



Wimborne First School

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Wow, this has been a busy half term. I have been spending time between both school sites and I have to say the new build is looking amazing.

I cannot wait to show the children around and let them look at all the new resources we have purchased for them. Over the next few weeks staff will be going up to the new build and setting up their classrooms in readiness for a moving date. It would be great if you are able to attend the meeting on the 3rd March with Dorset.

Congratulations to Mrs Rogers who had a beautiful little boy called Max, we wish her well on her maternity leave.

I would also like to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Phillips who has worked with us for many years. She is moving on to a new school to pursue new challenges. She has been an asset to the school and will be

sadly missed. Thank you for everything you have done and good luck in your new job.

Thank you to all the children and parents for making this a fabulous half term. They have worked so hard and they deserve a half term break.

Class assemblies have started which is one of my favourite events throughout the year, seeing the children grow in confidence and share their learning is a very special time. The assemblies are so well supported, thank you to everyone who brings in cakes and the PTFA members who do an amazing job hosting teas and coffees for everyone.

Have a lovely half term break and hopefully once the weather has calmed down after this weekend you will be able to get out and about.

Please remember school starts back on Tuesday 25th February as the Monday is a training day.

Stay safe and have a lovely break.

Sarah Hartley



SWIMATHON

On Sat 1st Feb, a group of 18 intrepid swimmers from years 3 & 4 attended the Poole Lions Swimathon at the Dolphin Swimming Pool.

Our three teams, the Wimborne First School Sharks, Dolphins and Seals swam brilliantly in relays for an hour, raising funds through sponsorship for our new school.

The swimmers completed an amazing number of laps with the Sharks team smashing last years total achieving 93 laps!

The children showed fantastic team spirit, exemplary behaviour, and were still smiling at the end, even after all their hard work!

Happily Ever After

Butterflies and Bumblebees - Reception

The children in Butterflies and Bumblebees have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Happily Ever After'. Each week we focussed on a traditional tale and had great fun learning about each story. We met many fairy tale characters including: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Giant, Little Red Hen and of course Cinderella. Everybody was excited to help Little Red Hen to make her bread, we especially enjoyed eating it for our snack once it was baked! Throughout this topic, the children have developed their phonic skills by writing lists, drawing story maps, writing labels, captions, descriptions and invitations. In our number fun time, we have been counting up to and beyond 10, measuring our feet, adding two numbers together and recording number sentences, weighing the bears' porridge and solving problems. We have also been very creative and used a range



of materials and resources to make leaves for Jack's beanstalk, feathers for Little Red Hen and Chinese dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year. We also took part in a crafty workshop to create our own clay fish that will form part of a display at our new school. Our final story began with a beautiful glass slipper and a message from Cinderella inviting us to a royal ball. Preparations soon began and the children are all very excited



to be hosting such a special event. The day of the ball is getting closer and the children have been busy writing shopping lists, invitations and practising their ballroom dancing! We have even been to Waitrose to buy some party food for the occasion. We are so looking forward to celebrating the end of our topic and can't wait to see all the children dressed up and ready to party!

Famous Faces

Hedgehogs and Mice - Year 1



What a fantastic day the children had for their sparkly starter to our topic 'Famous Faces'. The children came to school dressed as a famous person of their choice and WOW the costumes absolutely blew us away! We had a Florence Nightingale, several Darcey Bussell's and a whole lot more famous people in the Year 1 base for the day. The children walked down the red carpet and wrote about their famous person. During our topic, we have explored the Royal Family and learnt about

who is next in line to the throne and the role of the Queen in England. We even made our very own royal crowns and became Kings and Queens for the afternoon! We have also found out about famous people from the past and learnt about Florence Nightingale and Nelson Mandela and how they helped people. We made medals to award to them for their special achievements! What a busy half term we have had and we cannot wait to begin our new topic – Come fly with me!

One Small Step...

Robins and wrens - Year 2



WOW, we certainly have learnt lots about people who have made significant changes in history. To kick start our new topic 'One small step', the children arrived at school to be greeted with the night sky and instructions to head straight into Robins class. The classroom was filled with dazzling laser light stars and we watched the footage of Neil Armstrong taking his first steps on the moon. The children were fascinated with the old fashioned footage and we enjoyed talking about the Apollo 11 space mission. We then became space engineers and designed our very own moon landing module for a very precious egg-spaceman. It was the moment of truth, Wrens and Robins presented their moon landing modules to the rest of the class. As a year group we investigated which modules were the strongest and why. We dropped them from a height and watched them fall. We then opened them up to see if our spacemen had survived the journey. We are pleased to report that many of them did! Throughout the rest of the topic, we have worked really hard to find out lots about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus and their significance throughout history. We researched

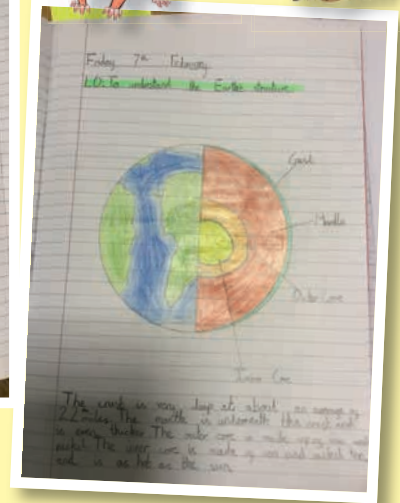
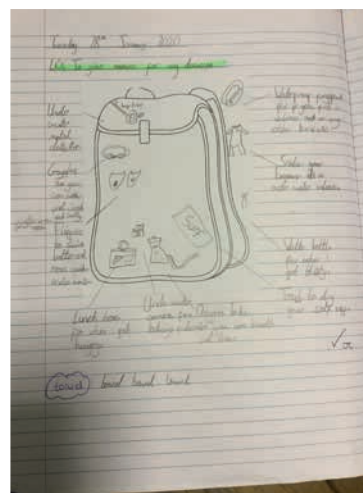


many facts using a range of media and made our very own fact files! We also used papier Mache to create the surface of the moon, being careful to make craters. We found out that the Earth orbits the sun, and the moon moves around the Earth and created models

to show this. To celebrate the end of our topic, we were lucky enough to have our Coffee and Croissant class assemblies where we were able to share all that we had learnt this term. Year 2 have certainly had a busy half term filled with fantastic learning.

ANGRY EARTH

Squirrels and Rabbits - Year 3



What a brilliant start to the spring term, we kick started our 'Angry Earth' topic by reading the Magic School bus adventure to the centre of the Earth. Following on from this, we completed a problem solving activity where we had to decide which 10 items we would take with us if we visited one of the world's famous volcanoes. We have learnt about the layers, which make up the Earth and have used atlas' to investigate tectonic plates and how these

create volcanoes and earthquakes, we loved finding out all about the Ring of Fire! In science, we began our 'Rock and Fossil' learning by investigating types of rocks. We learnt that rocks are located in our local environment in many different ways, from jewellery, tiles and even the windows! We explored the terms 'Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary' and looked at a variety of rocks, identifying and grouping each one based on their properties.

In computing this half term, we have created algorithms and explored the importance of giving clear and precise instructions to guide a character to a set destination. After lots of practise, organising each instruction in the right order we were able to make an exciting animation.

ELECTRIC BIKE VISIT


Badgers and Foxes - Year 4



This half term, Year 4 were fortunate enough to have a visit from Sustrans, to help us with our science topic which was all about electricity. During our session, we learnt about what has to happen for electricity to be made and how this happens in the real world.

It helped us to understand where we get our electricity from and also the really important facts about renewable and non-renewable energy. The best part of the morning was definitely when we got to have a go on a specially designed bike that generated

electricity when you pedalled it! We were able to see how much hard work goes into powering just one lightbulb! The children really enjoyed their visit and some of us even managed to peddle hard enough to power 4 different electric appliances!

A photograph of a young child in a black leotard performing a handstand on a red mat in a gymnasium. The child's legs are raised high in the air. In the background, there are metal ladders and a wooden bench. A blue light projection is visible on the floor.

Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics event:

The children had a fantastic time learning a range of skills throughout the gymnastics event. They began the morning with a fun filled warm up; playing a game, which required them to pose in different balances. They continued the event by developing their skills of forward rolls, handstands and cartwheels. The event was concluded with use of the apparatus, they used a beam to pull themselves along to a horse and jumped off in a variety of different ways. The children used a springboard and the climbing frame to travel in different ways.



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