Surprise', our favourite fruits were pineapple and oranges!



Yellow Class

In Yellow Class this term, we have been learning about Dinosaurs! The books we have studied have included 'Dinosaur roar', 'Harry and the bucket full of dinosaurs' and 'Dinosaur bones'. The children began this exciting topic by choosing what they wanted to learn about. Amongst some of their wonderful ideas, we have learnt about dino digging. We had to break free some dinosaurs that were stuck in the ice- the children had lots of fun doing this. They showed determination and commitment throughout the activity and rescued them all. In our sensory lesson, we made some fossils from salt dough. We also made Dinosaur puppets and we still plan to make a historical time line. We have been completing dinosaur related literacy and mathematical lessons. The children have writing sentences about our big books and they have also been learning about ordinal numbers- ordering dinosaurs from first to last. We also got to spend the Christmas Bazaar money that we earned and the children got to shop through Amazon and make their suggestions.





Triangle Class

This half term our focus book was 'Postman Bear'. The children completed lots of activities linked to the different characters from the story, they really enjoyed our trip to the pond to see if we could find Mole's house!

In cooking we have been focusing on our scooping skills. The children made a boat for mole from our story and practised the skill of scooping by using a spoon to scoop the mixture into different fruits to create a boat.



Cone Class

Cone Class has been looking at 'Postman Bear' by Julia Donaldson. We have focussed a lot of our Literacy work around this. In the story it is Bear's birthday at the end, so in class we have made party invitations, birthday cards, created envelopes with stamps on them, wrote shopping lists and been shopping for some bits and pieces all in preparation for our very own Gary Bearlow's birthday party. The children loved having a mini classroom party for Gary, particularly when we played hide and seek and Gary had to find us all!





Cube Class

In Cube Class our topic for this term is 'Our World'. The class have been learning about our world through big book themes, which we link to all learning opportunities. The children have looked at maps and atlases to locate land and sea. They looked at the capital of England and where they live, as well as making world shaped biscuits which they decorated with blue icing for sea and piped green shapes to represent different countries. They have been practising crossing the road safely in life skills and learning about christenings and weddings as part of the Christian faith in religious studies.



Sphere Class

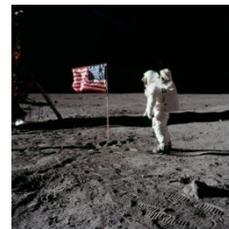
We have been looking at 'My World' for our topic this half term. We have enjoyed looking in detail at the books 'Snail and the Whale' and 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt' and we will be covering the traditional tale from Kenya 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' in the last week. We have talked about the characters and the setting for each story. We have written letters, notices and lists relating to the stories. We have retold the stories and made up our own versions. We made bear and world shaped biscuits in cooking and created a cave for a bear using clay in art.

We have looked at a globe, atlas and used Google earth to explore our world in geography. We have talked about the capitals of countries and how would you travel around London. We have travelled in the mini bus around the local area looking at different building and transport. In life skills we have practiced crossing a road safely. In computing the children have learnt about online safety. We have made good use of the mostly fine weather that we have had and explored our fabulous environment area as much as possible. We have made bird feeders which the birds have really enjoyed. The children were delighted to have



Diamond Class

This half term in maths we used mathematical vocabulary such as big, small, long, short, full and empty. We also worked on finding the one that was different in a group, doubling and repeating patterns. In English we read fiction books about space. We wrote lists of what we would take to the moon and a letter asking for help because we were stuck on the moon! In Understanding the World we read astronaut Chris Hadfield's book, 'The Darkest Dark', about the Apollo 11 moon landing. We sequenced events in the Apollo 11 moon landing and sorted pictures of space travel from then and now. We also tested which materials would be best for protecting an egg astronaut. In PE we practised net and ball skills and we went swimming.



Star Class

This half term the topic in Star Class has been Space. We have been finding out about astronauts, space travel through history, the moon and the planets. The children really enjoyed role playing in our space centre and pretending to be astronauts walking on the moon. We have listened to different songs about space and have been listening to extracts from Holst's The Planets. In Art we have been learning about how to mix colours and experimenting with different colours in order to create our art work. In RE we have been comparing how different people celebrate New Year focusing on celebrations in the UK, Chinese New Year and the Sikh New Year festival of Vaisakhi. In Life Skills we have been focusing on Personal Care skills and in PSHE how to keep ourselves safe. In PE we have been learning how to do different rolls, move and climb on the equipment and jump off safely.



Hexagon Class

Our topic this half term in Hexagon Class has been Machines and Transport. We have learned about the purpose of machines and six examples of basic machine: lever, wedge, screw, inclined plane, pulley and wheel and axle, including practical examples of these in everyday life. We produced a simple pulley system to lift some toy animals using cotton reels, pencils, string and plastic cups. Science lessons and Understanding of the World has focused on Forces and Motion and the history of transport. In English, we have enjoyed reading the story, 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' by Katie Haworth and creating our own transport stories based around the book. We have been very interested in our topic!



Pyramid Class

This term the children have been finding out about transport and machines. They have been reading all about Emma Jane's Aeroplane and how she travelled the world picking up different animals – we are about to read and learn about Mrs Armitage on wheels. The children have also been researching their favourite modes of transport and have used this when writing their own stories. We have been exploring old and new machines and the children have also used some of our building equipment to create their own 'moving part' machines in DT. We thoroughly enjoyed going to explore some aeroplanes on our trip to the Duxford IWM Museum!

