



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

5th April 2019

Dragonflies Class



We celebrated Pancake Day with lots of pancake activities.

We had pancake races and balancing, tossing and catching 'pancake beanbags' in P.E. We listened to the pancake story and then made a pancake story of our own, putting the pancake in places in our outside area. We also put our favourite toppings on our pancakes and ate them.



We went in the minibus to visit the Library, and listened to the librarian tell us all about borrowing the books, then she read us some stories.

We celebrated World Book Day and all came in dressed as characters from our favourite books.



The class went on a welly walk to look for signs that spring was coming.



Then we learnt about Holi, this is the festival of colour and it celebrates the start of spring. We wore our overalls and each brought in an old top from home and Mrs Catchpole, Mrs Mayhew and Mrs Sharp sprinkled coloured paint on us, it was great fun. We also danced around doing Bollywood style dancing.





On Red Nose Day we wore red noses in support of Comic Relief!

We are very much looking forward to our Easter "Stay and Play", which is on the last day of term, when our parents can come in and join in with lots of Easter activities.

Hedgehogs Class

This half-term, Hedgehogs have continued our topic on Fairy tales. We have focused on the Big Bad Wolf and have really enjoyed learning about real wolves as well as fictional ones. In maths we have been preparing to start Times Tables Rock Stars in Squirrels. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and started to use the language of 'lots of' or 'groups of' when talking about multiplication. We have used some of this knowledge when partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones.



Hedgehogs have welcomed Mrs Boniface to the team. Mrs Boniface will be working predominantly with Hedgehogs P, over the next half-term as she completes the final placement of her teaching qualification.

We would like to say a huge thank-you to all of the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who helped Hedgehogs have a hugely successful Fairy-tale Picnic on Monday. The adults were competitive and everyone had a wonderful time. The turnout was incredible and the sun even shone brightly for us!

On Thursday, the class had great fun taking part in the Easter Egg Hunt and would like to thank the PTFA for organising it and all those parents who came in to help run the event.

Squirrels Class

This half-term has been busy as usual. Forest School has been enjoyed by all every Friday and has enabled your child to learn about the natural world, as well as learn some basic outdoor skills.



World Book Week was fun - we learnt about lots of different authors and we even had a talk from a professional singer. We also learnt ballet, fired questions at a professional actor and dressed up as our favourite characters.

We also enjoyed dressing up as first class passengers when The Titanic set sail in our classroom! Later in the day we enjoyed reading in the ship's library, playing cards in the games room, eating delicious food in the dining-room, finding out information at reception and getting ready for dinner by making fashionable headdresses and bow ties. We even lounged on the private promenade!



We have all learnt lots of information about The Titanic; our trip to the museum helped our topic to come alive.

Billy has promoted a new craze in our classroom of creating patterns using shapes. In our golden time, on a Friday, we have had all sorts of interesting designs.





We hope you enjoyed receiving your Mothering Sunday card.

These hearts have been part of our R.E. work learning about why Easter is important to Christians. We have also used our learning about Jesus and the importance of the cross to think about 'love'. We used 'love' as a theme for our cross. Our class Easter



celebrations have included a maths treasure hunt outside, walking around the labyrinth learning about the Easter story, exploring how the Easter bunny can deliver eggs quickly by investigating how we can use materials to make parachutes, wrap eggs to go down chutes without breaking and fire eggs in catapults! Easter activities also included: card making, egg hunts, nest making... a busy end to a busy term.

Thank you to all for supporting the Fantastic Finish; we hope you enjoyed it as we all did.

Happy Easter and we look forward to see you all in the Summer Term.

Kind regards, thank you for your continuing support,

The Squirrels' Team

Rabbits Class



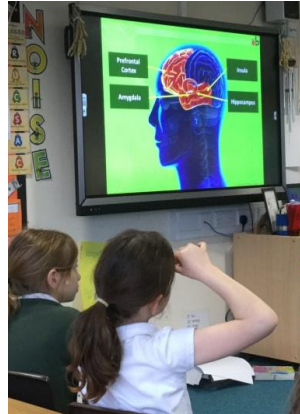
This half-term in Rabbits Class, we have been exploring our topic on 'Rainforests'. We have spent a long time researching and writing about why the River Amazon will never dry up. We all created information texts that explain the reason why, focussing specifically on the Water Cycle (also known as the hydrologic cycle). This has been fascinating and we have learnt a lot about the way that water is moved around the Earth. It did cause us to ask why we get more rain than lots of other countries though! In maths we used the typical rainfall across the course of the year to create bar charts and we found this interesting because although it is warm in the Amazon, it rains a lot. When it is feeling warm and sticky (due to the rain) it is also called humid. Our vocabulary banks are getting bigger as there are a lot of new words in this topic, so we have become experts with a dictionary!

We have also had fun looking at all the different types of animals that inhabit the rainforest and more specifically the River Amazon. There are types of fish that we had never even heard of!

Over the course of the spring and autumn terms, we have also been learning to play the ukulele. This has been quite tricky this term as we have been learning to read tab as well as play the ukulele. We sing and play and trying to get our brains into this routine has been difficult but we have all had lots of fun, especially learning songs like 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'.

Everybody in Rabbits has had great fun this term being outdoors in Forest School. During our time in the forest we have made dens, God's eyes and hair braids. For the God's eyes we had to create a cross from 2 sticks and weave wool between the wooden cross, they looked great when we used different colours to make them. We also got really dirty covering our faces with charcoal and red paint... we loved coming back into school covered in charcoal! In our last Forest School sessions we were super lucky and got to roast smores! They are so delicious!

During the spring term we have also taken part in Mindfulness lessons. We have learnt about the different parts of the brain and how they influence our decisions and the choices we make as well the way that we feel and respond to events. Being mindful can help keep us calm and relaxed. There were lots of different practices that we learnt, FOFBOC (feet on floor bottom on chair), petal practice and hand practice. We also learnt that feelings and emotions can be contagious, such as laughing. It is good to be positive and try to keep happy because if one person is happy they can help someone else to feel that way too.



Badgers Class

Mindfulness

This term all classes from Year 2 to Year 6 had "Mindfulness" lessons which help us to keep the mind controlled by learning 5 practices including FOFBOC, petal practice, finger practice, PawsB and mindful eating. Sandrine, our teacher, taught us in each lesson and helped us to control our mind and emotions. We look forward to using these new skills to help us concentrate and focus our minds in the future. By Dara and Nate

John Muir

In Badgers Class we have started to work towards a 'John Muir Award' which teaches us about the environment. We focus on 4 key areas: conservation, discovery, exploration and sharing. As part of this we have enjoyed an afternoon learning about John Muir with Jonathan Dean (from the South Downs National Park) and two trips to different heathland locations.



On 28th March, we went to Graffham Common on the coach. We played Bat and Moth and went on a walk where we found lots of sandstone. We walked up a hill and found loads of burial mounds. Jane, our guide, told us that people were hung on top of the hill so everyone could see them. We had a great time at Graffham Common.



On Wednesday 3rd April, we went to Iron Hill. Jane Booth, from the Forestry Commission, took us around the heathland and forest. Jonathan Dean helped us around as well. We all enjoyed this trip. By Tabitha and Alfie

Badgers and Rabbits Performance - The Zany Zoo

Zany Zoo was performed by Rabbits and Badgers on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. We learnt lots of fun and catchy songs which we still enjoy even though the performances have now past. We all loved acting out the colourful characters in the play. The Zany Zoo was really fun and taught us to appreciate diversity, which was the key message in the final song. We hope you enjoyed watching the play as much as we enjoyed performing it.

By Teagan, Freya and Ava



Foxes Class



It has been a busy term in Foxes Class. We have been learning about the Ancient Mayans. We learnt about what they farmed, what gods they worshipped and where their civilisation was based in Meso America. We all painted a Mayan god of our choice.

During our Fantastic Finish we made masks and played a game called Pok-ta-Pok, which consists of trying to get a ball into a hoop using only your leg and upper waist, which was really hard.

On World Book Day we came to school dressed as our favourite book character and listened to some of the staff read their best loved books.

Some of us in Year 5 took part in the Rother Valley Art Festival at MRC. Our dance was performed to Monsters by Katie Sky. Several class members also took part in Voice in a Million at Wembley. This is the biggest school concert and there were over 1200 people attending. We sang 12 songs but the best part was seeing the groups sing.



Pupils from Foxes also took part in the MRC Cross Country Run together with children from most of the local schools. We won a couple of team certificates and some children even qualified to go to Brighton to compete in the next stage.

For Easter we made a cross that looked like stained glass and each piece displayed a word that described an aspect of the church or the cross. Each class produced a cross and these were taken to the church for the Easter service.

We all took part in the Easter Egg Hunt and Ellie found the golden egg and won a large Easter egg.

By Sian

Offers Class

Goblin Club

On Saturday 16th March, despite the strong wind and rain, the Easebourne Goblin Crew went to HMS Excellent in Portsmouth to take part in our first racing event.

Our goblin cars were named HITBLOC and WILLOW.AM. Our HITBLOC crew were: Harrison, Leah, Theo, Lily, Tam and Lucas. Our crew for WILLOW.AM were: Izzy, Bella G, Oliver, Teddy and Charlie.

There were three races during the day: slalom, drag and sprint. Our first race was the drag race, which is where you are timed to drive as fast as you can in a straight line. The second race was the slalom, where you have to weave through some cones. Everyone had a turn to be both the pusher



and the driver of their car. After that, the soggy Goblin crew ate their lunch in the hangar, out of the rain. Then it was the sprint race! As each car can only drive once, we were all given a number and then four numbers were chosen at random, to decide who would be driving and pushing each car. Our chosen sprint teams were: HITBLOC – Harrison driving and Lily pushing and WILLOW.AM – Izzy driving and Tam pushing. We competed against two other cars and, although we didn't win either race, we were pleased to come second in both.

All the races were more of a challenge than we expected, due to the weather conditions (even the metal barriers were blowing over), but we all had lots of fun! Our next Greenpower race is at Seaford College on Saturday 1st June. You are welcome to come along and support us! By Harrison and Izzy

Debate

Over the past few weeks, Otters have been holding a number of debates on motions such as: 'Is living in the countryside better for you?' and 'Is TV better than books?'

We've enjoyed doing these debates, although they were very competitive. The participants in the countryside debate were: Ruby, Imogen, Adam, Theo U, Bella B and Teddy. In the television debate they were: Isla, Sophie, Courtney and Oliver.

Sadly, Ruby was ill on the day of the television debate, so Isla had to step in to be a replacement. We are very thankful for the teachers who have organised these fun events.

By Sophie and Adam



Nurture

The Orchard Nurture Room children have been very busy over the last weeks of this term. In keeping with the Year 3 and 4 topic on rainforests, we journeyed by minibus to Wisley Gardens where we saw numerous life size Lego animals. Habitats and food chains were the main focus of our visit and we were amazed at how long it took the dedicated builders to make these creative works of art.



The Nurture Group went to Wisley Gardens; it was fun because we got to see loads of Lego animals from the rainforest. Of the other displays, my favourite animal would have to be the cute little pandas and the large fish in the pond. It was fun, fun and more fun.

I liked the elephant, it was the best Lego animal because it was the biggest and I liked the duck we saw on the pond.



We have enjoyed the challenge of the Crest STEM investigations, which have included making our own bowling alley, paper raft building and fingerprint forensics. The magic workshop was fun and really tested our concentration and patience. After watching a selection of magic tricks, we were taught one which we practised on our friends and family.

A real highlight for the Orchard this half-term was to create and make the set for the superb production of Zany Zoo. The children worked diligently to produce many of the props and were on hand to help at all of the shows. It gave us all a real sense of pride to be involved and know that our work was appreciated.

Cross Country Run

Inter-school MRC Cross Country Competition

On Friday 1st March, our school took part in the Rother Valley Cross Country Run, which took place at MRC. Our school entered 5 races: Year 3 boys 1 km race, Year 4 boys 1km race, Year 3 girls 1km race, Year 4 girls 1km race, Years 5 and 6 boys 1.6km race and Year 5 and 6 girls 1.6km race.

It was a light-hearted event, with everyone from our school trying their hardest to win. We all completed our races and ended up doing extremely well.

The people who took part were: Year 3: Jessica, Lucy, Bea, Ollie and Oscar; Year 4: Harriet, Scarlett, Harley and Charlie; Year 5: Martha, Sian, William, Fenix, Archie G and Nick; Year 6: Tam, Lily, Theo and Thomas



Brighton Cross Country

On Thursday 28th March, Theo W, Lily and William, who were placed in the top five positions in the Year 5/6 Rother Valley competition, took part in the Brighton Cross Country event. They did very well in the cross country, which was 2k. It was a big challenge but they all completed it. William in Year 5 came 82nd in his race, Theo in Year 6 came 96th in his race - although halfway through his shoe came off – and Lily in Year 6 came 86th in her race. They all went home very happy with what they had achieved.
By Lily and Theo W

Rother Valley Arts Festival

On Thursday 28th March, the Year 5 and 6 after school dance club

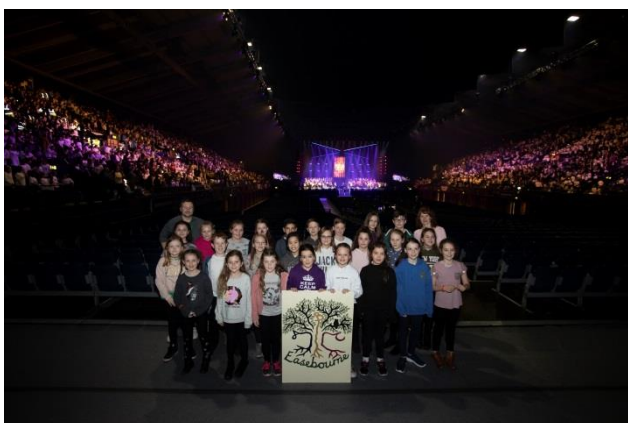


took part in the Rother Valley Arts Festival at MRC. There were 10 schools taking part, performing different styles of dance such as street dance and ballet. We performed a contemporary dance to the song 'Monsters' by Katie Sky. We had great fun performing to a large audience. By Tam and Courtney



VIAM

On Thursday 21st March, the Voice in a Million club members went to the SSE Arena in Wembley. When we got there, we went to our seats in the arena for a rehearsal.



Then it was our favourite part of the afternoon, the meet and greet. The groups there were: Road Trip, New Hope Club and Bring It North. We got to ask for their autographs and have our pictures taken with them. The evening concert was so loud but a great experience to be a part of, even though we weren't back at school until midnight. By Charlie and Chloe



Gemma Goes MAD!



Congratulations to Gemma who raised £120 for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) with a cake sale. "In half-term I did a bake sale to raise money for WWF. I made biscuits, honey and jam cakes and sausage rolls. I am going to use the money to adopt an elephant. I am trying to get my Brownie charity and baking badges. Some of my Squirrels friends also gave me money." By Gemma



Flags


I am Roger Sked, from St. Mary's Church, I have met some of you while hearing you reading at the school, and during visits to our beautiful church. I have a collection of flags which, from time to time, I fly in my garden, and sometimes at your school. Three years ago I did hold a competition to test your knowledge on flags and the country represented, and gave a prize to the winning pupil, to share with their class.

Head Teacher, Mr Culley, thought that it might be time to try it again, **but this time, it will be harder!**

From the start of next term I will fly a flag, and pose you some questions about it. For each flag I will set 5 or 6 questions, I have not decided how many precisely yet. I expect you to investigate the flag to find the answers, **some of which will be trick questions, because I'm like that** 😊.

So be observant, check the flagpole and complete an answer sheet. I will give you a week or two on each flag.

GAME ON!



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Monday 15th April
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