



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023



Blue Class

This half term we have been learning about the weather and seasons. We have enjoyed being outdoors and looking at the different weathers. In cookery we have been learning about using rolling pins and cutters to make weather shaped scones, sandwiches and fruit loaf. We also painted rainbow bread! We have been learning about measurements for Maths Supplementary. In Literacy we have learnt about making sentences about a picture using symbols. We have been learning about cleaning our teeth and washing our faces in our life skills lessons. Our favourite part of the half term has been celebrating Holi and Easter.

Red Class

In Spring 1 our topic was Toys. We looked at old and new toys, and explored the different types of toys people play with. We created a Toy Museum in the school and explored different toys, including new games consoles and older puzzles. In Literacy we have been concentrating on labelling. We labelled different toys and then enjoyed using cars and rolling them through paint to mark make. In Maths Supplementary we looked at sequencing, where we completed a variety of activities over the half term including sequencing the school day, finishing colour sequences, and joining in sequences of actions in songs. Our favourite part of the half term has been our trips to the park, where we got to play on all the equipment!



Yellow Class

In the Spring term Yellow Class have been learning about the weather. They have been learning about types of weather, such as rain, sun and snow. They have acted them out and created pieces art work. They also explored weather through cooking, such as rainbow toast. The children took part in an RE day where they looked at the Hindu festival of 'Holi'. They danced and even threw paint at each which is part of the colour festival celebrations. The children have also experienced the gymnastics apparatus for the first time; they really enjoyed exploring how to travel across beams and jumping off the standing benches and crawling through the tunnel.

Purple Class

This term we have been learning about colours. We have read the book Pink is for boys, Elmer and The Rainbow Fish. In art we have used paint to learn about primary colours and how to make secondary colours. In cooking we have made different kebabs using fruit, vegetables and cakes linking in with our maths topic of pattern and have made jelly to explore how things change from a liquid to solid. We have been on a few trips and really enjoyed going to look at the fish. We have enjoyed improving our racket skills in PE and have created some lovely pictures on the computers in ICT.

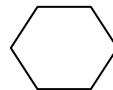


Green Class

This term in Green Class we have been learning about life cycles. We began our topic with the focus on a chicken's life cycle. We studied the book 'Dora's eggs'. We used symbols to help us structure a sentence to describe a picture from the story. In cookery, we were able to link our food creations to this particular big book, making scrambled eggs and pancakes to commemorate pancake day. The children advanced their whisking skills in these lessons, and we had fun cracking eggs. We looked at different life cycles, including the frog life cycle and explored sensory frogspawn. We frequently visited the environment area pond to look for signs of frogs and frogspawn!

Star Class

The theme in Star Class last half term was Brilliant Britain. We were learning about the different countries that make up Great Britain and their capital cities. In History we enjoyed recreating the story of Robert the Bruce using role play. We learnt to sing some British folk songs and listened to some famous songs by British musicians. In DT we found out about some of Britain's famous inventors and looked at what they had designed. We then worked on a project to design and make a container which could keep food or drinks cold. In cooking we made food which came from different parts of Britain including potato cakes from Northern Ireland and Welsh rarebit. In PE we were practising using a bat and ball and working on developing our skills so that we could hit a ball over the net to a partner. In RE we were finding out about how Hindus celebrate the festival of colour Holi. In Maths we were creating patterns using colour and shape and in Music we composed loud and quiet sound patterns. We started to learn how we can write down symbols to represent loud and quiet sounds when we are creating our own Music. In ICT we were learning about being safe online and what to do if we are worried about anything we see online.



Hexagon Class

This half term we have been doing lots of different trips and learning such as joining in yoga, visiting Fairlands Valley park, learning how to cycle and introducing new life to our classrooms after collecting some frogspawn which are developing as we look at our topic this half term of 'Let it grow'. For our RE day we looked at Easter, we had a small informative service from St. Paul's and lit a candle to show new light which was a focus in the Easter story.



Pyramid Class

This term Pyramid have been focussing on our topic 'Let it Grow' – we have been exploring planting and we are currently observing the process of seed growth over time in the classroom. We have worked on books based on different vegetables and have recently focused on a book where a boy grew his own forest in India, linking our cultural diversity week with our topic. This term we have also took a deep dive into 'Stick Man' because, as part of World Book Day, the children were creating 3d models of the character and describing him. Wwe also created a new and improved front cover for the book. The children have cooked using seasonal fruit and vegetables and also explored dishes from a variety of cultures within the class. The apple pie was delicious and received high praise from a range of staff members! We hope to explore more in our community and visit allotments to learn more about the process of planting, feeding, watering and harvesting seasonal foods.



Triangle Class

In Spring term our focus book was 'Ten in the Bed' the children worked really hard to learn lots of new signs of the different animal characters from the story.

The children really enjoyed our sensory story sessions, identifying each character and 'throwing' the soft toy out of the 'bed' at the correct time in the story. They also enjoyed acting out the story in our literacy helicopter story session, using the props to re-tell the story.

In cooking we have been working on our grating skills, the children grated lemon onto iced cakes and we had a tea party in snack and enjoyed eating the cakes!



Cone Class

In Cone Class we have LOVED our last topic book of "Ten in the bed" by Penny Dale, the children particularly enjoyed sensory story time where we all had a different character and threw them on the floor to represent them falling out of bed. We have explored animal noises, movements and described each. We have linked all learning around our topic book and created fantastic artwork both with paints and using the computer. All of the children love going out on our weekly minibus trip and they were so well behaved at St Mary's Church that we were invited back for a group tour. We are all very excited to revisit the Church and Gurdwara this half term!



Sphere Class

In Spring Term 1 Sphere Class based their work around the topic 'New Life'. We looked at naming different animals and their young, as well as learning about the lifecycles of plants. We enjoyed looking at the stories of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Tiny Seed, both written by Eric Carle. We based our writing on both of these books and worked on making predictions about what might happen next in each story. In Maths we were working on developing our knowledge of pattern alongside continuing to work on individual Targets. The children spent time planting their own sunflower seeds which are still growing nice and tall at home. It was fantastic to see the children thinking about what they need to do to care for their plants. In PE we were working on our sending and receiving skills using a bat or racket. It was brilliant to see how confident the children became to have a rally over a net using a tennis ball and racket. In Spring Term 2 we have been working on looking at homes and houses. The children have enjoyed hearing about how houses have changed over time and comparing their house now to a house from over 100 years ago. They decided they preferred having their toilet inside their house! The children have enjoyed spending time looking at the book 'Our House' by Michael Rosen. They continued using their writing skills to make predictions about what was going to happen next in the story. We have also celebrated cultural diversity week and it was lovely to have the children sharing their own traditions and faiths from home. We looked at the Books 'Hats of Faith' and 'All are Welcome'. The children spent time looking at different languages, different special clothes and even homes around the world.



Cube Class

During the first half of the spring term, our topic was new life, animals and changes. This half term we are focusing on homes and buildings. Our focus books this half term are: 'This is our house' written by Michael Rosen and 'If I Built a School' written by Chris Van Dusen. The children enjoyed listening to the stories and using them as a basis for their writing. The children have been to the park to look for signs of Spring. We have found snowdrops, buds on trees and daffodils. We also went to the garden centre to buy seeds to plant our own flowers. Cube Class had a great time at the park and the children have been developing their confidence, climbing and social skills. They are now sharing the equipment more successfully and are encouraging each other to keep trying. Some of them are being supportive to those who are a bit worried about doing something for the first time. Cube Class have also enjoyed visiting Tesco to buy ingredients for cooking. They can follow their list and identify objects on the shelves.

