



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn 24

### Blue Class

In Blue Class this term, we have been learning about traditional tales. We studied the Goldilocks and the Three Bears story, enjoying lots of sensory oat play, role play and painting with oats! We incorporated our topic into all the lessons and play and learn so the children were exposed to the learning as much as possible. The children enjoyed listening to the story which Vicky made into a sensory experience and they created sentences using IVC symbol support. The children did some write dance mark making lessons whilst listening to a song version of the story. Our role play area was set up with bowls, spoons, oats and story image for the children to rein act and pretend play scenes from the story. The children have also enjoyed trips out including to the environment area, a practice run to the swimming pool and generally learning how to be safe on a minibus in preparation for exciting future trips! During our weekly cookery lessons, the children made a range of items and focussed on certain skills of using a knife to cut and spread. They got to create a themed bear pancake decorated with fruit as facial features and had to spread a topping onto their pancake. Excellent work this term Blue Class!



### Red Class

This term we have read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been identifying the characters and retelling the story using pictures and props. In maths we have been learning about patterns around us and repeating patterns; this half term we are learning about shapes. In cooking we have learning to spread and cut using knives and have been decorating cakes by mixing and scooping icing. In PE we have been exploring the different equipment for climbing, balancing and jumping safely. We have been working on our mark making and letter formation using different media.



## **Yellow Class**

In Yellow Class this Autumn term the children have been learning about things related to themselves, learning about their bodies, families and talking about their interests. All of the class have enjoyed our big book, which was 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' They role played some of the actions, made sentences and were very good at recalling facts and talking about what happened in the story.

At the beginning of the term, we enjoyed outdoor learning, and all the children enjoyed toasting marshmallows in the school environment area. To start our life skills this year the children have been brushing their teeth and learning to wash their hands properly.



## **Green Class**

This Autumn Term, the children have loved exploring our Dinosaur Topic. We have spent time enjoying a range of books such as Mad About Dinosaurs and have also been telling our own dinosaur stories. The children have written sentences about dinosaurs, rescued dinosaurs trapped in elastic bands and have made dinosaur skeletons using bone dog biscuits.

In Life Skills we have explored our emotions using Zones of Regulations and have practised crossing the road safely using the zebra crossing in our school car park. In cooking, we have been learning how to spread using a knife; we have enjoyed chocolate sauce on pancakes, hummus on wraps and cream cheese on bagels.

We are looking forward to our next topic, In the Wild, and all the Christmas fun to come!



## Purple Class

This half term our topic has been dinosaurs. We have really enjoyed learning about the different types of dinosaurs and then looking at extinct and endangered animals. We read the big books 'Mad about Dinosaurs' and 'The Worrysaurus' and completed IVC sentences and sequenced pictures from the books. In Cooking we were learning to spread using a knife, we made sandwiches, toast, cupcakes and spread icing onto biscuits. In Understanding the World we went on trips to the park, library and to the farm. We looked at animals and plants and the differences between them.



## Gold Class

Gold Class have made a fantastic start to the Autumn term, settling into their new routines and meeting their new friends and adults in class. In PSED we have been focusing on turn-taking games and sharing different resources in our environment - the children especially love exploring through messy sensory play! Our book for the first half term was 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea.' Gold Class enjoyed creating their own cakes and sandwiches for a tea party and made brilliant tiger masks in art to role play with! In literacy, the children described the different characters, and explored a range of adjectives. The class made great progress in cooking, practising their chopping in knife skills, and mixing and scooping with a spoon. The class loved their time at the swimming pool with Mr P and the swim team, and are already looking forward to their next turn!





## Cone Class



We have had a fantastic start to the year in Cone Class. We have been working on developing our relationships with all adults and children within the class as well as talking about where previous friends have moved to.

Our class topic this half term has been 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'; the children have loved role playing the Tiger and different animals, as well as all the cooking and life skills lessons we have included around our topic. One of our class favourite sessions are our Bucket (Attention Autism) sessions. During these all of the children engage, follow instructions, communicate with each other and make a huge mess!



## Sphere Class



This half term in Sphere Class we have been getting to know each other as a class and practising our skills of working together, taking turns and sharing. We have practised these skills daily over the half term including in our Attention Autism sessions, on our trips into the community and during circle time sessions.

The class have worked hard on their listening and attention skills to both adults and their peers and enjoyed lots of games together whilst practising and demonstrating the skills.



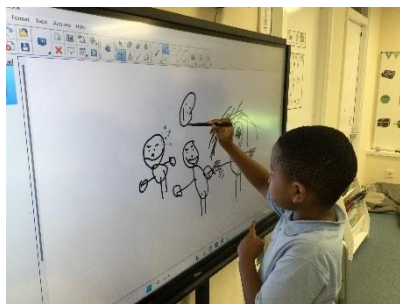
## **Cube Class**



Cube Class focused on playing, sharing and turn taking whilst visiting a number of different parks during our trips on Fridays. It was very successful; the children made new friendships within their class and demonstrated how well they can play, share and turn take using different equipment.

Cube Class enjoyed our 'big books' 'What Makes Me a Me' and 'Super Duper You'. We used these texts to compose sentences about ourselves, as well as sentences about pictures in the books. We also used the themes from the books to create art work on the SMARTboard and software on the iPads during our Computing lessons.

The children have enjoyed making a range of foods during their life skills lessons. Their favourite skills were mixing and decorating the food. They particularly enjoyed creating faces on the pizzas they made.



## **Star Class**



We have had a lovely first half term in Star Class getting to know each other and settling in to all our new routines. Before half term our topic was 'The Four Elements' and the children loved exploring these in our Understanding the World and Literacy lessons. Some of the activities we particularly enjoyed were making kites (air), examining soil to see what it is made from (earth) exploring liquids (water) and possibly our top favourite - toasting marshmallows on a camp fire! We also had a fantastic session exploring solids, liquids and gasses where the children explored



the textures of different materials. It was very messy but a lot of fun and we heard some fantastic language describing what the children could see and feel.

We read a funny book called 'Going to the Volcano' to learn about fire in the natural world. The children had a go at writing their own adventure story and built a volcano in the outside area which we made erupt using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. This half term we are learning about 'Amazing Animals' as well as looking forward to all things festive as we approach the holiday season!

## Hexagon Class

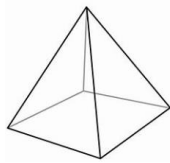


This term Hexagon Class went on a day trip to Shuttleworth. We enjoyed looking at the different aircrafts, classic cars and Gardens including the white peacock that lives there!

We have also enjoyed the opening of the new slide on the playground which we have already got a lot of use out of.

Hexagon have really enjoyed our assembly trips to Yellow Class and have been playing board games, memory games and puzzles with the younger children.

## Pyramid Class



We started the year with our topic The Four Elements: Water, Fire, Earth and Air. We explored all four elements in Understanding the World. We enjoyed toasting marshmallows as we lit a fire on the firepit, we explored the differences between ice, water and steam, explored what soil is made up of and enjoyed games to experience how air moves. In Music we were learning to find the pulse, to move, clap and play in time. We used some of our topic words to create repeating rhythms for our own compositions.

In Cooking we were thinking about how to keep safe when using different equipment in the kitchen. We made jam sandwiches, fruit salad, chocolate bananas, couscous salad and fruit ice lollies. In Maths we were exploring patterns alongside the four operations. P.E focused on invasions games: football, rugby and basketball. In RE we began learning about Islam, recognising the Islamic symbol, the Quran and the Mosque. We joined with Star and Hexagon classes and set up the hall so that we could find out more about what you see if you visit a Mosque.

