



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Half Term Edition "The Scoop"

14th February, 2020

Early Days Nursery

Caterpillars have been exploring paint & have printed some beautiful butterfly pictures.

Ladybirds have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They have made a wonderful display, talking about all the foods that the caterpillar liked to eat & talking about their own food likes and dislikes.



For Bumble Bees, 'Whatever Next' has been their focus book. This has led them to making name letter rockets, acting out the story & learning about the planets. They also joined in with the Openbox Theatre show & enjoyed being with the whole school for this event.

Dragonflies Class

This half term, we have been learning about how to look after our birds during the cold, winter months. In one of our maths lessons, we made some bird feeders to hang up in our gardens. We also had a visit from some lovely people from the RSPB who told us lots of interesting things about birds in Britain and those that visit us from other countries. We went outside and looked for signs that it was winter and that wildlife would be struggling to find food.



We have also been learning about Chinese New Year. In our music lesson we learnt dragon dancing and in our class we have set up a Chinese Restaurant. Mrs Catchpole brought us some prawn crackers in to try and we have been practising our cutting skills too, by making Chinese lanterns.

Hedgehogs Class

We have been learning about fairy tales. We read 'The Three Little Pigs' and designed our own houses using different materials. In music, we added percussion instruments to the story and used our different voices. We also read 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and in science we had to design a bridge using only a piece of paper to see how many coins it could hold. We have been learning about different materials and sorting them into groups. In art we used watercolours to create our own trolls and then wrote adjectives to describe them.



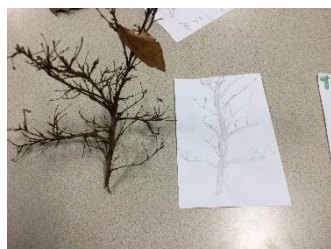
Squirrels Class

Our topic this half-term has been 'Explorers,' so we have been exploring in history, science, art, geography and ICT.

We have found out what skills you need to be a good explorer and discussed our own places that we like to explore. In history, we have mainly focused on the perseverance and amazing explorations of our significant individual, Ernest Shackleton and his expeditions to the South Pole. We have explored his story through writing, drama and art.

To support our work on Shackleton, we have explored the Polar Regions in geography, understanding its climate and wildlife, with a special focus on polar bears.

Snow themed books have supported our English writing this term and we have focussed on Snow Bear by Piers Harper and Snow by Sam Usher. We have worked hard to write stories by thinking about characters and settings, as well as, exploring that stories need a beginning, middle and an end.



Andy Goldsworthy has been the focus for our famous artist, as we have been looking at natural materials and his amazing sculptures. He has created chalk sculptures on the South Downs near Cocking, if you wish to investigate.



In computing, we have used the programmable Turtle Logo and Scratch. These programs have enabled pupils to explore how to create and debug algorithms. The children have been able to develop algorithms using the "repeat" command. Both Turtle and Scratch are readily available on the internet so your child can practise at home too.

In science, we have investigated a range of materials. We have also explored which material would have been of most use to Ernest Shackleton.

Once again, it has been a busy and fun half-term. Our next topic will be the Titanic. We wish you an enjoyable half-term.

Rabbits Class

On Tuesday 21st January, Rabbits Class went to visit the Mary Rose at Portsmouth Dockyard as part of their topic. We were met by Tom, our guide for the day. After leaving our belongings, we were taken into the museum down a dark, secret passage that had artefacts on display that the public don't get to see. We saw the skeleton of the ship's dog who caught the rats. A cat on board was thought to be unlucky; as were women! The diet on board consisted of ships biscuits, some meat, peas twice a week and a gallon of beer daily. The biscuits were so hard that they were dunked into the beer. The officers had bread to eat and rum to drink. We looked at the different jobs on board and the equipment they used. The cooking pot that sat at the bottom of the boat, was huge and heated by a fire which we thought was dangerous. The last part of the tour was going through air-lock doors into the same space as the Mary Rose and we could see her without glass in front of us. After lunch, we went into the classroom to take part in a workshop. The first stage was to look at replica crew and officer artefacts and to decide what they were used for. After that we dressed up in clothes belonging to the crew and officers. The officers' clothing was more colourful and a nicer material than the crews. On the way out of the dockyard we saw two new aircraft carriers, the Queen Elizabeth and the Prince of Wales, they were huge!



Rabbits Class continue to play the ukulele on Fridays with Chris and we are learning new chords and songs.

Badgers Class

It's been busy in Badgers this half-term. We started with a 'Titanic' day. During the morning, we made collages of the ship. In the afternoon, we had a tea dance like First Class passengers. Girls were partnered with boys. Mrs Nixon put on some ballroom music that we had to dance to. Plus, we had sandwiches and cake. At the end of the day, we experienced what it was like to be on a lifeboat. We were in a small space in the dark, with just occasional torchlight. We listened to sounds of a ship sinking and even got wet from the spray!

We then moved back to Tudor times and travelled to Portsmouth Historical Dockyard, to see and find out about the Mary Rose. When we arrived we were met by our guide who showed us the wreck of the Mary Rose and lots of other artefacts. We tried on costumes of the rich and poor people in Tudor England. In our art work, we have made unusual portraits of King Henry VIII. We worked in threes and we took turns dressing up as the King. We took a photo after we dressed up in Tudor clothing and then we swapped over.



Badgers are lucky enough to be doing an art project with Petworth House, called 'Skyscape.' We have started a 'Cloud Diary', taking pictures of the sky. Every morning and afternoon, two people go outside onto the field to take a photo. We have also been looking at poems and art about clouds.

On Friday 30th January, Lucy, Jess, Ruby L, Freddy, Ollie, Oscar and some other pupils from different classes went to MRC to take part in the KS2 Cross Country event. We had to do 2 laps of the AstroTurf, after that we had to run down a slippery stone path, then we did a lap of the rugby pitch. It was exhausting, but we did really well!

We have been learning about Islam in RE. We found out the meaning of the positions Muslims use when they pray and made our own models of them. Hamza came in to class to talk to us and answer our questions too.

Every week, Badgers have been having lots of fun in our Forest School sessions. We've made lots of different things, played games, made dens and enjoyed the outside environment.



Foxes Class



On Wednesday 12th February, Foxes Class joined forces with Michelle Clifford (a willow expert) to learn about our Roman topic. Working with Michelle, Foxes made a St. Brigid's Cross as well as masks, wreaths and hanging decorations using willow harvested from our labyrinth.



On Monday 10th February, Foxes and Badgers had a visit from Hamza, who explained his religion (Islam) and how closely it is linked to Christianity. In class, we have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and Hamza helped us to explore what this looked like for a practising Muslim. We were amazed at how Hamza had memorised parts of the Quran and demonstrated amazing commitment to his religion.

Offers Class

Roman Workshop

On Friday 10th January, we had a visit from a lady from the Novium Museum in Chichester. Offers Class had to construct a model of a Roman bath house, hold a Roman shield, wear some Roman armour and wear a Roman helmet. We had to put the bath house together in the correct way. We learned lots of cool facts such as: the Romans walked round the bath house naked, they had personal body hair pluckers, had no body hair whatsoever and used fish bone in girls' hair as a hair pin. Offers' Class would rate this helpful visit 9.6/10. By Sian, Izzy and Lucy

Open Box Theatre

On Friday 7th February, the Open Box Theatre Company came to Easebourne Primary School. Two actors, who were called Ken and Eion, came to entertain our school. Ken and Eion performed two traditional fairy tales: Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Billy Goats Gruff. They added 'What if ...' to their production which gave a personalised twist to their stories.

In Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Goldilocks was a mean little girl but when she met the two bears (Daddy and Baby Bear), they taught her to say please and thank you. In Billy Goats Gruff, the troll was nice. He tried to learn to be angry but he couldn't. He also helped Tough Goat be himself and accept himself as being nervous and scared.

The actors stayed around to answer some questions after their performances and said that the only reason they could dislike acting was all the traffic to and from schools; they love acting and enjoy how they get to play and have fun as well as getting paid for it. By Margot, Ellie and Nick

MRC Cross Country

On Friday 31st January, 15 children from years 4, 5 and 6 went to MRC to take part in the Cross Country running. Firstly, we went to the sports hall with lots of other schools, where we were told about the races. Year 4 boys and girls raced. From Easebourne, Ollie, Freddy, Oscar, Jessica, Ruby and Lucy took part in this event. Next was the Yr 5-6 boys' race. William, Nick, Dara, Charlie, Alfie and Archie took part. The Year 5 and 6 girls' team consisted of Natalia, Martha and Cecily and in their event Natalia ran a very good race coming in the top 15. We would like to congratulate everybody who took part from Easebourne, Ollie and Lucy from year 4 won their boys and girls races respectively. William took 1st place running brilliantly with Archie coming in at 6th place, unfortunately missing out by one place from progressing to the next round in Brighton. Easebourne places 4th out of the 9 schools that took part in the event. Everyone who took part did very well and deserve a pat on the back! By Natalia and William



House Update

	Green	Yellow	Blue	Red
Total from Autumn Term	173	138	161	143
Week 1 House Points	4	2	4	1
Week 2 House Points	4	2	1	4
Week 3 House Points	4	1	3	2
Week 4 House Points	3	3	1	4
Week 5 House Points	3	1	2	4
Week 6 House Points	3	2	1	4
Total	194	149	173	162