



ROWAN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER NEWS LETTER 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are again at the end of the school year, which hardly seems possible! It has been a year of challenges, and many successes too!

The staff team at Rowan Gate Primary School have pulled together in order to enable the school to remain open as much as possible and to keep our routines and structures in place. We have gradually returned to our usual ways of working and it was a delight to see our Year 6 pupils celebrate their achievements in Leaver's Assemblies.

I have been thrilled to see the children thoroughly enjoying trips and walks, and visitor's coming back into school. The trips, outings and broad curriculum activities enrich the children's experiences and understanding of topics.

I must thank you all for your support, which is so very important and enables the children to make progress.

I am very proud of the whole staff team, who always think of the children and put their needs first. My sincere thanks go to all of them, who strive to keep the children safe and making progress.

The site and administrative teams have worked tirelessly in the background of our school, and I thank them for their work, which ensures the smooth running of the school.

The leadership team have worked around the clock to ensure that the school can emerge from the Pandemic safely and successfully. My thanks go to each one of the team for their determination and work throughout the year.

The Governors of our school are very involved in school life, and remain a strong and stable team. They guide, support and scrutinise our work. I thank all of the Governors for their time and commitment to our school.

As you know, we have all been shaken by the loss of our friend and colleague, Dawn Milburn-Gates who died suddenly earlier this year. Our thoughts remain with her family.

We work hard to ensure that when the pupils leave our school, they are as prepared as possible for the next stage of their education and that they are beginning to see themselves as part of our wider society. I wish all of our leavers well in their new schools.

I am very proud to be the head teacher of such a wonderful school, where each child is supported to meet their potential.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy summer holiday.

I look forward to seeing the pupils again on Monday September 5th 2022.

Best wishes,

Laura Clarke



Apples Class



I cannot believe how quickly this year has sped past. It only seems like yesterday that I came into class to meet your delightful children for the first time. Despite all the ups and downs with Covid and isolations we have continued to have lots of fun activities for all of the children in Apples Class.

Following the Easter break our topic was 'Do you have green fingers?' Our Topic song was 'We dig our Garden' which all the children thoroughly enjoyed and some of them may have sung it to you at home. We looked at the basic structure of plants and what they need to grow. This involved getting muddy fingers rather than green when we were planting seeds. The children enjoyed sharing stories about a variety of vegetables including 'The Run-away Pea' who got up to all kinds of mischief.



We also looked at pollinators including insects and birds and we made some great bird feeders and bug hotels. We were lucky enough to have a visit from 'Animals in Mind' where the children were able to see up close and touch some of the incredible animals that were brought into school. We have obviously explored our sense of taste

as eating a variety of different fruits and vegetables some definitely being enjoyed more than others!

In the second half term we got straight on with our next Topic 'Why is water wet?' Our song was all about the water cycle and despite some tricky words, evaporation, condensation and precipitation the children really enjoyed the song and the dance moves that went with it. All of the children have made great strides with their water confidence and it has been a total pleasure to get to join them in the pool this term.



We have carried out experiments to try and find what materials would make a good umbrella. Cotton wool did not work out well! We have looked at sea creatures sharing 'The Little Mermaid story' The children have enjoyed exploring water changing state from solid to liquid and thinking about all the different forms that water takes in the weather. No summer term would be complete without the children having an ice-cream.

The children have all shown remarkable resilience over the year and have all made steady progress in the core subjects of English and Maths. As a team we have been blown away by some jumps in progress, particularly in communication, which has certainly caused me to whoop and shed a tear at the same time. I am very proud of everyone in Apples class and it has been a true delight to watch their confidence grow over the last year.

It has been a fabulous year and I look forward to seeing or hearing about everyone's continued success next academic year. Have a great summer break.

Well done Apples Class!



Apples East Summer 2022



This last term has flown by and the children have enjoyed going swimming each week. It's been lovely to see how much they've all achieved in school since September.

Our topic for this term has meant we have explored all different sorts of foods and how to have a healthy lifestyle.



In RE this term we have explored what it is like to be part of a Muslim family and different celebrations which the children have really enjoyed.



In Maths the children's progress over the year has been very evident with them embracing new mathematical activities and really showing a greater depth of understanding.



In English we have continued to develop handwriting and phonics early skills and enjoyed doing activities linked to a different book each week including Dragons Love Taco's, Pass the Jam Jim and Mr Wolf's Pancakes. The children have continued to make excellent progress with their letter formation and understanding of letter sounds.



The children have all worked so hard and it's been evident to see what great progress they have all made this year and what lovely friendships they have formed with each other and their peers in other classes. Well Done Apples Class!

Apples T

Apples class have enjoyed the topic of Dinosaurs this term. We have learnt the names of many different dinosaurs, talked about the food they ate and found out about fossils and how Dinosaurs were discovered.

We had a great day out visiting World of Dinosaurs- Paradise Wildlife park and encountered many big Dinosaurs.



We have created our own Dinosaurs using different fruits



and made Dinosaur masks and Dinosaur skeletons with pasta

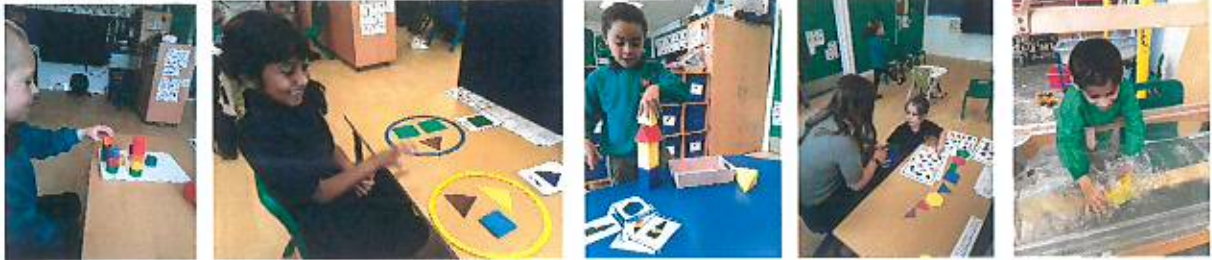


We have learnt lots of new things in Apples Class this year. It has been very busy and we are all looking forward to our summer break to relax and get ready for the new school year ahead. We hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer.

Apricots W Class

Here we are at the end of our school year. We have had a wonderful year and it has been a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence and learn together. I hope the children have a fun summer break and I wish them the very best when returning in September.

In maths we have been continuing to develop our confidence using mathematical equipment within the themes of money, time, data, number and place value, addition and subtraction and shape. The children have blown us away with their maths skills and it is great to see their problem solving developing.



We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring fairy tales and poems this term. We have looked at texts such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Shark in the Park', 'The Princess and the Pea' and 'The Three Little Pigs' to name just a few. We have explored these texts through story massage, character description, story setting description and story sequencing. We have been exploring mark making during our English sessions, some of us developing our pencil control and some of us exploring the marks our hands create in different materials. We have continued our work in phonics, some of us looking at environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, rhythm and rhyme and exploring RWI Set 1 and set 2 letter sounds.



I think our final term for Topic has been our favourite yet! Our theme has been 'Why is water wet?' We started by exploring what it means for something to be wet, looking at a variety of wet and dry materials. We also explored weather, where water comes from, ice, who lives in and on water and also water cycles. We created our own fruit infused water, designing and creating the water bottle. We also looked at what to wear for different weathers. We have researched different sea creatures and even created our own! We have also enjoyed many sensory activities related to the theme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and it has been wonderful to watch them immerse themselves in their learning.

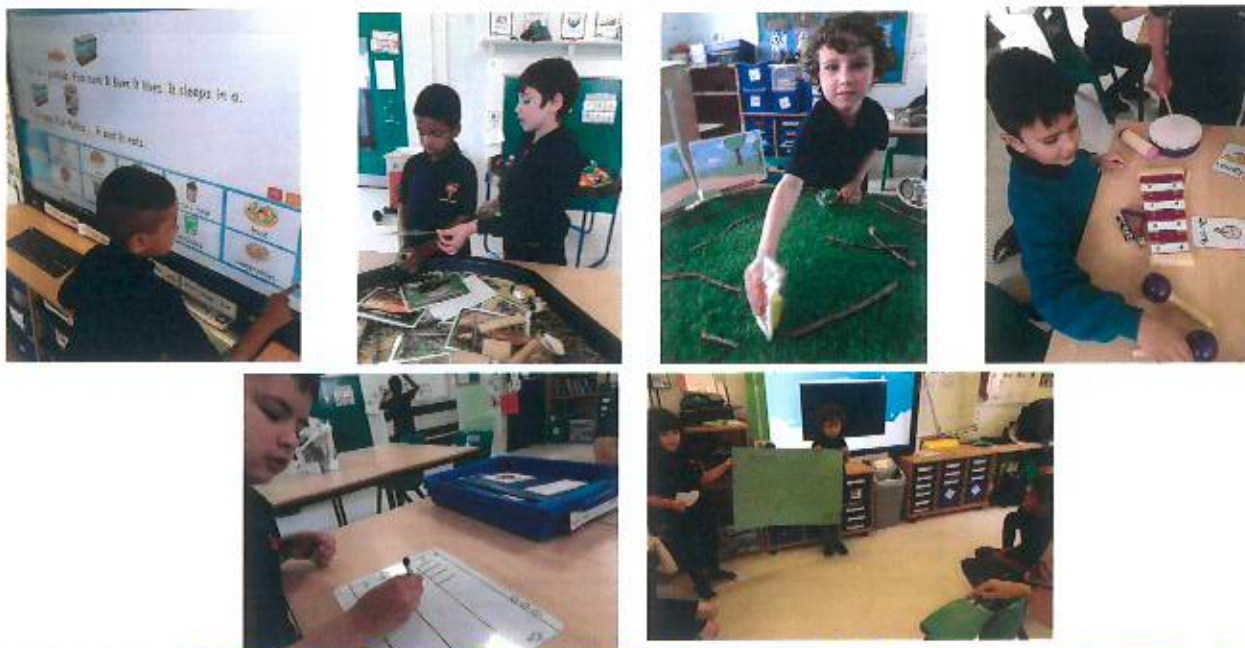


Apricots East End of Term Newsletter July 2022

In our final term together Apricots East class have engaged in a wide range of learning activities. In Maths the children have enjoyed practical learning activities that have developed their understanding of the property of numbers, addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, handling data, measurement and shape.



In English our learning has included stories from a range of cultures, myths and legends as well as non-fiction texts. The children have developed many skills including, writing for a range of purposes using different methods of recording such as using ICT. The children have enjoyed recalling and retelling stories through small world and role play activities. They have continued to develop their Phonic Knowledge and Handwriting skills through weekly lessons and daily practice.



This term our Topics have explored a range of different animals and activities that have engaged all of our senses. The children particularly enjoyed the visiting animals and tasting different foods from around the world. Following hands on learning experiences the children have communicated their understanding through creative activities and using computer programs to record captions, answer questions and make comments.



In RE we have been exploring different cultural celebrations engaging in role play, food tasting and creative activities.

In PE we have been practicing for Sports Day with Juliette. On Sports Day our team got a special mention for our running skills. We have also been developing our skills in cooperative games working together, sharing resources and taking turns.



All of the staff in Apricots Class send our warmest wishes and hope you have a wonderful summer holiday.

Lisa and Alison ☺

Bananas Class

Bananas class have been busy exploring the topics 'Would you like to be in a green house or a tree house?' and 'When did the dinosaurs live?'. We focused on different themes each week including flowers and blooms, plants for food, here come the dinosaurs and dinosaur fossils!



We have enjoyed exploring messy play tuff trays and sensory table top displays relating to our themes. These have included a potato dig, vegetable paint printing, a sensory path and dinosaur fossil dig, alongside exploration of dry and wet materials including foam and cereal. We have used different tools to mark make within a range of media and on different surfaces.



We have shared many stories, engaging with sensory props and communication aids such as switches. These stories included 'Jasper's Beanstalk', 'The Tiny Seed', 'Dinosaur, Roar!' and 'If I had a dinosaur'. We even enjoyed making a volcano as a whole group and grew our own plants from seed.



We have enjoyed lots of practical activities involving number, shape and space. We've explored counting dinosaurs, emptying and filling containers, and lava waterplay. We experienced measure in cooking and enjoyed using our senses to explore ingredients. We made floral focaccia, rhubarb cake, footprint biscuits and edible dinosaur land cups.



This term we have also enjoyed swimming, soft play and a visit from Animals in Mind. We also enjoyed celebrating 10th Platinum Jubilee!



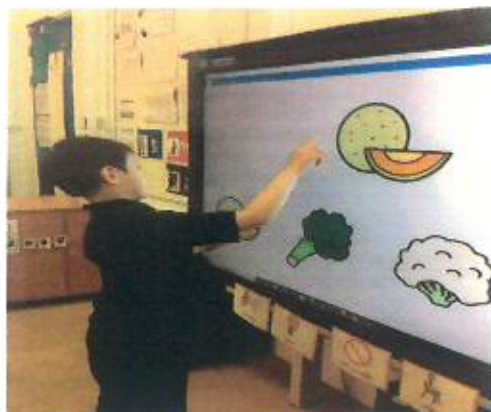
Bananas East Summer 2022



What a busy Summer term we've had! We have been making the most of the warmer weather and enjoying extra activities in the outdoor areas, including water play and parachute games.

Our Topic theme this term was "Is it yum or yuk?" We experienced tasting different breakfast foods from around the world, we all preferred the pain au chocolate pastry to the plain boiled rice!

We also made party invites and cakes, and invited another class to join us for a celebration, that was great fun!



Bananas class have all been working hard on their numbers and handwriting, learning is fun and we have enjoyed using the Interactive Whiteboard and different resources to have fun whilst learning.



We hope you have a fantastic and safe Summer, ready for the new school year in September.

Bananas-T Class Summer Newsletter 2022

Bananas class have been enjoying the warmer weather this term and have relished being outside exploring the topics 'Would you rather be in a greenhouse or a tree house?' and 'When did the Dinosaurs live?'



After exploring plants and trees, we then moved onto our topic all about dinosaurs. We considered if they were fierce or friendly, their chosen habitats, and learnt about the food they ate. The children were able to explore this concept as they engaged in a 'Dinosaur poop' activity to see if their chosen dinosaur was a herbivore or carnivore based on what they discovered in the pool! As you can imagine, the children loved engaging with this activity and it inspired many 'interesting' comments and wonderful reactions. We then became

fossil hunters inspired by the palaeontologist Mary Anning. The children used clay and natural materials to make their own fossils and also used magnifying glasses and identification charts and photos to identify the fossils they found in layered edible 'mud' and 'sand' trays.



We have enjoyed creating our own garden centre, and Jurassic role play areas. The children have also loved pretending to be dinosaurs and wearing masks. The Pteranodon, Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops seem to be the preferred dinosaurs to be. It's been a pleasure watching the children form some special friendships this year. They have all really enjoyed playing in both the inside and outside areas together. The children have also continued to enjoy their PE sessions in the hall



with Ashleigh, exploring the large apparatus and honing their balancing skills, and have loved our 'Daily Mile' walks to the local park and exploring the local



community. Our picnic in Hall Park to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with Apples Class was definitely one of our highlights of the year. We also enjoyed a trip to Wicksteed Park and a Dinosaur Park.



In maths we've been completing activities related to numerical patterns and numbers. We had a dinosaur tea party, using cups, bottles and jugs of different sizes to explore capacity by pouring drinks for dinosaurs of different sizes, and used non-standard units of measure to

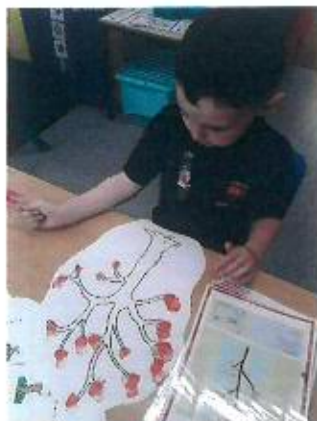
measure dinosaur skeletons. We've also enjoyed lots of different number related songs, such as 10 Little Dinosaurs. Playing 'What's the Time, Mr Dinosaur?' with the children, was great fun too.



The children continue to make great progress with their mark making and actively participate in our weekly dough disco session to develop their hand, wrist, and finger strength. The children have experienced mark making in a range of tactile materials and using a range of writing tools. It has been an absolute delight to stand back and observe children writing their own name and applying their phonics knowledge to write CVC words, letters to friends and I see sentences. Wow!



Bananas class have also completed various topic related



art and design activities and enjoyed creating their own clay sculpture based on the work of Damien Hirst and Grayson Perry during Arts Week. This term we have also created some beautiful Japanese Blossom Paintings as we listened to some traditional music. The children have become experts in mixing their own colours for a desired effect.

Our weekly cooking sessions have also been lots of fun! We're not sure why but cooking always results in so many giggles; and sticky hands. We've made dinosaur nests, edible 'dirt pots', and cereal volcanoes. Any excuse for a sweet treat!



The children have also absolutely loved participating in weekly music and well-being sessions; the Jack Hartman 'Be Mindful' song is very popular and the children are great at demonstrating taking care of their friends and how to be mindful of others. Our favourite activity from our weekly Sunshine Circle sessions is probably the interactive song Hairy Fred, the children's performances and reactions to this are brilliant. All of these

sessions have contributed in making relationships and developing self-confidence and self-awareness. He is a welcome addition to Bananas class and we are all very fond of Odell and Martinez. We also love to dance with Odell the orangutan and Martinez the monkey on Funky Monkey Fridays - a great way to end the week.



We can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. It has been an absolute privilege teaching your children and getting to know you all. We are so proud of the progress the children have made this year and we would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your support.

I would also like to personally thank the Bananas-T class team for their fantastic support and dedication to both the children, and myself this year. The relationships you have developed with the children is an absolute joy to observe. The children are always so happy to see you, and you never cease to amaze me with your devotion to them, and your enthusiasm, generosity, kindness and good humour.



We wish you all a lovely summer holiday; be safe and have lots of fun!

Best wishes, from Ellen, Rebecca, Sarah and Katie xxx

Blackberries Class

The weather has been so lovely this last term the time has flown by in Blackberries class! The children have really enjoyed getting into our Castles topic and our class trips.

Our Topic meant we could travel to Kenilworth Castle where our wonderful tour guide told us all about the castle grounds, what it looked like 800 years ago and why it is a ruin today. We did a lot of fireplace spotting. The children have also really enjoyed all the artwork we have made, especially making clay pots.



We had a science day this term and were lucky enough to meet guinea pigs, bearded dragons, geckos and giant snails.



In English we have been looking at stories from other cultures including Baba Yaga and Anansi. We performed some drama and even wrote our own stories with different characters.



We have had an amazing term and I know the children will do fantastically in September when they join their new classes.

Cherries Summer Newsletter



This term we have enjoyed our topic on Captivating Castles

We have been exploring and expanding our geographical skills, fieldwork and place knowledge. Furthermore, we focused on significant historical events, people and places in our locality, including a trip to Warwick Castle.



In science we have been learning about Living Things, Life Cycles and Habitats.

In PSHE we looked at safety in the community and playing and learning together.

We have found out who disciples are and why they are special to Christians as well as exploring religion through art.

Cherries East Newsletter



Summer 2022

We can't believe another term and year has flown by!

Cherries have had a really busy term with lots of fun activities. Here's what we've been up to.

This term our topic was 'under and over the sea'. The children have engaged really well with the topic and loved making lots of messy art activities for our class display. We have looked at the different animals that live in the sea, created our own seaside adventures through sensory exploration and compared our holidays to those of the olden days.



In Science, we have studied light and sound. We have enjoyed making shadows, changing our reflections and exploring materials to find out if they are transparent or opaque. We have enjoyed exploring different loud and quiet sounds including playing Chinese whispers.



We were so pleased to have had the opportunity to attend kid's day out at Wicksteed Park this term. The children absolutely loved the rides and we all had a fantastic time!



We have had a really busy and wonderful year
and all the children have achieved so much,
Well done Cherries Class!

We hope you have a lovely summer holiday!



Grapes Class Summer Newsletter



The Summer Term has been a very busy one. We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee.



A great day out at Brixworth Country Park.





In English have been using Read Write Inc. materials and this has helped improve our reading and writing. We have also enjoyed looking at how to use persuasive writing regarding issues like plastic in the ocean and children's screen use. We have continued to hear quality stories and also used some of Aesop's fables in our English learning.

In Maths we have spent time learning about number and subtraction and addition. We have played lots of maths games using the interactive whiteboard. We have looked at 'time'- the days of the week and time and some ways of measuring things.



Our topic has been 'Enchanted Woodlands'; we have looked carefully at the facilities and wild life in Eastfield Park and compared it to larger parks such as Irchester Country Park and Brixworth country park. We have made a vast range of woodland creatures such as frogs, snakes and spiders using lots of different techniques.



We have enjoyed our weekly singing and instrument sessions using songs like the 'Gruffalo' and 'We went for a walk today'.



In science our topic has been 'plants and animals'. We planted beans and sunflowers. We have looked at the parts of a plant and how seeds are dispersed.



We also had an excellent visit from some animals and could hold a lizard, hedgehog and other animals.



This term in RE we found out about Sikh religion. We also have learnt about prayer and how different religions pray.



In PSHE, we have explored friendship and growing and changing. We have had wonderful discussions and shown care and kindness during these sessions.



We have been walking regularly in East Field Park to help us keep fit. We have also had regular P.E. sessions lead by Juliette, our coach, and enjoyed athletics, javelin and archery as well as lots of different games.



It has been a fantastic year and term in Grapes class and the team would like to wish our pupils and parents a happy and enjoyable Summer holiday.

Our Topic for the Summer Term was 'Enchanted Woodlands'. We learned about wooded areas around the world including the jungle. We explored the habitats and learned which animals might live There. We enjoyed lessons about the imaginary aspect of woodlands, such as tree fairies and fictional creatures such as the Gruffalo. We talked about protecting the nature, including the trees and animals. We explored this topic through a range of activities in Geography, History, Computing, Art and Design and English.



Our learning in Science linked to growing plants. We explored what plants need to grow well and created experiments to prove it. We planted seeds and grew them into healthy plants. We now know exactly how to look after plants and what are the different parts of a plant as well as the different stages of plant growth.

In English we explored a range of texts based on the woodland theme such as 'The Gruffalo' and 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We used our skills to name and describe different animals and settings. We took part in role play activities which we thoroughly enjoyed. We are all growing more confident in Phonics, practising mark making and reading and spelling words containing a range of sounds. We read out phonics books every day making great progress.

In Maths we enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes, exploring their properties. Our favourite activity was making pictures using shapes. We also practised addition and subtraction. We explored measures, we had lots of fun measuring how long our jumps were.



In RE we learned about the Sikh faith. We practised some elements of the faith by designing a friendship bracelet and offering it to a class friend or making a flower and giving it to a person from another class.

In PSHE we learned how we change. We discussed how a baby is different from a child, a teenager and an old person. We are very aware of the changes that we experience going through life. We talked about the experiences that we are looking forward to as we get older, like driving a car or earning money. We also found out how to keep healthy by exercising and eating healthily. We made some delicious salads and healthy snacks to try.

During PE we have been practising our ball skills, catching, rolling, batting and throwing and using a bow and arrow. We had fun competing with Oranges class during our Sports Day.



The children loved taking part in Music lessons, where we played a range of instruments, learned new dances and composed our own rhythms for body percussion activities.



We all enjoy taking part in class team games with our parachute, bubbles and a drum. A visit to the Soft Play Room and Sensory Room is always high on our favourites list as well.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Have a relaxing summer holiday.
Goodbye from the Kiwis Team

Well done Lemons!



This year is coming to an end, and I wanted to say how proud I am of all the children and how hard they have worked. We have explored a range of topics and had lots of fun together!

Our topic this term has been 'why is water wet?' During this topic we have looked at a wide range of areas including what we use water for, the seasons and the weather. One of our favourite activities was playing ice hockey. As we were not able to turn Lemons classroom into an ice rink we used a tuffy tray and ice cubes instead. We also enjoyed a water themed sensory circle, where we took a relax in the lazy river (swinging in the blanket).



In Maths Lemons have been busy looking at a range of topics. We have been using a variety of different mathematical equipment (such as numicon) to represent different numbers. During our week of shapes we began to look at the properties of shapes, such as do they have curved or straight sides. This term we have also looked at time and the children put together their own daily timetables.



The children have also been very busy in English and Phonics. In Phonics we have covered a range of letter sounds and are beginning to focus on using kinetic letters in our writing. In English we have shared many stories together, one of our favourites was Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs. The children found it amusing that they adults struggled to pronounce the names of them.





Limes Summer Newsletter 2022



This term we have engaged in our topic Enchanted Woodlands through Geography, History, Computing and Art and Design. This has involved us taking part in trips, hands on experiences working with other classes and engaging in outdoor activities.



In English we have shown our skills in phonics where we have practiced naming the letter, saying the sound and beginning to blend. We are growing in confidence when using mark making tools to create marks or recognisable shapes and letters. We all enjoy sharing a story either individually or as a whole class and have used stories as a stimulus for our English work.



In Maths we have enjoyed using a variety of resources including ten frames to count fluently and recall number facts, Rekenrek and Ten Frames to show amounts, add and subtract and begin to subitise, know how many objects there are by just looking.



We have explored local woodland during our Geography lessons and found out how much forest has been cut down over the years during History. We have learnt how important it is to care for 'plants and living things' and linked this to our Science topic of the same name.

We have learnt how plants need soil, sunlight and water to grow or they will die. We used straws to replicate how a plants sucks up water and other nutrients to grow. We showed our understanding of planting through computing too where we ordered a seed planting activity.



In RE we have explored the Sikh faith. We learnt how important it is important to help others and showed this through activities such as joining Strawberries class and playing, sharing and caring for their friends. We respectfully designed patterns on a prayer mat during our learning about the different ways you can pray.

In PSHE we learnt about the importance of friends and how we can be friendly towards them, ask to join in their games but also to invite others to play with us. We have also been finding out about how we change and how a healthy diet can play a part in this.



During PE we have been practising our ball skills, catching, rolling, batting and throwing and using a bow and arrow. We have also spent several Friday's swimming in the hydro therapy pool.

Thank you for supporting your children throughout the year. We experienced some major challenges during the beginning of the school year and were overwhelmed by the resilience of the children who managed online learning coupled with learning in and out of school.



Limes Team would like to say thank you, enjoy the Summer break, stay safe and well.
Wishing you all the best in Year 4



LIMES RGE SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022

Our return from the Easter Break, threw us all into lots of hard work this term.

We started our new Topic 'Under and Over the Sea', to the great delight of the children. We were able to link this to all of our activities and to provide opportunities to show how enquiring and creative the children were.



In science we have been learning about light sources and sounds, making shadow puppets and playing games such as sound lotto.



The children have used their Art and DT sessions to make seaside models, beach huts, ice cream cones, lighthouses, crabs, jellyfish, fish, seaweed and sea anemones. They were really proud of their work.

"Oh I do like to be beside the seaside, Oh I do like to be beside the sea".



In the middle of the term the class enjoyed a wonderful day out at Wicksteed Park, they were a credit to the school, all had fun on the rides and a special treat of a real ice cream.



Another enjoyable day was the Queens Platinum Jubilee, Picnic; decorations and role playing a Royal Horseguard Soldier to name just a few activities.



Limes class wish you a good Summer, enjoy your ice creams and see you soon.

Oranges Class — Summer 2022 Newsletter

The Summer term has been a successful time for Oranges class. We have enjoyed the strong relationships built over the year and are proud of the strong team we have become. Children have especially enjoyed learning in areas of Plants and Water.



In English, we've explored and listened to a variety of poems and fairytales. Children have also experienced different writing styles such as reports and information texts. As a class we've used tools such as clicker 8, colourful semantics and symbols to build on skills in reading, writing and speaking. We've also continued to practice our phonics skills in weekly lessons and daily key skills activities with great success!



This term our main creative focus has been about Plants and Water. We have explored both topics through play and a range of practical, exciting and explorative activities! Children planted flowers, explored plant life and have enjoyed lots of water play.



In Maths we have completed topics such as Number, Subtraction and Addition, money, time, Shape and Measure. We have enjoyed being hands on in activities such as roleplay tasks with money, exploring number in and out of the classroom, exploring shapes in a variety of tactile activities and lots more!



We have all had a great Summer term in Oranges and the children have achieved so much and come so far since September!

Well done Oranges class!



Peaches class

This term we have had a settled term and have continued to do lots of learning at school.

In Topic, we have been learning all about Captivating Castle. The children have been learning about different features of castles and have learnt how people have lived in Castles throughout the ages. In science we have been learning about Living Things. We welcomed many special visitors into class, Gecko's, Spiders, Frogs and our class Caterpillars that the children named, Mikie, Bonnie, Fred and Sarah! We enjoyed looking after them and watching the transformation into butterflies. In computing we have looked at internet safety using a programme called Hector's World.

In Maths, the children have enjoyed lots of practical number activities to help us understand place value, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. We have also learnt about Fractions, using food to help our understanding! We continued to practice our mental maths skills and number bonds. In English we have read lots of stories linked to our topic work, continued working on our fine motor skills, read daily and have been practising our phonics. We have also learnt about stories from other cultures, visited and solved a class 'crime scene' and have written persuasive texts in the form of school adverts, holiday brochures and wanted posters. We even had a go at being a news reader!

Our RE topics have been Spirited Art and Jesus and the Disciples. We held an art exhibition showcasing our fantastic artwork depicting the theme 'Healing' from the world's main religions. We listened to bible stories, re-enacted the stories and considered if the teachings are still relevant to us today.

In PSHE, our topics have been playing and learning and safety in the community. We worked really hard on applying skills such as sharing, taking turns and patience to lots of different scenarios. We have considered safety in the community focusing on road safety through bikeability principles, peer pressure and people who can help us.

We have had a busy term in PE. We began with swimming lessons at the Waendal Centre with Bernice and Allison. Everyone worked exceptionally hard to made great progress with confidence and learning different skills. We continued to have PE lessons with Juliette in school. Our topics have been Net and Wall Games and Athletes. We have enjoyed trying out archery, tennis, rounders and javelin. Everyone worked hard at listening to very detailed instructions about how to position and use our different body parts and how to access the new equipment.

This term has also been a busy time due to many children in Peaches class accessing transition visits to their new secondary schools. This is a very exciting and anxious time for children, staff and of course parents and carers. We are very proud of how they have coped with their visits, how they have tried their best and been open to exploring new settings and opportunities, well done to you all!

Have a wonderful summer.

From Peaches Staff



Peaches-E Class

Our theme this term has been Bridges and we have really enjoyed learning about, constructing and getting creative around this topic. We enjoyed a trip to Welland Valley Viaduct, which seemed a really long way to travel, but it was very exciting when we came around the corner and spotted the enormous viaduct which is one of the longest in this country and only took four years to build. The boys have enjoyed using Kapla Bricks to build bridges and different landmarks, such as Tower Bridge. We have learnt about some Victorian historical figures, such as Alexander Graham Bell (which included making telephones) and Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

In Computing, we have been learning about algorithms and E-Safety, which the children were very good at understanding what is safe to do on the Internet. and Scratch.

In English we have been learning about Film Narratives, which was fun with our Walt Disney expert, and we finished the unit making our own stop-motion animation films. You can see these on your child's Purple Mash account. We also did some work on persuasive writing, and biographies, where we looked at the jobs of Brunel, Marie Curie and David Attenborough.

Science has been about the Human Body, which began by drawing round ourselves and labelling our body parts. We have made demonstration models of the digestive system, the heart and our blood. It's all been messy, fun and informative.

In Maths, we have been getting practical with number skills, data, fractions, time, money and position and direction. In PSHE, we have been learning about keeping clean and safe, by understanding the nature of privacy and then about celebrating different festivals. In RE, we learnt about Humanism, and the children have been thinking carefully about memories, loss and death in this term's topic which they have coped with very maturely and thoughtfully.

In PE, we have been swimming and doing athletics, in preparation for Sports Day at the end of term. We wish our two year six boys all the best in their new schools.

You will be missed, and we are proud of you.





Pears Class

It has been a lovely Summer term in Pears class. All of the children have continued to work hard and enjoy all the activities we have been doing.

Our theme this term has been 'Enchanted Woodlands' and the children have done some amazing work related to this. They have been finding out all about the different animals and plants you can find in a Woodland environment, and also looking at what some woodland places were like in the past, such as finding out Irchester Country Park was a quarry.



Alongside our theme work, all of the children in Pears class have been working super hard on their Maths, English and other subject work.



We have continued to improve our listening skills, working on our phonic sounds, and reading and writing some brilliant poems about colours. In Maths everyone has been working on their skills in counting up to and beyond 10, and have done some great work looking at 2d and 3d shapes and measures.



In science we have been looking at 'Plants and Living Things', and the children really enjoyed looking at a range of plants, and finding out about what helps them to grow.



We wish everyone in Pears class and all their families a very safe and happy Summer holidays! Let's hope the sun keeps shining ☺.



Pineapples

I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine and warm weather. I can't believe the school year is over, what a very busy year we've had. This term we have looked at the topics of "Why is water wet?" and "What's in the garden"

During our gardening topic we went on minibeast hunts, did lots of planting, explored different fruit and vegetables and worked hard in the school allotment. We also had lots of different animals visit us at school.



In our water topic we have been exploring the concepts of floating and sinking, had some extra time in the pool and we were all fascinated with the bubbles. We have also been practising building sandcastles ready for our holidays!





We continue to go out every day for our daily mile walk and do our sensory circuit activities as well as our weekly cooking, sunshine circle, PE and all of our other sensory activities.

We are really looking forward to our trip to the safari park and to our sports day.

Have a lovely summer and thank you for all of your support this year

Team Pineapples 😊

We have been working hard in Pineapple E Class, with all our usual lessons.



We find lots of time to play and have fun together too.



We loved our day at Wicksteed park.



A Science Day about living creatures was another highlight.



We have particularly enjoyed baking



and practising for our Sports Day.



Plums Class Summer Term Newsletter

Hello everyone, we have had an exciting term and have been very busy. The children in Plums Class have worked very hard.

In English, we have been learning about traditional stories, fairy tales and myths. The children loved creating their own labour from the story 'The 12 Labours of Heracles'. We then made pots decorated with representations of our labour. The children have also enjoyed investigating a crime which took place in Plums Class. The children worked together to figure out who committed the crime.



In maths, we have been looking at place value, division and multiplication. The children have enjoyed exploring estimating and developing their understanding of what it means to make an estimation.



In science, we have looked at living things, lifecycles and habitats. The children have enjoyed exploring the lifecycle of a plant as well as exploring the impact microbes can have on bread.



In topic, we have been looking at castles. The children have loved looking at castles and designing their own swords, shields and tunics. We even had the opportunity to visit Warwick Castle.



Thank you so much for all your support this year. We have loved having the opportunity to teach and get to know your children and wish them all the best going forward.

Plums East

Summer 2022

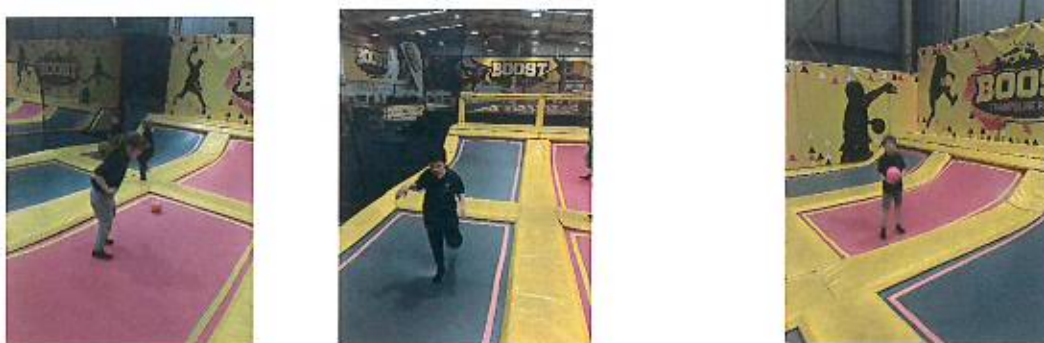
We've had a very busy term and can't believe we've come to the end of our school year already.

Our topics this term have been Would you rather be a dolphin or dog? (animals) and Is it yum or yuck? (food around the world and in stories)

We have enjoyed a whole school pets visit, making pretend pets, a pet's role play, jubilee activities. We have tried a range of foods, fruits from the story of Handa's surprise, breakfast from around the world and had a class tea party!



We were also lucky enough to experience a sensory session at boost trampoline park.



We have continued to develop our reading, writing and maths skills with lots of fun activities.



Strawberries Class Summer Newsletter 2022

Strawberries class children have been very busy, working very hard on their yearly targets. Working on numbers, grasping and moving objects and placing them into containers, interaction games, lots of fine motor activities, using communication devices to choose and find objects and taking turns together.

During the first part of the Summer term the children enjoyed the story of the 'Gruffalo' and during this term they have enjoyed a story about 'Little hedgehog's big Day'. They have explored different objects associated with the story as well as different smells and tastes. Some of the children were slightly cautious over the chattering teeth within the story of the Gruffalo at first, but as they watched, they started to explore and even placing their fingers so that the teeth touched the tops of their fingers.

'The poisonous wart at the end of his nose' was very interesting and the children squashed the playdough inside a green balloon. The 'Fox's tail' feather duster caused lots of giggles as the children were tickled and some of the children held and explored the 'tails' for longer. The children have made different sounds for some of the animals and these have been recorded and played back or they have found the animals on communication devices. Strawberries Class love to cook and have made an assortment of cakes, crumbles and biscuits. We have used the electric hand mixer and food processor to create some delicious feasts for our snacks and also, I'm sure parents and especially siblings have enjoyed the extras that have gone home.

The Gruffalo crumble was one of the favourites and all the children and staff enjoyed this with some custard and I believe that a couple of the children and adults had a second helping!

The children have really enjoyed their swimming and PE sessions.

During PE we have used ramps to roll the new age curling stones down to knock over skittles, tennis or soft footballs to knock over stacking cups, balanced or rolled over large physio balls or taken a ride on a blanket as well as swinging in a blanket.

Children have all worked really hard within our swimming sessions, floating, kicking their legs as they move around the pool, blowing bubbles and using watering cans to sprinkle on top of the adults.

The children have also enjoyed sensory room sessions where they have explored a range of Ultra-violet toys and lighting effects. The children have found the light up cubes very interesting and have turned them over in different directions and watched the colours change.

We have also enjoyed teaming up with Limes class and have played games outside with them, play sessions within their class, shared snack and picnics.





At the end of a busy year we also have to say 'Goodbye and Good luck' to one of our year 6 pupils who will be off for another adventure in her new school. Strawberries Staff wish everyone a safe and relaxing Summer holiday.