

Dolphin Class

In Dolphin Class we had lots of cross curriculum activities this half term. In Numeracy, we have been learning to measure and to record mass and weight. Some of us were able to use language such as 'heavier' or 'lighter' and to use appropriate standard units to estimate mass in kilogrammes and grams. We learnt how to measure ingredients to bake a cake following the written instructions that we made in our literacy lessons. We did good turn-taking during our practical lesson. Some of the children were reading the instructions and some were checking the weights while they were waiting. The fruit cake was yummy!



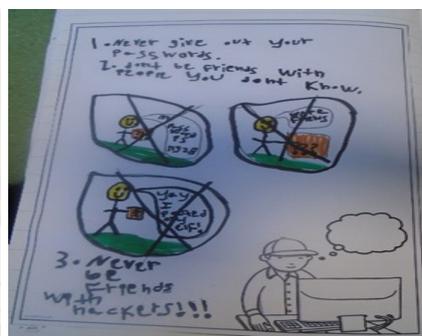
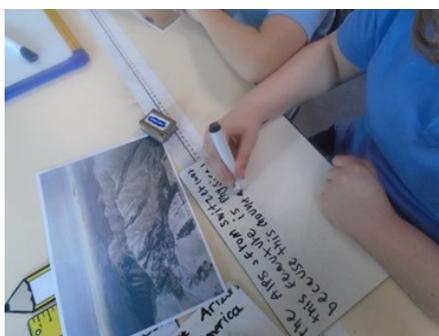
Panda Class

Panda Class have had a busy term learning lots of new skills. In our music lessons we have been learning to play the ukulele. We have been exploring St Lucia in humanities and have enjoyed researching and comparing the country to the United Kingdom. In Science our topic is 'Plants' and we have carried out lots of different experiments. We grew beetroot, sunflowers, cress, hyacinths and daffodils. We went on our educational trip to Kew Gardens and saw some beautiful plants and flowers. The badger sett was our favourite part of the day and we were all really brave and went on the tree top walk. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, measurement and numbers up to 50. Panda class also had great fun dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day.



Orca Class

Orca Class have been working very hard this term. During our Humanities lessons we have been learning about St Lucia and comparing it to the UK! We have enjoyed learning about St Lucia's geographical features, explaining how we know if they are physical or human features. We also used the eight points of a compass to locate different places in St Lucia. During PSHE we have been learning about the different ways we can keep safe. We have learnt about road safety and how to keep safe when crossing the road or if we are riding a bike. Orca class have also been learning about Internet Safety and how we can keep ourselves safe when using computers/phones/tablets etc. We designed posters displaying/promoting safe use of the internet, using our knowledge from our computing lessons to help us.



Elephant Class

In maths we have studied measuring as part of our Maths Mastery programme. We compared the length and weight of different objects in the classroom to find which one was longer or shorter, heavier or lighter. We also used non standard units to measure these objects such as cubes, paperclips, lollipop sticks and even our hands and feet. In Humanities we explored the beautiful tropical island of St. Lucia. We learnt about its climate, looked at satellite photos, made a map of the island and we now know that one airport is in the North and another airport is in the South of St. Lucia. On a bright and sunny Thursday we visited Kew Gardens to see and smell all the amazing plants that we have been learning about in Science. In the Palm House we discovered trees and cactuses from far away countries and even a tree that smelled like your feet after a long day of hiking. Yuck!



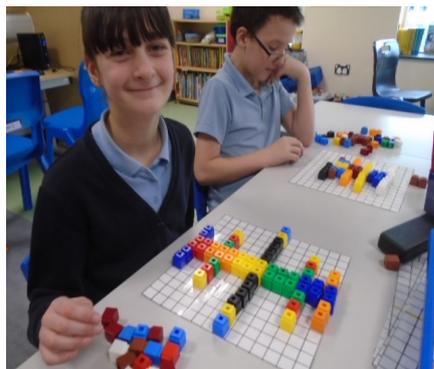
Rhino Class

In English we have been continuing with the theme of non-fiction books with the story 'Wheels, Wings and Other Things'. It was really interesting to learn about all the different types of transport and we particularly enjoyed writing about our favourite modes of transport - trains and aeroplanes. Science has been lots of fun this half term. Rhino class have really enjoyed learning about the different parts of a plant, their functions and we have also been investigating the requirements plants need for life and growth. We made some 'cress heads', put some on the windowsill and some in the cupboard, then compared them to see which grew the best. Rhino class concluded that that it is important for plants to have light or they will not grow. We were able to continue our exploration of plants during our educational visit to Kew Gardens. We saw some beautiful plants of all different sizes, shapes and colours.



Giraffe Class

We have had another busy term! We had world book day last month and the class had fun dressing up as their favourite book character. We had an assembly about it in our class and all the children proudly showed their costumes to Ms Meredith and Mr Smith (HT and DHT). Crystal and Luke are pictured making a reflective pattern as part of their numeracy lesson on the Buddhism RE day as we focused on patterns for it. They really found it tricky initially but completed it all by themselves -Well done! Some Children in Giraffe class competed in a sports day at Cranford Secondary. They had a lot of fun and worked brilliantly together as a team cheering on their school peers. They participated in many different races and used techniques they learned in their PE lessons – We were very proud of them!



Tiger Class

The children took part for World Book Day. They enjoyed dressing up as characters from their favourite books and also joined in a day filled with activities based around their favourite story Peter Rabbit and Friends. They especially enjoyed making finger puppets to retell the story. During our Science lessons, Tiger class learnt about plants and how they grow. They loved investigating plants and planting sunflowers and made a sensory poster to display their learning.



Lion Class

Lion Class have been enjoying learning about plants in Science. They have learnt the names for the parts of a plant and what they need to grow. They have grown their own bean plant in class and investigated what plants need to survive and where to best place them to grow. They have learnt about St Lucia in Geography, and have enjoyed learning where this is in the world and the different human and physical features there are in this country. In English we have focused on non-fiction texts. They have learnt about diary entries, explanation texts and information texts. Their learning has been based around the story Jack and the Beanstalk. In PSHE they have learnt how to keep themselves safe. We have looked at road safety and items that are safe and unsafe.



Zebra Class

In maths we have been working with money and the children have been making different amounts using coins. We had a treasure hunt in our sand pit and spent the money we found in our Zebra class shop. In PSHE and literacy we have been looking at our impact on the environment and what we can do to help save our planet. We learnt that we can make small changes that can have a big impact and can question choices made by others that could impact our environment because the planet belongs to all of us. We have been looking at recycling and how to prevent plastics ending up in the ocean. In science we have been studying plants. We grew our own bean plants. Children were able to gather the correct resources in order to plant their beans and choose where to put them in the classroom to ensure they received the maximum amount of sunlight to allow them to grow. In RE we have been studying Hinduism. The children dressed up in traditional clothes used for a Hindu wedding and posed for a picture. We have looked at several rights of passage for Hindu people and studied the different Deities and what they symbolise.



Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 23rd April** Pupils return to school (First day of Summer 1)
- **Friday 3rd May** INSET Day (School closed for pupils)
- **Monday 6th May** Bank Holiday (School closed)
- **Friday 24th May** RE Day (Judaism Day); Last day of Summer 1