

Newsletter



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We have been very busy in our music lessons this month. Class 2 and 3 have been very excited to have whole class Ukulele lessons with Mr F T from Gloucestershire music. So far they have all learned how to hold their Ukuleles correctly and to play the notes C, D, and E. As they are learning to play, they are also developing their knowledge of notation and reading music. Some of them have been brave enough to play solos and they are all getting better at playing as an ensemble. Hopefully they will be able to put together a little concert at the end of the 10 week block.



Class 1 have also been very busy. They have just finished a unit of work creating a soundtrack to a silent film. They have had to think about which instruments work best to bring each part of the film to life. To help them do this, they have been learning about duration, pitch and dynamics. They worked very hard to make sure they played their part at the correct time, and everyone was very proud of the final soundtrack.

French

Learning a foreign language at primary school is all about instilling that love of language in children and developing their cultural awareness. We have weekly French lessons across all of Key Stage Two and learn the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing,



t h r o u g h interesting topics such as: In the French café, The Olympics and the Vikings. The children really enjoy their language learning and their confidence has increased hugely

over the year. This term, Class 3 will be opening their own French café and practising ordering and selling food and drink to each other.

We are lucky to have a good range of French books and newspapers for the children to enjoy and they love translating parts of them! French is led across the school by a language specialist with a degree in Modern Foreign Languages, meaning children receive expert teaching and are able to hear and use precise pronunciation when learning.

We have also been fortunate to have the benefit of a Spanish specialist in the school, who has been running the hugely popular Spanish Club for the



last 2 terms. The level of excitement during the club and the Spanish greetings in the morning have shown how popular this has been!



Craft Club

In craft club this term, KS1 have been enjoying experimenting with a variety of materials to bring their creations to life. They began the term by incorporating elements of spring into their art, creating colourful trees made from paper plates and





tissue paper. They begin each session coming up with their own designs and ideas before diving into their craft. This week we used wooden pegs to create peg dolls – even equipping them with hair



made from wool and outfits assembled from old fabric!

What is learning like in Class 2?

In Class 2, every day is filled with exciting opportunities for learning and growth. The children are constantly immersing themselves in new discoveries and making connections to their prior knowledge, leading to those magical lightbulb moments that truly ignite their passion for learning.

Within our classroom, we have created a serene reading corner where children can escape into the wonderful world of books, sharing their favourite authors and stories with their peers. This not only nurtures their love for reading but also fosters a sense of community and friendship among the students.

We are fortunate in Class 2 to have access to a wide array of digital technologies that enrich and complement our learning experiences. With a collection of iPads and laptops at our disposal, we delve into subjects such as Geography, Maths, and English, using online tools to explore the local area and the wider world collaboratively.

One of the most enjoyed lessons in our classroom is Science, particularly when it involves hands-on activities that bring learning to life. Recent

investigations have ranged from experimenting with shadow sizes and testing reflective materials for jackets to dissecting flowers, providing the children with engaging and memorable learning experiences that spark their curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of the world around them.

History in Class 2

Recently in Class 2, we have been exploring the Ancient Egyptian world. During the term, the children have been making connections between their existing knowledge of the Earliest Civilisations and the remarkable accomplishments of the Egyptians.

By using both primary and secondary sources, the children have been uncovering the secrets behind the Egyptians' success. They have enjoyed deciphering hieroglyphics and examining intricate



drawings found in tombs, shedding light on the strategies and methods employed in Ancient Egyptian agriculture. Our exploration extended to comparing the

agricultural practices of Ancient Egypt with those of modern times. This comparison has offered



valuable insights into the evolution of farming techniques over the centuries.

Our historical studies connected with our geography curriculum on 'Rivers'. We explored the historical question of "Why was the River Nile crucial for the Egyptians?" and had discussions on

the shared reliance of early civilisations on rivers for agriculture purposes, transportation, and trade.

STEM Enthuse Science

As part of the STEM Enthuse Science Partnership, we collaborate with other local schools to increase the awareness and use of STEM skills with pupils. This month, we are taking part in practical and problem solving activities and have so far built bridges that are structurally strong and tested them with weights and made catapults. We have more exciting STEM activities coming up this month!



Eco Ambassadors

Last week some of our eco ambassadors added some new plants to our pond. It is a lovely addition to our wildlife area.



Plant Reproduction

Through our leaning about plant reproduction, Class 3 discussed artificial propagation of plants and considered the benefits in the face of climate change.



The children took cuttings from mint and sage plants to grow in soil and water and planted seed potatoes.

Dance Festival

Our extra curricular dance club performed amazingly at Cheltenham Town Hall, well done everyone!





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 7th May - Quad Kids Years 3 & 4
- Thursday 9th May - Class 1 Trip
- Week from Monday 13th May - Y6 SATs
- Tuesday 14th May - Meet the Teacher for new Reception parents
- Friday 17th May - School Disco
- Tuesday 21st May - Orienteering Years 5 & 6
- Friday 24th May - Sports Day & family picnic

