

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

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### **Dragonflies Class**

We thought it would be nice to give you all just a taster of some of the things your children have been doing since starting school in Dragonflies Class.

We have already had weekly assemblies with Derek and visits from Mr Culley, who reads us a story. We have even been lucky enough to have had our first trip out of school in our minibus to visit the Midhurst library where the librarian read us some stories and showed us what the library has to offer. Those of us that were not members were given our new membership cards and we are now looking forward to being able to borrow lots of fun and interesting books! We have been to our school library too. Mrs Stevens comes to us on a Tuesday morning and we have been learning lots of new songs with her. We have met our Year 6 buddies, who we like to see at play times and lunch times and who are there if we need help.

As well as all this, we have been enjoying lots of activities in class on a day to day basis. As you can see, our days are never dull or boring and our teachers fill them with lots of interesting things for us to do and explore - which is probably why we are all so exhausted by the end of the week!

















### **Hedgehogs Class**



The heavy horses have been one of the highlights this half term and the questions and interest inspired by their visit led us to look more closely at non-fiction books and especially those based on

horses. We found out lots of interesting things and did a fantastic charcoal sketch of a horse which we then labelled.

Grandparent Day was also a highlight, we enjoyed writing

questions and finding out more about what school was like for our grandparents. We especially enjoyed making biscuits for the visit!



### **Squirrels Class**

We have been so busy in Squirrels Class and we have learnt so much already! We have been learning 'All about me' for our topic.

We started our topic by looking at the human body. We have learnt lots of fun facts like;

- the smallest bone in your body is in your ear
- everybody's tongue has something special about it, so no-ones tongues are the same, just like your fingerprint!

We have also learnt about how many germs our fingers and hands carry, when we did an experiment using bread. It taught us that dirty hands are really gross because they make mould grow on bread after just one day! Clean hands are much better!

We enjoyed having our grandparents in to talk about how things have changed from when they were growing up. It has helped us to understand how things change in history and it meant we got to decorate biscuits for them and talk to lots of new people! It has definitely helped our conversation skills.



For our topic trip we visited Marwell Zoo. It was great fun and we learnt about different animal habitats, like the Savanah and the rainforest. We had to match some





animals to their correct habitat and then talk about what sort of place

it was like i.e. humid and dark for the rainforest. We were also able to walk around the park and we saw lots of amazing animals. One of our favourites was the Tiger... it kept coming close to us and yawning so we saw its great big white teeth. We loved Marwell!

### **Rabbits Class**

This half-term we began our topic on Victorians. We have started to learn about how life was different for the people in Victorian Britain and how much conditions varied depending on how rich or poor they were. Our visit to Petworth House showed us the various jobs that Victorian servants would have had. We enjoyed making butter, being shown how to make ice cream and drinking Earl Grey and Gunpowder tea. We had fun polishing the marble floor and practising our 'deportment' but we all agreed that it wouldn't have been fun to have to get up in the cold at 5.30 in the morning!





Our RE topic has been all about Creation and we have looked at how the world is 'good' and how humans have a responsibility to keep it this way. We will finish off the half-term combining this concept with our Victorians topic during poetry week when we will be studying and writing poems inspired by Rudyard Kipling's poem 'If'

Our maths this half-term has been focussed on place value and gaining a deeper knowledge of hundreds, tens and ones. We have been using this knowledge when practising column addition and subtraction and solving word and number problems. We have also been working hard at the presentation of our working out and being able to prove our answers.

We were thrilled to have won the Dining Hall Challenge this half-term and were very "shocked and proud" at our achievement!

### **Badgers Class**

Shortly after the term began, we had a Victorian morning. It was awesome!! Because Mrs Nixon and Mrs Cobbold were both pretending to be grumpy teachers as if we were in the Victorian times, a lot of people were put in the coal hole or they had to wear the dunce's hat but that was if you made a mistake.

### VICTORIAN DRILL

We had to do a lot of Victorian drill, which is like a PE lesson. We got into partners and did leap frog. I was very scared because Emi is so much bigger than me, but it was great fun!!

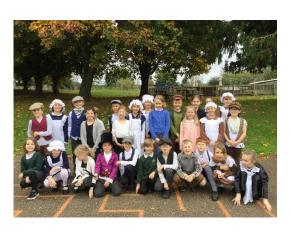
### **SCIENCE EXPERIMENT**

We did the coolest science experiment to date, because it was to do with our digestive system. First we made a chocolate and banana sandwich. It was so tempting but we were not allowed to touch it or eat it. Then, we became our own digestive system and did all the things our bodies do. We crushed the sandwich with a potato masher to represent what our teeth would do. Later, we used a sandwich bag to mush it up further and this represented our stomach, then we used tights as our intestines to finish the process.

### VICTORIAN TRIP

The other day we went to Petworth House to learn more about the Victorians. A lot of us were very good at answering questions, but we still learnt a lot. I can remember that the Gunpowder and Earl Grey tea came from China and India. We also had to walk up the grand staircase as if we had a book on our head! We did a lot of floor scrubbing too!

By Billy S and Jessica







### **Foxes Class**

During our jam-packed first half-term, Foxes have squeezed a huge number of exciting activities into a short space of time. One of the most exciting events has been our involvement in 'Playtime' with the Chichester Festival Theatre. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, we visited the theatre for a special behind the

scenes tour and had the opportunity to ask questions about the performances they put on for the public. We were amazed at the amount of work that goes into producing each show!

Following our trip, we have developed our acting and script writing skills in class with Charlie (our acting expert) to produce our own scene for the Butterfly Lion. We are looking forward to returning to Chichester Festival Theatre on 11<sup>th</sup> November to watch the show on stage.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Foxes went on a journey to Little Canada, on the Isle of Wight, for a residential trip. We got to do lots of entertaining activities including: quad biking, abseiling and buggy building. My favourite activity was the Matrix because it was mysteriously described as 'quad bike cleaning' even though there wasn't a quad bike at all. I had an absolute blast at PGL! Written by Elijah

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Year 5 went to Vine House to take part in Poetry Together with some of the elderly residents. We got to speak to some of the people at Vine House and we showed them card tricks, Pom-poms, handshakes and many other games. We even had some yummy party food before our performance. We recited the poem 'The Autumn Wind' with most of the class in the dining room but ten people were in front of the residents. I was in with the elderly people and we acted out the poem for them. Then we had a picture taken and everyone said their goodbyes. Written by Phoebe W











### **Otters Class**

Forest School

This half term, Otters were given the opportunity to do Forest School. We made dens, fires, swings and much more. We also did some activities with wool like friendship bracelets, dream catchers and the Nordic swing (something that we could use to make friendship bracelets that were the same as each other). By Sian and Lucy







### Our PGL Residential

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Foxes and Otters went on a residential to PGL on the Isle of Wight.

In the morning, we all arrived at school and waited for the coach. Once we got on the coach, everyone was really excited to get to Portsmouth. When we got off the coach, we all rushed to get our bags and get on the ferry. Once we had found our seats, we all ate our lunch. We didn't think the ferry would go as fast as it did.

We were driven to the site and when the coach parked Georgia came on the bus, and she told us she was our groupie for the three days. Afterwards, we had a tour, settled in, ate dinner (which was meatballs and pasta) and then enjoyed the evening entertainment which was Wacky Races. Then we all settled down and were ready for bed at 10:00pm.

The next day, we went for a cooked breakfast at 7:45 am. After that, all groups went to their first activity, these included Matrix, Jacob's Ladder, Sensory Trail, Abseiling and Vertical challenge. Each group moved on to another activity and we did 4 activities a day over the 3 days we were there. Other activities included quad biking and buggy building. Sometimes we had a little quiet time after lunch and went back to our cabins. We really enjoyed our meals and the evening entertainment before settling down to sleep. By Sian & Lucy



### MRC Experience Day

On the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Year 6 went to MRC for an experience day. On arrival we were sorted into groups to do different subjects and a tour. Firstly, group 1 did the MRC maths challenge, it was building a cube out of Multilink and each face could not have 2 of the same colour on it.

Next we had a tour of the school led by the students. We saw every classroom in the school. We also saw the sports hall and 3-g pitch. By William & Jacob

## **House Update**

|                           | Green | Yellow | Blue | Red |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|-----|
| Week 1 House Points       | 4     | 1      | 3    | 2   |
| Week 2 and 3 House Points | 4     | 1      | 4    | 4   |
| Summer Reading Challenge  | 26    | 14     | 14   | 20  |
| A-Z Space Challenge       | 3     | 5      | 9    | 6   |
| Week 4 House Points       | 4     | 2      | 1    | 3   |
| Week 5 House Points       | 3     | 1      | 4    | 3   |
| Week 6 House Points       | 4     | 4      | 1    | 2   |
| House Pumpkin Challenge   | 19    | 18     | 22   | 15  |
| Week 7 House Points       | 4     | 2      | 4    | 1   |
| Week 8 House Points       | 3     | 2      | 4    | 1   |
| Total                     | 74    | 50     | 66   | 57  |

# Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada

