

Dolphin Class

During our Science lessons this half term we focused on 'Animals including human's' topic. Children identified that animals and humans needs the right type and amount of nutrition. We had lots of fun learning about skeletons and we grouped animals with and without skeletons and compared their movements. In our Humanities lessons we investigated rivers. We used an atlas and simple maps to look for rivers around the world. We focused on identifying parts of the river and made a model of the river. We spent lots of time finding facts about famous rivers around the world.



Panda Class

We have all settled in well to Panda class and have learnt about lots of interesting topics this term. In Maths we have been working on addition and subtraction and learning our times tables. We have been exploring Rivers in Humanities and have enjoyed making our very own river system. In Science our topic is 'Animals including Humans' and we have carried out lots of different experiments and loved exploring the skeletons. We have been learning to play together, share, and take turns in PSHE.



Rhino Class

Rhino class have had a wonderful start to the year. We have been reading *The Runaway Pizza*. We were amazing detectives and scrutinised each character in detail. We wrote our own Runaway Pizza character profiles. In Maths we have been learning about number and place value. We have been partitioning two digit numbers into their tens and ones. We used our part whole frames to help us. In Science we have been learning about healthy eating. We checked the sugar levels in each cereal box and compared the different amounts. Well done, Rhino Class.



Elephant Class

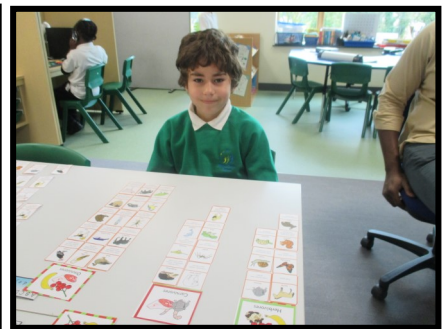
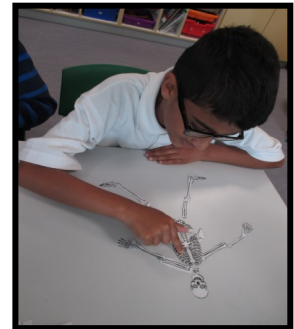
In Elephant Class, it has been very busy and a lot of fun too. We are still getting to know each other but it's going great because we use the class rules and the school values such as kindness and perseverance. In English we have been exploring the story of Cinderella through reading, writing, role play and arts and crafts. We enjoyed dressing up as the characters and making magic wands using different resources. In Maths we follow the Maths Mastery programme where we have been counting and adding numbers using cubes, tens frames, number lines and the part whole model. We have also come up with various maths stories about our class.

In Humanities we have been learning about rivers. We made a river on cardboard, labelled its features and added human activities like fishing, water transport, farming and bridges. Then we explored the effects of flooding and drought on rivers.



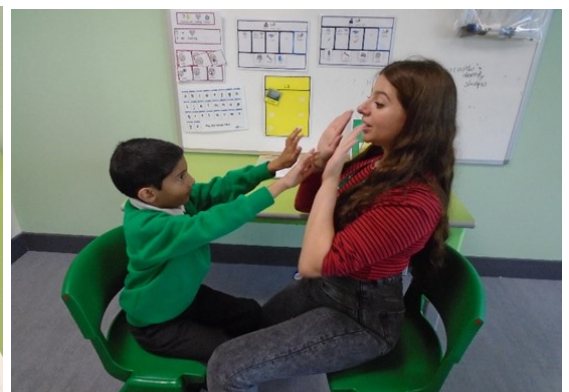
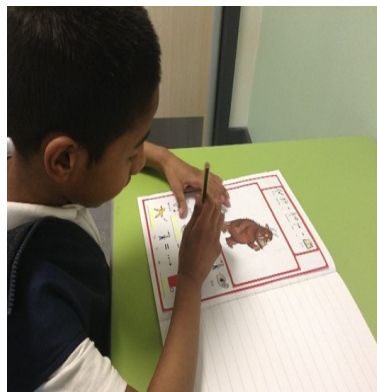
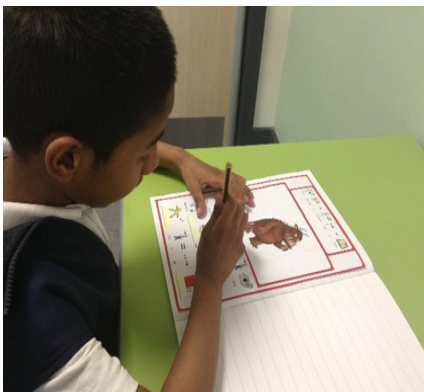
Lion Class

Lion Class have been enjoying learning about The Tiger Who Came to Tea. They have learnt about the story, participated in drama activities and then planned and wrote the next story using the title 'the Lion Who Came...'. Some children wrote about The Lion Who Came to Party, and others wrote about the Lion Who Came to the Beach. There were other variations too. In Science we have learnt about nutrition and the different food groups. They have also learnt about carnivores/herbivores/omnivores and sorted different animals into these different groups. The children have learnt about the human skeleton and how this protects the different organs in the body. In Geography they have learnt about rivers and the different features of rivers. They had to match the features with the description for one of their activities.



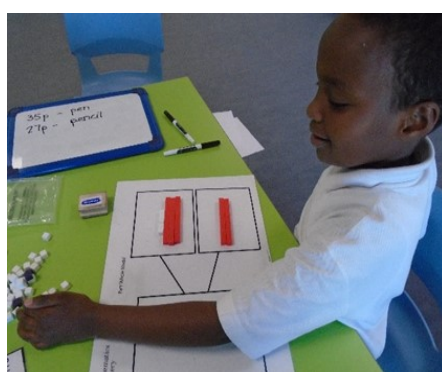
Manatee Class

In Literacy, Manatee Class have been exploring stories with a familiar setting, as well as stories from the same author. Therefore, we did lots of writing using descriptive words, while reading and acting out the 'Gruffalo' and 'We're going on a bear hunt' stories. In maths, we worked on making actions associated with number rhymes and we built on our prior knowledge of numbers to do number sequencing, as well as to learn how to match numbers to quantities.



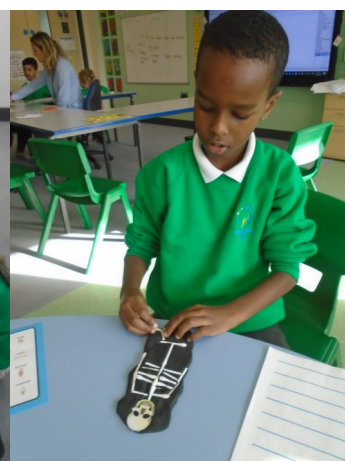
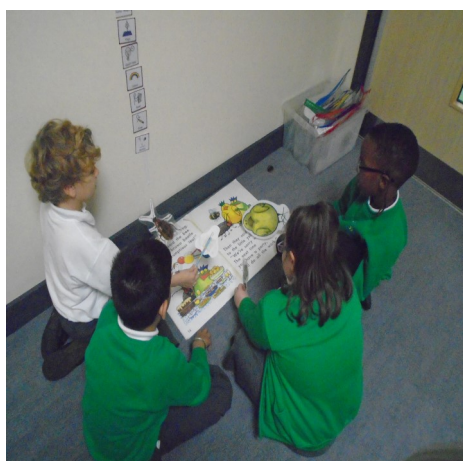
Orca Class

It has been a great first half term back for Orca Class! Some of the children took part in Gardening Club and grew lots of wonderful flowers and vegetables last year as part of Horticulture with Ms. Cooper. During this term, Orca Class went back to see a pumpkin they had planted and were amazed at how large it had grown! We have definitely got green fingers. During our Maths Mastery lessons, we have been using part-whole models and bar models whilst learning about number sense and exploring calculation strategies. Orca Class have also been adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers, using regrouping! This can be very tricky but the children have been persevering and love being challenged in lessons!



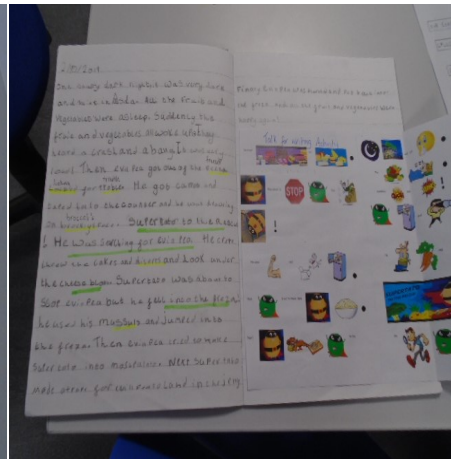
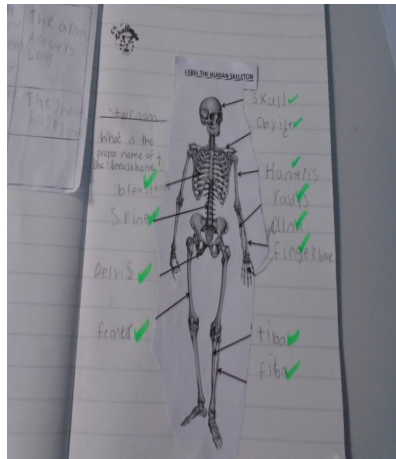
Tiger Class

Tiger class have settled in very well to the new school year. In literacy we have been reading The Little Yellow Chicken and have been taking part in role play to understand and retell the story. In RE we have been learning about Sikhism and we have taken part in celebrating Vaisakhi, including having langhar in our classroom. We have learnt all about Guru Nanak, the 5 K's and the main beliefs of Sikhism. In Science we have been learning about animals and humans and have made our own x-rays while learning about the function of the skeleton and muscles.



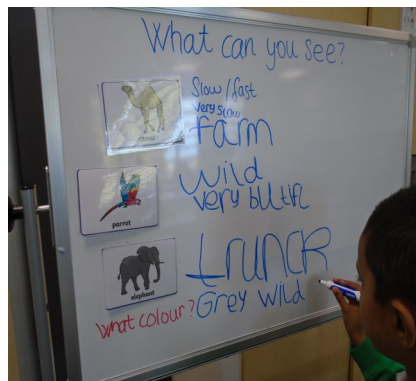
Giraffe Class

Giraffe Class has had a busy start of term and they have settled into the routines of the new school year with enthusiasm. In our Maths lessons, we have focused on place value, addition and subtraction. Fatma used the dienes resources and the part-whole model to count how many tens and ones were in a two digit number. In Science, we have learned about the diets of animals including humans. The class learned that our bones and muscles support our bodies. The children learnt the names of our main bones and could find them on the skeleton model. Nathan has labelled his skeleton with the correct names. In Literacy, we looked at 'talk for writing' activities and picture maps that assists us with story writing. Tia used the picture map of the 'Supertato' story to retell the story. She also remembered to use exciting adjectives in her writing – Well done!



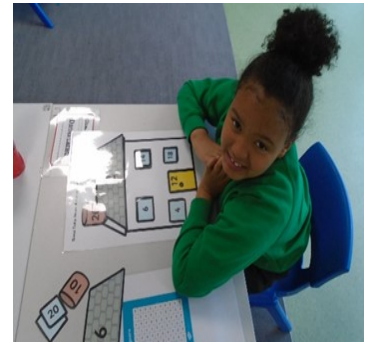
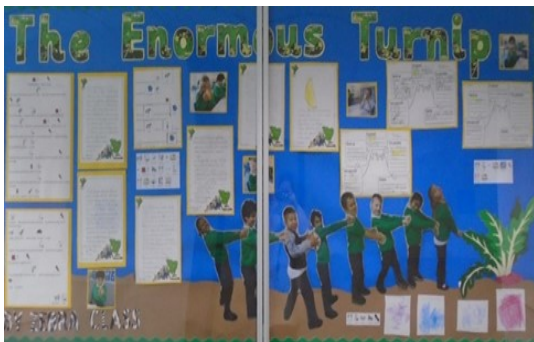
Tapir Class

Tapir class have been learning about Animals including humans. We identified that animals, including humans need the right type and amount of nutrition. We learnt that animals and humans get nutrition from what they eat. We have also researched different food groups and how they keep us healthy. We learnt that we must eat a balanced diet in order to get nutrients. We enjoyed exploring different materials to make our favourite animals!

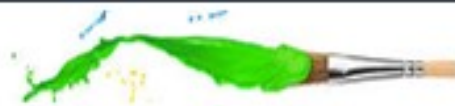


Zebra Class

In literacy we have been looking at the story of the enormous turnip. Using the talk for writing framework the children have used the story outline but rewritten it as their own, changing the characters and items within the story. We have laid the story out onto a story mountain, acted out the story and finally made it our own. Our class story was called the Enormous Purple Carrot! In RE we have been studying Sikhism. Here the children have made their own Chaur Sahibs and are pretending to wave them over the Guru Granth Sahib. In maths we have been exploring number. Here we were looking at multiplication and counting in groups. Selina made a house using 2x table facts. We have been going to gardening on a Wednesday with Ms. Cooper. The children have been harvesting some of the vegetables from the school gardens. They are now preparing the garden for the coming winter season.



ART Upper Primary Newsletter - Autumn 1



During Autumn 1 students created a series of brilliant artworks based on the Artist Joan Miro. Students below from Orca class are proudly pictured with a page they illustrated from the book "Nonsense Alphabet" by Edward Lear. Students illustrated each page by reading the poem and then creating an illustration in the style of Joan Miro. They explored printmaking by using different materials to print shapes and experimented with simple bold colours. Fantastic work Orca Class!

