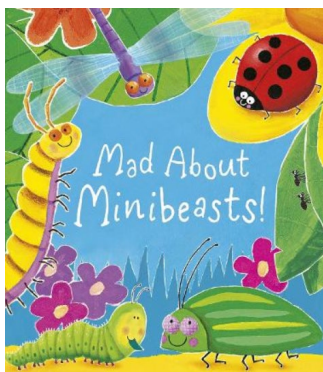


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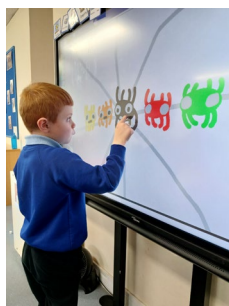
Blue Class

This term, our topic was all about minibeasts. We were busy bees and created lots of bug themed art work including bee and caterpillar collages. We went to the environment area and conducted a bug hunt! The children also visited a park on a school trip and had lots of fun on the slide and swings. Matisse was our Artist focus this term and we recreated 'the snail' to link to our collage objective. Blue Class also played with bug themed play and learn activities including painting minibeasts, using coloured sticks to decorate butterfly wings and using tweezers in a tuff tray to rescue minibeasts. Our non-core lessons were also filled with bug links, we rolled 3D shapes worms and snails from playdough in Art start. The children have continued to collect a star of the week achievement and they have enjoyed receiving a sticker and holding a gold trophy! In our PE lessons the focus was striking and fielding and we learnt how to throw and catch balls in fun games of cricket.



Red Class

This term we have been learning about mini beasts. We have read the book 'Mad about Minibeasts' and have learnt about where they live and what they eat. In art we have been making collage pictures of different minibeasts and have mark making on the interactive white to draw different bugs in our computing lesson. We have been working on our fine motor skills by using tweezers to find worms in the soils. We have also enjoyed walks in the environment area looking for bugs and pond dipping. In PE we have been working on improving our throwing and catching skills and using a cricket bat and have had some great swimming lessons.



Yellow Class

In Yellow Class the children have been learning about mini- beasts in the summer term. They have enjoyed learning different names of mini beasts, through songs, books and scavenger hunts in the environment area. They made models with play dough and collages in our art lessons using different textures and materials. During our attention autism sessions (bucket) the children attempted to draw insects with six legs in shaving foam.



Green class

This term, Green Class have been learning about Traditional Tales. We had such a lovely time reading The Gingerbread Man story. We then built bridges with bricks so that we could get our Gingerbread Men across the river without the fox eating them – just so we could eat them instead! When reading The Ugly Duckling, we spent some time thinking about emotions and had a great time playing Hook the Duck. In Circle Time, we were talking about important people at home (we shared our family photos with our friends) and important people at school (we even asked 'The Boss' of Woolgrove School to come for a visit and Lisa told us all about her job as a Head Teacher).



Purple Class

In Purple Class we have been learning about Traditional Tales and read the stories 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Gingerbread Man' and the 'Ugly Duckling'. We wrote sentences about the stories, used 2Simple Paint to draw characters in Computing, and drew them in Art. We went on trips to the environment area, a garden centre and Fairlands Valley Park, to look at plants and the animals we could find. We really enjoyed learning about how plants grow, and then growing our own cress using what we had learnt. We have also been learning about important people in our lives at home and at a school, and sharing as a class who these people are.

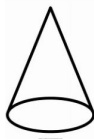


Gold Class

Gold Class thoroughly enjoyed their class book, 'Wow said the Owl,' especially engaging in sensory play learn, based around the Owl's environment. The class produced fantastic, nature-based artwork attaching different materials to create models, such as their own trees and rainbows. In literacy, the children described the setting, exploring different adjectives. The children also loved our World Book Day celebration based around 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea!' In PSED, we focused on keeping ourselves safe, recognising who we can trust and how to ask for help. The children all made great progress in cooking this half term, practising using a whisk, masher and grater.



Cone Class



We have had a very busy very active Summer term, all of the children loved our activity week. Stand out moments include; doughnutting down the big ski slope, our double tractor ride at Standalone Farm and group work to row our bell boats around the lake. All of the children were exceptionally well behaved and all of the adults are very proud of the children's listening, manners and resilience to try new activities.

In class we have been looking at Wow, Said the Owl. The children have loved finding and identifying different items of different colours. We have also been looking at Wheels on the Bus. Cone Class love a good sing song and we have been loving singing familiar rhymes and creating our own.



Sphere Class



Sphere Class have had a busy half term, we've been learning about parties in different variations. Linked to our big book 'The tea party in the woods' we used one of our trip afternoons to make a shopping list and go to the supermarket to buy ingredients to make the food to take and have a tea party at the park.

We also had a wonderful arts fortnight, the children were very creative and enjoyed using natural materials they collected from the environment area to create their art pieces.

In Understanding of the World sessions the children enjoyed going to the garden centre to buy seeds and then planting them and watching them grow. We grew cress, sugar snap peas and sunflowers. The children used the cress to add to their sandwiches which they ate during our tea party at the park!



Cube Class



Cube Class has been learning about 'new life' in our Understanding of the World lessons. We went to Standalone farm and saw lambs and ducklings, Fairlands Valley to see a swan's nest and on return enjoyed creating our own bird's nest in school using a range of sticks, grass and feathers.

Cube Class enjoyed our 'big books', 'The Tea Party in the Woods' and 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside'. We used these texts to compose sentences and captions relating to the stories. We enjoyed having a tea party in the woods; Cube Class planned what food and items they needed to buy as well as choosing what games they wanted to play.

In Computing, the children enjoyed watching animations and then creating their own animations. They particularly loved changing the speed at which their drawings moved.

Cube Class have loved exploring the new sensory room and they are excited to visit it each week. Every morning, the children participate in an outside sensory circuit session. The circuit contains alerting activities, followed by coordination and organising activities and finishing with calming activities. It is proving beneficial for their self-regulation skills.



Star Class



In Star Class we have been learning about famous people. The children have enjoyed reading about David Attenborough and Lewis Hamilton, finding out about their lives and learning what they do to help people and the environment. As part of our learning about David Attenborough we had a go at our own conservation project in the environment area. The children looked for minibeasts and talked about where they lived. We also had a surprising amount of fun clearing out the pond! The children used nets to fish out leaves and sticks that shouldn't be there and, in the process, found tadpoles, water beetles and newts. We will be continuing to monitor the environment area for more interesting wildlife. We also had lots of fun making our own ice-cream shop on the playground. This was a huge achievement for Star Class making the best of a difficult situation when our trip was cancelled unexpectedly. The children were amazing, adapting really well to a sudden change and being excellent customers and shop assistants at our shop!



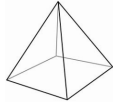
Hexagon Class



In Hexagon Class we have been learning about seasonal vegetables as well as watching our hard work pay off from planting carrots, green beans and radishes as well as tasting strawberries, sweetcorn and beetroot. A lot of the children thought they didn't like some things but changed their minds, rating their tastings out of 5. At the beginning of the Summer term we were learning about Space where the children learned about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. They were very lucky to met these special guests as pictured below (our very own Tim... Christine... Peake) who answered the children's questions about making cups of tea in space and if we will one day be able to live on Mars. One of the most popular individuals we have been learning about is David Attenborough. The children enjoyed creating activities for World Environment Day last week and creating a bug hotel this week after finding all the dark and damp places they like to live.



Pyramid Class



Last half term Pyramid's topic was Space. We found out that the Earth and other planets orbit around the sun. We created a model to help understand how day and night are created. We used a song to help us remember the names of the planets. In English we created our own aliens and wrote descriptions of them and an alien planet. We looked at instructions showing how to make a rocket then used these to help create our own rocket designs in Art. In Cooking we planned and then made healthy cold and hot snacks. Some of the chosen snacks included sandwiches, salads, toasties, beans on toast and noodles. In Music we were finding out about the different instrument families, in RE we were learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and in PSHE we were learning about Puberty. We used Blue Bots and online programmes to explore algorithms in Computing. We all enjoyed a trip to the Watermill where we had the opportunity to try grinding flour.

