



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final week of term has finally arrived, after a year of endless challenge for everyone – families, children and staff.

Day to day life for the children in terms of their learning has continued, and I have been very pleased with the progress of our pupils this term. They returned to school in September and settled very well, dropping into school routines smoothly.

At the beginning of November, we were delighted to open a satellite class at Tennyson Road Infant School in Rushden, increasing our capacity once more. The children have all enjoyed their first term at Rowan Gate.

The children have been able to enjoy a wide variety of Christmas activities and have decorated trees in each classroom. We have felt sad at not being able to bring the whole school together, but I know that the children have had a wonderful time, and even enjoyed a video made for them by Santa!

Once again, I am left feeling proud of our school and the dedication of our staff, who have worked tirelessly to support the children. As a team, they have shown tremendous courage, strength and determination to make things work for our children and families. Many of them have faced personal loss or illness, and have continued to work hard and prioritise our children. My thanks go out to every member of the team.

As a school, we are been saddened by the critical illness of our colleague and friend Michele, who remains in hospital. Our thoughts and good wishes go to her and her family at this time.

I must thank the members of the leadership and management teams who have given so much time, flexibility and positivity to enable the school to keep running safely. The Governors of the school have supported and guided our decisions and my thanks go to them all.

I must also thank all of you, for working with us throughout this difficult time. It is clear that we all want to put the children first and make sure that they feel safe, make progress and enjoy being in school. Your support with remote learning has been vital, and much appreciated.

As a whole community, we have made Rowan Gate a happy and safe place for our children to learn in, despite massive challenges; it is a wonderful achievement, and each of your contributions has made this happen.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas, and send my best wishes for 2021.

Mrs Laura Clarke
Headteacher

Apples Class



We have had great fun and learnt lots in Apples class! We have been reading fairy tales and explored the props. As part of our curriculum, this term theme 'Is it shiny?' we have been learning about light, materials and their properties.



In literacy we have been learning phonics sounds as well as became familiar with instructions and enjoyed a craft activities and cooking where we explored ingredients and materials linked to materials theme.

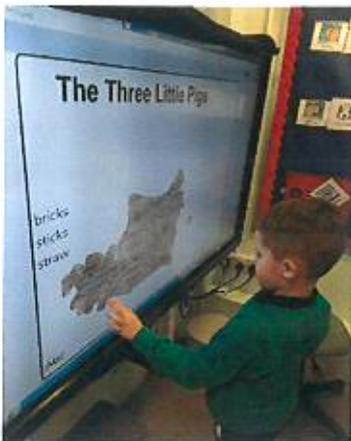


We have had great fun learning different aspects of numeracy. We have been focusing on numbers and 2D shapes. We are very proud of our work together as a team.

Apples Class

Apples class have had lots of fun this term. We have really enjoyed the story of The 3 Little Pigs. We used boxes, bricks, straw and sticks to recreate our own pig houses. We looked at different houses and used the dolls house to match objects and furniture to different rooms. We used the Interactive Whiteboard to design and colour our 3 Little Pigs houses, and enjoyed lots of other fun activities including cooking, painting and tactile.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas with your families.



🍑 Apricots class 🍑

Since returning in September, Apricots class have explored our topics of 'All About Me' and 'Houses and Homes'. We have focused on different themes each week, such as 'My family', 'Owl Babies', 'Oliver's Vegetables' and 'Gardens',

We have used our senses to explore different media and materials in tuff trays such as vegetables, soil, pumpkins, sticks, pinecones, conkers, paint, foam, cornflour and puffy paint. We have enjoyed running in the playground, jumping to pop bubbles and climbing the large play equipment.

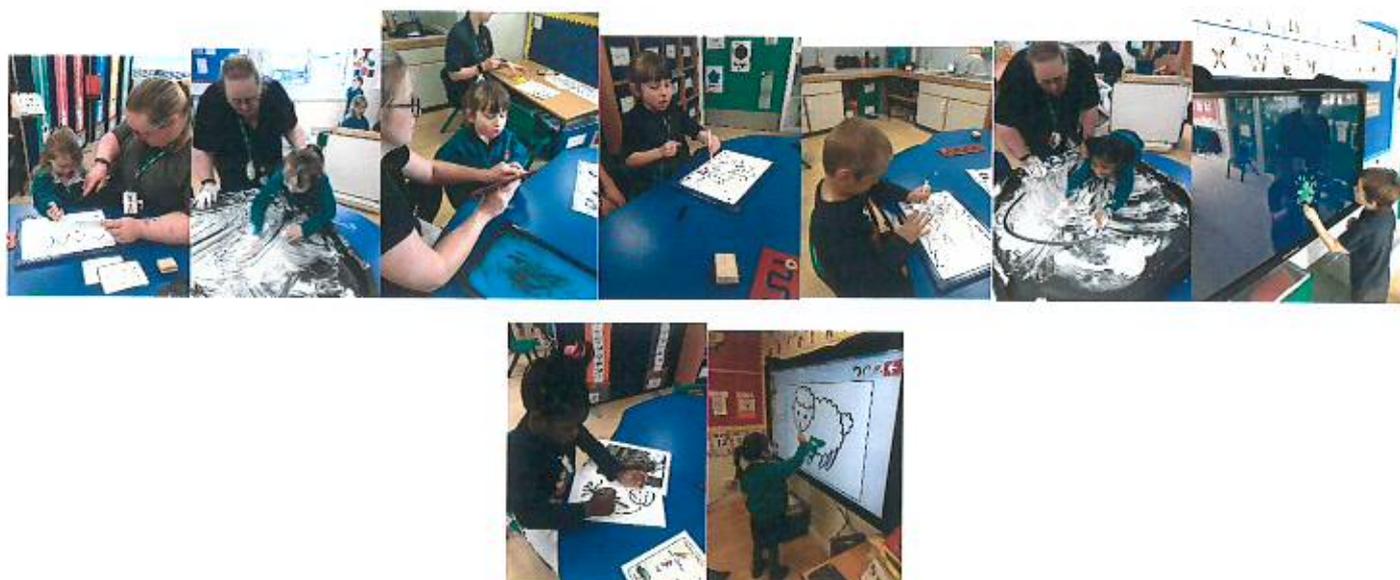


In maths, we have explored number, shape and measure. During the week of 'Our Bodies' we used wooden blocks to outline our bodies and for our week of 'Owl Babies' we explored and counted materials that we might find in a forest. We have also handled range of different sized vegetables from the story of 'Olivier's Vegetables' and some of us ordered these vegetables by size.





In literacy, we have read many different books and explored props to go alongside them. We enjoyed 'Owl Babies', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Peace at Last'. We have also been practicing our mark making skills in different material such as foam, cornflour and paint. We have also been creating marks in kinetic sand.



During art and design, we made diva lights for Diwali, painted with utensils we find around the house and created cardboard vases with real flowers. In cooking, we created an edible mud garden with worms!

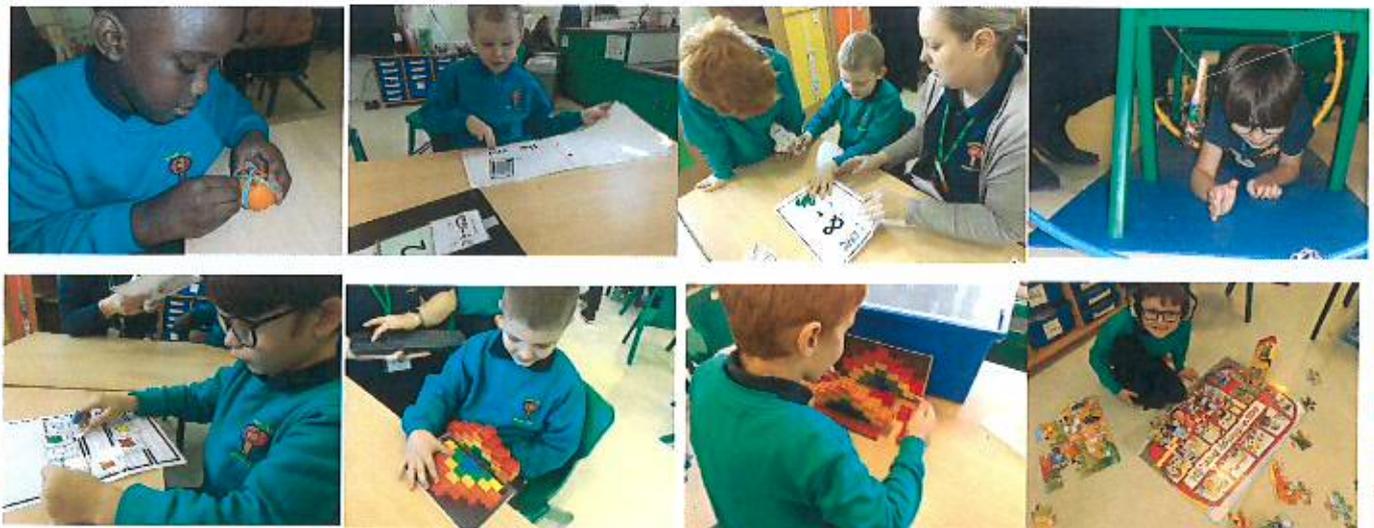


Apricots East End of Term Newsletter

This term Apricots East class have been very busy engaging in lots of learning activities. In maths we have developed our understanding of number, positional language, sorting and shape. Children have engaged in a wide range of practical activities with enthusiasm.



In English the children have enjoyed engaging with stories. All of the children have all shown a keen interest in listening to and learning well-known stories. They have then shown their understanding in their work. All of the children have been working hard on their phonics and handwriting skills. Through our Topic lessons the children have also engaged in activities designed to develop their fine and gross motor strength such as construction, crafts and obstacle courses.



This term our Topic learning has been about 'Our Senses' and 'What colours can you see in a Rainbow?' The children have engaged in a wide range of creative and explorative activities to develop their knowledge of the world. The children have particularly enjoyed engaging in scientific exploration. We have combined different ingredients to create chemical reactions creating Witches Brew, Fizzy Fireworks and Sweet Rainbows.



In RE lessons the children have developed their knowledge of similarities and differences between themselves and other people, and, the significance of light in religion. The children have engaged in a variety of craft activities, role play celebration and moments of reflection as a class.



All of the staff in Apricots Class would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas holiday. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and support this year, as we have worked together through these unprecedented times.

Warmest Wishes Lisa ☺

Bananas Class

Bananas class have had fun exploring our topics 'All about me' and 'Houses & Homes'. We have focused on different themes each week, including 'My Family', 'My Senses', 'Building Houses' and 'Animal Houses'.



We used mirrors to explore our faces, look at our eye colour and hair colour. We drew round our bodies and painted them. We explored photographs of our families and who lives in our house. We built junk model houses and towers with large and small building blocks.



We have used our senses to explore sensory tuff trays containing a range of media and materials, including a pumpkin, natural resources such as leaves, conkers and pinecones, foam, paint, glitter, lentils and rice. We enjoyed a sensory autumn walk collecting items from nature to make a bracelet. We also took turns using Light box on the interactive whiteboard to explore lights and sounds, created by repetitive touch.

In maths, we have explored number, shape, and measure. We used measuring tapes and string to see how tall we are for our class display. In literacy, we have enjoyed many stories, engaging with sensory props and switches. We have also explored making marks using different tools in a range of materials, such as sand and foam.



During cooking, we have practiced taking turns and listening to instructions, as well as using our senses to explore ingredients. We have made banana muffins, lemon and ginger biscuits, pizza pinwheels and 'Gruffalo crumble'. We also explored lots of different materials during art and design, including paint and clay. We pushed sticks and pinecones into clay to make patterns and painted on different surfaces, such as foil and glass, to create mirror portraits and firework windows.

Bananas Class

Bananas class have been having lots of fun this term. We have been learning about Houses and Homes and exploring different materials. The children have really enjoyed the story of The 3 Little Pigs and they have explored the materials the pigs used to make their houses. We have looked at our own homes and the furniture and objects we might find and the children have been painting and printing with different household objects.



We had a go at being builders to build our own houses, and had fun in boxes and explored the dolls houses



We are all looking forward to the Christmas break and hope you all have a safe and happy time with your families

Bananas-T Newsletter

This term, Bananas class have had a lot of fun exploring the topic 'Who am I?' Each week we have focused on a different theme, such as: This is me, This is my class, This is my family, My body and Healthy eating.

It's been a real pleasure watching the children settle and build relationships with the adults that help them daily; clearly thriving in a structured environment.

The children have really enjoyed playing alongside and with each other in the continuous provision area which



has been set up as a 'home' to promote role play and interaction and in the outside area, particularly with the wooden planks, large trolley and plastic crates. Our

weekly Sunshine Circle sessions on a Friday afternoon and Mindfulness sessions on a Tuesday afternoon, led by Jade also promote developing friendships further.



In maths, we have participated in a variety of activities relating to numbers and shape, space, and measure. We have had the opportunity to explore 2D shapes (using them to create pictures of an owl), sort objects by colour and size (using a range of natural materials) and positional language (using small world toys and play equipment/natural materials). We have also designed and built 3D structures engaging with a variety of media, using our large wooden construction sets in both the indoor and outside play areas. We have also collected a selection of woodland objects such as conkers and acorns and used these for a variety of counting, addition and subtraction activities. The children have also participated in a wide range of number songs using props.



In phonics, we are learning a new letter sound each week and some children are beginning to blend and segment these sounds to read and spell words. The children have enjoyed our daily sessions, particularly our 'Kids TV123 phonics song', shaker bottles and sharing with the class their sound of the week objects brought in from home. Some children are beginning to match some of the objects on their phonics communication boards to initial letter sounds as they participate in activities such as I

spy with my little eye, and I hear with my little ear... In connection with our weekly themes, we have also enjoyed listening to the following books: Who's hair, who's there, Owl Babies, Oliver's Vegetable and Oliver's Fruit Salad.



We have been busy developing both our fine and gross motor skills. In our weekly play dough disco sessions support each child to develop their hand and finger strength as they poke, pinch, splat, roll, and squeeze dough to the song 'if you're happy and you know it'. Developing our hand and finger strength enables us to



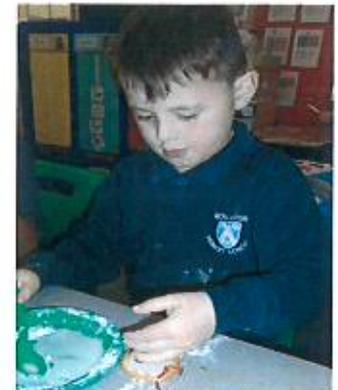
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engage in Kinetic Letters activities to develop our handwriting skills. We have been doing this in different tactile materials and have particularly enjoyed exploring the writing stones! We also use our magic wands to participate in big air writing and have also experienced using a wipe board. We are making good progress with our mark making/writing skills.



Bananas class have also enjoyed a range of art activities. We have encountered and engaged with Transient art and have been inspired by the work of artists such as Guiseppe Arcimboldo and Andy Goldsworthy.

Our weekly cooking sessions have been lots of fun too! So far, we have iced and decorated face, created a salad bowl and made chocolate nests. These sessions provide us with the opportunity to engage and participate with weighing and measuring and the opportunity to use child-safe cutlery to cut up a range of ingredients. The best part is then sampling our tasty treats!



The Bananas class team have been so proud of the children this term, it has been a long and busy term for them and they have all managed brilliantly. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year and we wish you all a wonderful two week break. We look forward to hearing all about it. For those families that celebrate Christmas, we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Finally, Lets hope 2021 brings good health and happier times for us all.

Blackberries Class – Autumn 2020 Newsletter

The Autumn term has been a good start to the year for Blackberries class. We have been very busy and have taken part in lots of exciting activities.

In English, we have explored our topic of dinosaurs in a variety of styles such as fiction, storytelling and non-fiction fact writing. We've also all been practicing our phonics skills in weekly lessons and daily key skills activities.



This term our main creative focus has been all about Dinosaurs. We have learnt about different types of dinosaurs, when they existed, their extinction, created dinosaur focused art pieces and explored the topic through play and role play.



In Maths we have completed topics such as Number, Subtraction and Addition, Measure, Money and shape. We have enjoyed being hands on in activities such as weighing or measuring different items, exploring number in and out of the classroom and lots more.



We have even had to explore learning and lessons from home! Children, parents and staff have all participated to make this venture as successful as possible!



We have all had a great term in Blackberries and the children have already achieved so much!

Well done Blackberries class!



Cherries Class

It's safe to say all of the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the first term in Cherries class! We have had learnt lots and had a lot of fun along the way!

We have enjoyed exploring different stories in English, engaged in the different story props and enjoyed sharing the stories with our friends! We enjoyed Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs, 10 little Dinosaurs, How to look after your Dinosaur, Mad about Dinosaurs and The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas!!



Our Topic this term was Dinosaurs and it has been very fun and interesting!

We explored Dinosaurs, where they lived and made our own Dinosaur homes, we have explored and created fossils and Dinosaur bones and lots, lots more!



We have looked at lots of different topics in maths this term! We have explored 2D and 3D Shapes, Numbers, Place Value, Money, Addition, Subtraction and lots more!





Cherries E



Where did the first term go? The days are getting shorter and the weather chillier but it has been a busy term for Cherries E Class with many exciting activities.

This term saw the introduction of our new topic zoo life! We have spent a great deal of time looking at all different types of animals, their habitats, and animal classification. We have even made our very own Zoo!



In Science, we have explored the human body including the digestive system where we pretended to be our food going into the different parts of the body.



One story we have particularly enjoyed was Florence Nightingale, where we enjoyed dressing up and making each other better by cleaning and giving medicine.





We have had a really busy and wonderful term and all the children have achieved so much, Well Done Cherries Class! We hope you have a very Merry Christmas!





Grapes Newsletter



What a strange term!

This term we found out all about Britain since the 1930's. First we looked at how the world has changed since then. We discovered new artists and copied their techniques. We looked at maps to discover who fought in the war. We found out about evacuation, dig for victory and the blitz. We made Anderson shelters and enjoyed a Victory in Europe party during our home learning. We listened to music by Vera Lynn and other wartime songs and tried to do a Lindy Hop dance to Glen Millers 'In the mood'.



In RE the topics are called 'What is the Torah' we made our own artefacts and in 'How can religion make a difference in people's lives'. We tried different foods from different religions and found out how they celebrated.

In PSHE the topics were 'Taking responsibility towards others' and 'Valuing money'. We also collected and made charity boxes, which are going to be delivered to children in poor countries.



The science topics were 'Light' and 'Electricity'. We made shadows and looked at the different properties of light. We learnt about types of electricity and how to use it safely.



In ICT we used the roamer robot and programmed different journeys. We began to use different data-handling programmes and created graphs.



Our PE lessons happened both using our 'Five a day' and some of our play sessions.



We had lots of great Numeracy learning. We have practised our counting and calculations. We measured in lots of ways and at home learning we did some great shape learning.

In English we have had sessions of poetry and enjoyed classic poems and the poetry of Dr. Suess. We have studied some books that have become films like 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl, 'Room on the broom' by Julia Donaldson and 'Lost and found' by Oliver Jeffers.

We have had weekly homework tasks set on a Monday to be returned the following Monday.

The children and staff in Grapes have worked very hard. Thank you for the excellent support from parents especially during the time we spent home learning.

We wish you an excellent Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Best wishes

John Ettridge and Grapes Team

Lemons Class

Where did the first term go? The days are now darker for longer and the weather more unpredictable but it has been a really busy term for Lemons Class with many exciting activities!

This term we started with a topic based around traditional and familiar tales 'Read Me A Story'. We enjoyed listening to different stories and completing activities connected to each story such as making gingerbread houses (Hansel and Gretel), using natural materials to make stick men (Stick Man) and making a new castle for a giant (Jack and the Beanstalk).



During the second half term we changed topic and everything became 'shiny'!



Aside from topic-based activities, the children have made some amazing progress in core subjects English and Maths. They have tried so hard and we have seen almost daily changes as they become more confident in their own ability!



We have had a wonderful term and all the children have achieved so much, Well Done Lemons Class!



Limes Class Autumn Term 2020



We have had a wonderful Autumn Term together, but Winter is clearly here with really frosty mornings. Thank you for sending your children in with extra layers of clothing, warm coats, hats and gloves and wellies for our outdoor walks. The children have settled so quickly back into their school routines we are all so proud of them. Thank you for supporting our teaching online during the latter part of this term the children really enjoyed seeing their friends, teachers, and support staff online.

Our Dinosaur Topic was much loved by the children who enjoyed exploring the different types of dinosaurs that roamed the world and finding out about prehistoric facts from our own County during Geography and History. We made life size dinosaur nests to let our dinosaur eggs hatch into.



In Science we explored the different types of animals we keep as pets and compared them to dinosaurs from the past, thinking and learning about similarities and differences. We used real materials including ice, sand, rocks to understand the environments that dinosaurs and animals can live in.



We considered our health in PSHE and tried healthy food options, noticed our smiles and teeth and how we can keep our mouth healthy. We explored the digestive system from where our food enters our bodies to when it exits our bodies. The children engaged well showing how food is grinded and mashed up by our teeth using a pestle and mortar.

We used i-pads, laptops and other IT to safely explore the internet identifying how we need to do this with an adult to keep safe. We worked with digital images taking photos, saving them and adding text to images on documents.

During English lessons we have continued to practice writing and using our phonic knowledge at these times and when reading or sharing a book.

This term we practiced our number skills using Numicon to count, subtract and to make patterns with. We made shops and bought and sold items using real coins. We have measured dinosaurs working out the longest, shortest, biggest or smallest.



We have used our outdoor spaces to take part in PE lessons where we have taken part in invasions games using balls and bean bags and used the balancing beam and platforms to jump on and off safely, balance and travel across.

During PSHE we have been taking care of one another, listening to each other and making and following rules. We have used play and games to practice this.

Sending Seasons Greetings to you and your families and wishing you a Happy New Year,
Limes Staff

Donna (CT) Beth (TA) Beata (TA) and Hayley Mills (our lovely new TA)

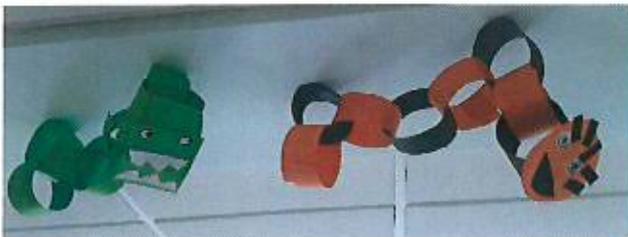


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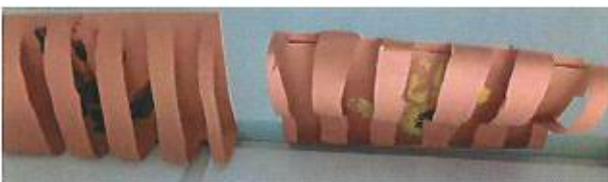
The children should be proud of how they have adapted to the “new normal” and have taken full advantage of the extra time in the playground with lots of energetic play and P.E. They have been enthusiastic learners and have been willing to explore all of our activities. We have combined more formal learning, for example handwriting and Phonics, with our class topic



– Zoo Life. Where possible we have used the topic in all other areas of our learning. As you can see, the children have enjoyed turning the classroom into a Zoo (through Art and D.T. activities).



In History, we compared how animals live in captivity now and in the recent past. The children rightly identified that animals used to be kept in cages rather than being allowed to roam.



The children have become diligent Scientists – performing experiments and making predictions and observations. Following on from our class topic, we have explored how animal and human bodies work, including a pumping heart, looking for iron in cereal and exploring the digestive system – both ends!



Even in our Music lessons, our orchestra have played along to Zoo / animal music and taken the opportunity to try and play a variety of instruments.



Thanks to all the parents / carers during these tricky times. Well done Limes children. You are awesome.

Look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From
Limes East.

Oranges Class

We have had great fun and learnt lots in Oranges Class this term! We have been working hard on developing our Maths and English skills, including improving letter formation and handwriting skills, measuring lengths, and counting and making amounts using a range of concrete apparatus.



This term we have had many opportunities to learn and develop our Art and DT skills. As part of our theme 'Fairy Tale Goodies and Baddies' we enjoyed creating gingerbread houses, baking bread and beanstalk models using different collage materials. We have also enjoyed listening to some of our favourite fairy tale stories such as Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and Jack and the Beanstalk, and re-telling them through drama.



We have also enjoyed getting into the festive spirit and have made lots of different crafts as well as decorating the classroom.



Peaches class

This term we have covered many interesting topics that we would like to share with you.

In Science we have talked about different sources of light and we made a periscope. We made a den which was dark so we could discuss what we would use for light inside.

We also completed a topic on electricity and batteries, the safety of sockets, plugs and wires. We even made a circuit with a battery and connected it to wires to a buzzer and a small light bulb. Children were very impressed with this activity!

In Topic we talked about different shoes, where they came from and what they are made from in different countries.

We made some shoes out of dough, paper and card.

PSHE we have talked about responsibilities and rules.

In maths we have completed many number activities, measures and money.

We hope that you all have a safe Christmas and a happier New Year.



Peaches-E Class

Our theme this term have been Space Adventure. We have enjoyed some film animations about a Bear going to the Moon, Morph and Wallace and Gromit's Cracking Contraptions. We have also learnt about astronauts: Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Chris Hadfield. It has been amazing how many facts the boys have learnt, and have been able to remember in many contexts.

We have make lots of different Space related craft, enjoyed Space themed music lessons and learnt about different planets, stars and other aspects of space. We especially enjoyed watching films of astronauts on the ISS and tasting Space ice cream.

We have enjoyed learning about the Science about Space - the moon, planets and why we have Day and Night. We have then moved onto learning about forces. Sir Isaac Newton's discovery of gravity was the most fun, as we made parachutes.

We have enjoyed cooking together, and the children's interaction and communications skills have improved through activities such as these. I am really proud of our class, in the way they have all learnt to accept and communicate appropriately with one another, even though we are all so different.

Peaches have enjoyed lots of sensory activities and we have benefitted from having a dark tent and a trampette in our classroom. We have been to Spencer Park for a walk, most week, or if it has been raining we have had a Sherbourne PE lesson, (which culminates in crawling through a tunnel of people).

Despite the difficult circumstances that we find ourselves in at the moment, we have had an excellent term. It was great to see so many of the boys engaging in online learning for the few days that we had our bubble closed. Well done boys, and thank you to parents for supporting them.



Pears Class

This Term has been a brilliant start to the school year for everyone in Pears class. All of the children settled in really well, and we are very impressed with all the excellent work the children have done!!

Our theme this term has been 'Shoes and Boots' and the children have done some amazing work related to this. They have been finding out all about different types of shoes and boots, what they are made from, what they look like, and when or why we wear them. We have also looked at shoes from the past and compared old and new shoes.



We have designed and made our own shoes, making some out of material and some out of clay and painting them.



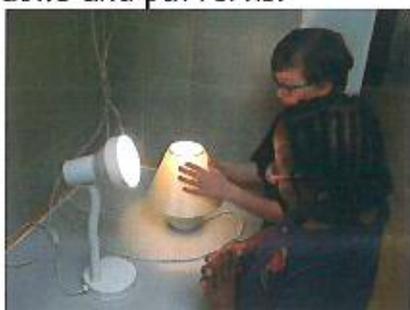
We have made some lovely artwork related to our theme, using painting, collage, and printing.



Alongside our Topic work, all of the children in Pears class have been working super hard on their Maths, English and other subject work. Improving our descriptive writing skills, and reading and writing some brilliant stories. In Maths everyone has developed their skills in counting up to and beyond 20, and have done some great work using addition, subtraction, money and looking at 2D and 3D shapes.



In science we have been looking at Light and Electricity, and the children were really interested in the different types of light sources, looking at lamps, torches and light toys, and enjoyed making shadows and patterns.



We wish everyone in Pears class and all their families a very safe and happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Pineapples class

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families fit and well. We can look back on this Autumn term with positivity, we were very busy!

We have enjoyed the topics of "Can you read me a story?" and "Is it shiny?" We looked at a lot of traditional tales and taken part in role play and small world activities around the different stories. We have explored different materials and textures.



We dressed up for different seasons....



....and practised being strong



We have continued our weekly cooking sessions, exploring the different ingredients with a range of senses and following a recipe. We have been continuing with Tac Pac, interactive whiteboard activities, story massage, and sunshine circle too. I have included the link to the story massage website, they add new stories and do live sessions throughout the week.

<https://www.storymassage.co.uk/>



We continue to work on our communication skills, using switches, eye contact, pecs, colourful semantics and symbols.



We totally embraced home school learning and a big thank you to all of you that joined us online. We had so much fun altogether doing Tac Pac, singing, cooking and even a disco!

Have a lovely Christmas

Pineapples Team 😊

Pineapples-E

What a strange term! We are very proud of how the children have coped with so many changes this year. We are also very pleased that we managed to do two weeks remote learning. It was fun to see each other in our homes and to be able to see pets and favourite toys.

Our topic has been the theme of Space. These photos show us making model planets, model rockets and models of old televisions. We watched the moon landing and had lots of imaginative play about going into space.



In Science, the children loved exploring various forces – pushing, pulling and gravity.



A real highlight has been going on our Wednesday Walks round Spencer Park. Sorry, we sadly do not have many photos to show you – we will try to get some next term!

The children are very proud of the work they do. Look at their happy faces!



Well done to all of Pineapples! We are so proud of you!



Plums Class Christmas Newsletter

Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you well. Plums class have had an excellent first term. The children have all worked really hard and learnt lots of new things.

In English, we have explored different stories by different authors. The children have written about what happened in these stories and even made some of their own stories. The children have had the opportunity to act out these stories and have enjoyed pretending to be different characters.



In maths, the children have done lots of work on adding, subtraction and place value! The children have explored using objects and pictures to help them solve problems. We have also had the opportunity to explore data, measurement and shapes.



The children have learnt about habitats and adaptations in science. They all loved making their own habitats.



In creative curriculum, the children have been learning about dinosaurs. We built dinosaur nests out of the natural objects we found. The children even had the chance to make their own clay dinosaur!



Thank you for all your support this year. We hope you and your children have a Merry Christmas.

Plums Class staff

Plums East newsletter

Autumn term 2020

We can't quite believe that we've come to the end of the Autumn term already! There have been many new routines and safety measures to follow this term but the children in class have adapted well and enjoyed many activities throughout the term.

During our topic work "zoo life" the children have particularly enjoyed learning about Ivan the Gorilla, a true story from America where a Gorilla was kept in a shopping centre and then moved to a zoo. The children enjoyed creating clay models and junk model cages for Ivan.



In science the children have learnt about their own and animal's bodies, how we move, eat and the need for healthy foods.



During our interactions we have all enjoyed some fun with a range of sunshine circle games, our favourite is paper punch and basketball hoop – who knew one sheet of newspaper could be so much fun!

Plums East wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Strawberries Class Autumn Newsletter

It was lovely to see the Strawberries class children return in September, we had all really missed them and we welcomed Evelyn into our Class too.

Strawberries Class have had a busy time during this term and have enjoyed our Topic on Dinosaurs.

They really enjoyed the Story 'That's not my Dinosaur' and each explored a range of textures to go with the story. We used these different textures to make our own pages of the book.

On our display in the Classroom, we have painted lots of different pictures of Dinosaurs using prints from bricks and bubble wrap, they look really good especially with their googly eyes! We also added some leaves and some leaf prints around the edge of our display as the colours were beautiful.

We love cooking and using the electric hand mixer, cutters, rolling pins and of course tasting the different ingredients. We have made cakes, cheesy pastry shapes and some lovely chocolate Hobnob biscuits, they were delicious. (The recipe for this is on Strawberries' Teams in the class materials)



We enjoyed having a foot spa during our RE topic, 'Awareness of myself and my body' it was great fun, bubbles everywhere but we also learnt about some of the Bible stories which were connected to the activities. This one was about Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

This term we have had some singing, music and story sessions online, which everyone enjoyed. The children and their parents worked very hard to find the props we needed to make our sessions extra fun. Our Bear Hunt story was a real hit and the children and staff took their Teddy Bears on a walk in the park, shop and finding Christmas decorations.



We also participated in Odd sock day, anti-bullying week and BBC children in need. Strawberries Class staff would like to thank all of the children and their parents for their continued support.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Strawberries Class Team.