

PI/2 CLASS NEWS TERM 4

LITERACY

All of our 'Teddies' group are now sounding out, blending and reading words and we are using a range of reading books in class to support and challenge pupils. Our 'Cars' group have moved to more complex reading books in the Storyworld series and have been enjoying the more in depth stories these offer.

In February and March the class enjoyed creating their own villain and writing their own Supertato stories as part of our Talk 4 Writing series. This term we are taking advantage of our 'Under The Sea' topic to focus on some non-fiction writing. Pupils have been writing their own fact files about underwater sea creatures including whales, sea turtles and hermit crabs. They will be moving on to create their own front cover and contents page for their fact file.

This term we have also been working on digital literacy skills in the ICT suite. Pupils have been learning how to log on to computers and use a search engine to find information. Later this term we will learn about how to create and save a word document. As part of our digital literacy learning we will be beginning to discuss online safety.

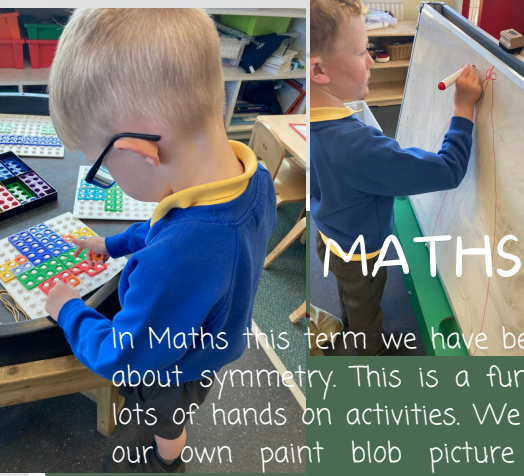
In Phonics we continue to learn a range of sounds, these are practices in active ways such as using chalk in the sun, magnetic boards and glitter spellings in class!



TOPIC

Our topic this term is 'Under The Sea' which is another wide ranging topic that lends itself to many different areas of the curriculum. We have moved like different sea creatures in PE, learned to create a background wash with watercolours in Expressive Arts, used STEM skills to create a junk modelled sea creature and learned how to use a search engine to find images of sea creatures that interest us online! Later this term we will use this topic to think more about plastic pollution and recycling, culminating in a whole school trip to participate in a beach clean in June.

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MATHS

In Maths this term we have been learning about symmetry. This is a fun topic with lots of hands on activities. We have made our own paint blob picture butterflies, created symmetrical pictures on the ipads, with 3D objects and made natural art pictures outside using sticks as our lines of symmetry.

We will be moving on to think about time in our beyond number maths learning. For our Legos group this will be consolidating learning about days of the week, months of the year and seasons with an introduction to minutes and hours, whereas our Speedboats group will be starting to learn to tell the time using digital and analogue clocks.

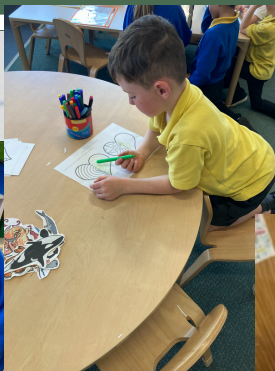
NUMERACY



Having gained confidence counting and writing numbers to 20, the Legos are exploring the concept of one more and one less on a numberline.

The 'Speedboats' have been starting to learn about sharing equally and the formal symbols and number sentences for division.

Both groups have been revising addition and subtraction, using concrete materials to help solve problems!

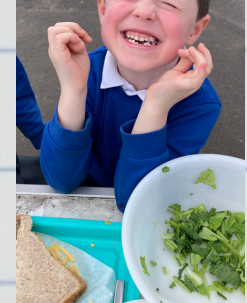
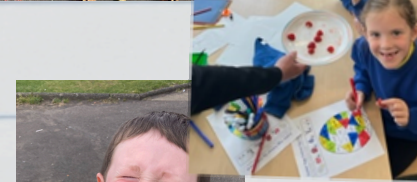


HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

PI/2 finished off their HWB 'Babies' topic at the start of this term. They enjoyed sharing baby photos and learning about where their names came from and how their own births were celebrated at home. Thank you so much for sharing the photos and information with us. This topic also led naturally into RME lessons around festivals and we learned about christening celebrations in Christian/Catholic communities and the Aquiqah festival in Islamic communities. As the school year draws to a close and pupils are beginning to think about next year, we will be exploring change and loss during our HWB lessons.

P1/2 CLASS NEWS

Over the last couple of months we have been learning about living things and how to care for them through planting and growing seeds in the school polytunnel. We have been successfully growing radishes, peas, carrots, potatoes, salad, herbs and strawberries! Recently we have been harvesting our foods and taking advantage of the improved weather for other sorts of outdoor learning. Next year the nursery pupils will be joining our current P1 pupils and so we have been outdoor learning together on a Wednesday afternoon. So far this has included symmetry art, making sandwiches (with fillings including our harvested salad and radishes) and parachute games. Our 'Under The Sea' topic lends itself to trips to the beach and we are hoping to meet with some local fisherman to look at their catch and go rock pooling later in the term. We went to cheer on the Maidens team at the Eric McCrindle cup and will soon be participating in our own outdoor events at sports day.



Miles discovers radishes are bitter!!



CLASS HOUSEKEEPING

Dates for the diary.

Joint Outdoor Learning Days with P7 22nd May AM 5th June AM

Sports Day 31st May PM

Whole school beach clean 7th June AM

Tuesday 11th June AM

Bump Up day Wed 12th June PM

Farm Park School Trip 27th June

PE will remain on a Thursday and Friday this term.