



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 24

Blue Class



This half term in Blue we have been focussing on the topic Nursery rhymes with a main focus on Humpty dumpty and Hickory dickory dock. We have had lots of messy fun with eggs in attention bucket, we even did some egg roulette games. In PE we focussed on bat and ball skills, with a little fielding too! The children practised skills ranging from rolling balls to hitting balls with the bat with some good strength!

Most recently we have learnt about the bear hunt story. Blue class have enjoyed listening to the story and watching it on the interactive whiteboard. Again, more messy fun in bucket with snow storms being made by Emma and Vicky. In maths the children have been learning all about pattern, some of the children have begun making some simple AB style patterns and some have been learning about daily routines. The children have had lots of outdoor fun as usual, using water, climbing, playing with the sand and mud kitchen. We hope the nice weather will continue!

Red Class

Red class have been learning the nursery rhymes Hickory Dickory Dock and Humpty Dumpty. We have been making some collage pictures in art and have been working on making repeating patterns in maths. We had a fab trip to the farm to see the animals. We have had Yoga Jane visit us and have really enjoyed the sensory sessions.



Yellow Class

In Yellow class this summer term the children have been learning about nursery rhymes. They have been really engaged with this topic and all the children got something out of it. They sang the rhymes, made IVC sentences and sequenced them. Their favourites were Humpty Dumpy and Hickory Dickory Dock.

Over the terms since we started in the autumn the children have enjoyed different yoga videos in the afternoons. They have improved their yoga poses and all the children enjoy trying the various movements.



Green Class



This term, Green Class have been enjoying our 'Traditional Tales' topic. We have spent time telling our own stories to our friends and we have role played stories that we have read, using masks and props. After reading Three Billy Goats Gruff, Green Class visited a local garden center to visit some goats.

We have had lots of fun in Play and Learn this half term. During the time we spent reading Jack and the Beanstalk, we made marks in baked beans (not for the faint hearted), explored filling and emptying containers with dried beans and enjoyed jelly beans for snack.

We are now looking forward to our new topic all about 'Journeys'.

Purple Class

This half term in Purple Class, we have been learning about traditional tales. Our big books have been 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The class really enjoyed acting out the stories using puppets and characters, as well as retelling the stories using pictures. All our learning has been based around these books; we painted pictures of the characters in Art, created the houses and beanstalk on 2Simple in Computing, and made porridge in Cooking. Our favourite part of the topic was our trip to Standalone Farm, where we got to see the animals and look at how they are cared for!



Triangle Class

Triangle class thoroughly enjoyed their class book, 'Room on the Broom,' especially engaging in a sensory story, meeting the different animals and stirring the witch's potion to make a new broom! The class produced fantastic, spooky artwork attaching different materials to create models, such as their own hats and broomsticks. In literacy, the children described the different characters, exploring different adjectives. We focused on keeping ourselves safe in PSED, recognising who we can trust and how to ask for help. The children all made great progress in cooking this half term, practicing mixing with a spoon. Some of our class trips included visiting a pet shop, taking turns on different equipment at the park, buying ingredients for cooking and exploring a local church.



Cone Class



Last half term we looked at Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. All of the children loved listening and acting the story out, tapping their broomsticks and flying off into the sky. The children particularly loved the scary monster and shouting "BUZZ OFF! That's my witch!" We have linked lots of writing, art, music and role playing skills to creating our own monsters, describing different characters and role playing different characters from the story. The children loved our recent PE topic practicing hitting balls and balloons with bats.

All of the children are incredibly excited to have another Pete the Cat Story this half term. It is going to be fantastic.



Sphere Class



This term the children have been learning about animation. We enjoyed watching 'Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out' and a Pixar Animations short called 'Knick Knack'. The children's recall skills for both

these short films have been amazing and it has been lovely watching them recreate them in their play. As the weather has improved (mostly!) we have also been making the most of the outdoors by going on woodland walks for our trips, exploring the environment area and enjoying Play and Learn time in our class outdoor space. The children have been looking out for signs of spring and have enjoyed planting beans and flowers to learn more about what plants need to



grow. One of our favorite moments this term has been some of the children turning a funny moment of trying to squeeze too many children onto our bench into a very giggly game of Duck, Duck, Goose. It was wonderful seeing the children playing together so spontaneously and showing what amazing friendships they have formed this year!

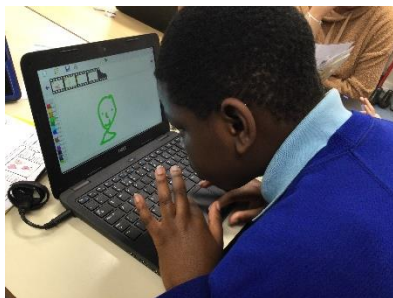
Cube Class

Cube class thoroughly enjoy going out into the community. This half term we have visited Standalone Farm and Letchworth Library. At the farm, the children enjoyed looking at and naming the animals. They particularly enjoyed the large play area at the end. When visiting the library, they displayed good listening, looking and thinking skills when listening to a story and they were able to answer questions about the pictures and the text.

Cube class had a great time making their own animation reels in Computing. They quickly learnt how to login and find the app independently before drawing their pictures. Their animations contained between four to six slides.

In their cooking lessons, Cube class focused on their scooping, spreading and rolling skills. Recipes included pizza, popcorn and biscuits.

We focused on Buddhism during our RE day. The children enjoyed learning about the story of Buddha and we discussed the main beliefs of Buddhism. They also took part in a mindfulness walk, a sea themed yoga practice and learned how to focus on their breath to help them feel calm.



Star Class



We have had a busy year this year in Star class, the children worked very hard in their topic of Film, they learnt about the history of film and how it has developed over the years, the children worked in groups and planned how to make their own stop/start video before using the iPads to create it.

One of our topics focused on Australia and the children created several pieces of art using the aboriginal style. In Literacy the children were very excited to create their own story based on their focus film 'Back to the Outback' they wrote each section of their story over the course of several weeks.

Hexagon Class

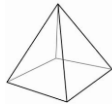


This has been a very exciting term for Hexagon Class. We were lucky enough to go to Stevenage Police station to receive a £100 cheque for Woolgrove School.

While we were there we saw lots of equipment, helmets and also got to try pressing the horn. Our Year 6s had a fantastic time at Wymondly Woods doing all sorts of activities from archery to wheelchair basketball! We also really enjoyed our trip to Woburn zoo – we saw lots of animals on both our bus safari and walking around. We especially enjoyed the Lemur enclosure which also had some pups.



Pyramid Class



Last half term Pyramid's topic was film. We looked at how stories are developed in films, introducing the characters and setting, having a problem that needs solving and then how the problem is solved. We were also able to explore the feelings of different characters and used a variety of adjectives to describe the characters. The children really enjoyed finding out about how films and television have developed over the past 100 years. They looked at examples of TV programmes and film over time and even created their own silent films! At the start of term Pyramid joined Hexagon and Star to take part in an event to find out more about the Vaisakhi celebration. In PE the children worked hard on learning the skills needed to play cricket and rounders. In Music the children played music from a graphic score where the pictures represented different instrument sounds and were able to write and play their own compositions using more than one

instrument sound. Pyramid class took part in a Lego project, working on communication skills and collaboration to make a variety of pieces. In PSED the children were learning about their body and changes through life. In Cooking, the children developed their skills using a tin opener to open a tin and being aware of how to be safe around different equipment, particularly things that are hot. Over the term they made pasta with sauce, tuna/vegetarian sandwiches, pineapple upside down cakes, boiled eggs, toast and Jacket potato with beans. At the end of term Pyramid enjoyed a fantastic trip to Wymondley Woods. For some being the first time away from home this was a great achievement for our children and a special memory for them.