

Notable November

Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School November 2019

Welcome to the third edition of our monthly newsletter which shares some of the things the children have been involved in throughout the month of November.

Local Learning Community Multi Skills Afternoon



Children in Ash Class hopped aboard a coach and spent an afternoon at Clyst Vale Community College, playing a variety of different multi-sport activities. The session was run by the Sports Leaders at CVCC and they did a great job at helping us to get active. The children loved being in such a big hall!



Wonder Web

This month KS2 have had a visit from a theatre company with a production on an anti-bullying theme - 'The Adventures of Captain WonderWeb'. They taught us several different ways to stop and deal with bullying. One of them was hands up, lean back and say back off. This is used if you find yourself in a position where someone is bullying you and you can't get away. Another thing the anti-bullying company taught us was zip it, block it and flag it. This slogan should be used when you are being bullied online. Zip it means don't reply, block it and when you shut off, delete the account and flag it means report it. These are very important things to know but at Whimple School we will probably not need them!

Fire brigade

This month Year 5 and Year 2 have had their visit from the fire brigade. Year 2 learn the simple things like stop, drop and roll. Stop, drop and roll is used if your clothes catch fire.



Year 5 learn more complicated things about fires. We learned about hoax calls, which are fake calls. In 2019 the fire service spent over 2000 pounds on hoax calls, we also learned get out and stay out, do not go in a fire if you want to get something ask a fire man to get for you. All of these are great ways to stay safe when there is fire although fires are very rare!

Roman Mosaics

This term we are linking our topic, the Romans, with art. We are making Roman mosaics. So far we have searched up roman mosaic facts, created a design and we are in the middle of making our mosaics. Here are some facts about roman mosaics we would like to share. Roman mosaics have a long history stretching all the way back to the Ancient Greeks. Mosaics were popular with the Romans because they are waterproof and easy to clean making them good for public buildings. The last fact we would like to share is that mosaics were made from tiny cubes called tesserae (plural of tessera). Our roman mosaics will be made out of paper and will hopefully be a good representation of a real roman mosaic!

By Sofia, Dulcie and Marley (Beech Class)

The Ugly Duckling - Ash and Elm Class

The same theatre group performed the Ugly Duckling to our younger children.

Is it right to pick on someone just because they look different to us? How can people with different interests be friends?

This interactive show taught the pupils the importance of accepting people for who they are as well as encouraging them to feel confident in their own skins.

The main focus was to remind children how to be a good friend as well as teaching them methods to deal with bullying, should it occur.



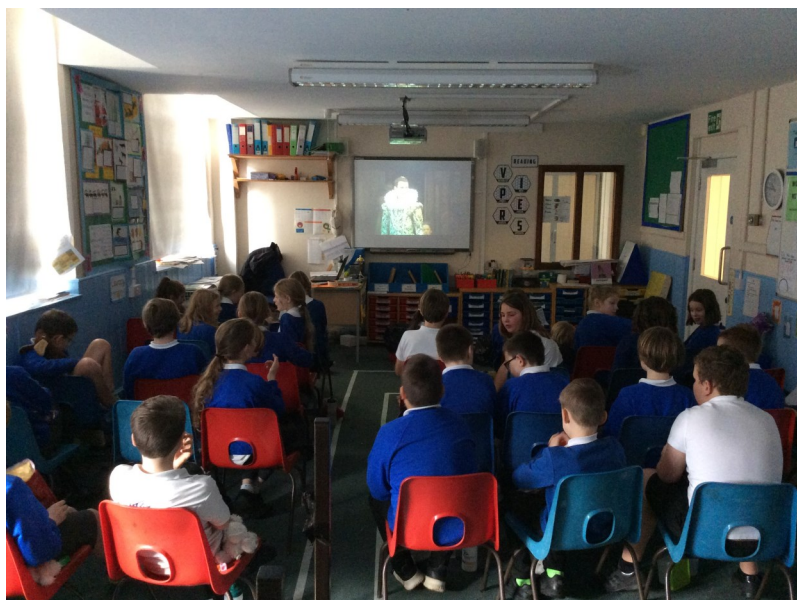
Key Stage 2 P. E.

On Monday 25th November, Willow and Oak classes headed to the MUGA to play throw-golf. In throlf, they had a beanbag that they had to throw into a hoop but some holes had obstacles. They were doing it for a championship in which they wore coloured t-shirts (red, orange, blue or green). The school houses played against each other but were mixed into groups of five. Squirrels won the team 'throphy'.



Shakespeare Visits Willow Class

Willow Class turned their room into a theatre for a whole morning and watched the Royal Shakespeare Company's *The Taming of the Shrew*. We spent some time in the days before learning about the story and the characters (although in this version all the men were women and vice versa!) and how the plot unfolds. We really enjoyed our morning - popcorn and snacks always helps!



Forest School - Year 1 and 2

The second half of the year 1 and 2 have enjoyed creating in the orchard in November. Mixing mud and producing tree monsters, recreating a page from the Gruffalo story using natural materials, a version of Kim's game and following a trail were all joined in enthusiastically, including the adults.

The activities were similar to the previous group, but surprise surprise, it was much wetter! It was great to see the children working together and improvising their own activities.



Year 6 Finger Buffet

For fantastic Fridays this term, Year 6 have been cooking different types of food so that they could host a finger buffet. They made cheesy twists, bread rolls, fairy cakes, pizza and many more sweet and savoury snacks. On the 29th of November at 4:45pm, the finger buffet began. The parents started to arrive and Mr Brown told the Year 6's what to do. We asked their families what they wanted to eat and got plates and drinks. We all enjoyed making the food and being able to eat it with our families.

By **Ava Martin**



Year 5 Three Course Meal

After their four week block of cookery for Fantastic Friday the Year 5 children waited on their parents to share with them the cookery skills. A selection of soups were available for starters accompanied by a bread roll; this was followed by bolognaise or vegetable curry with rice or pasta. Finally, the meal was completed with an apple cobbler.

The evening was a great success and provided the children with a purpose to cooking which didn't just involve eating everything! (Of course, that is also a great benefit of knowing how to cook).



Thank you to the staff involved in helping to set up and run these two events and also to the parents for coming along to support their children. I have heard that many of the children are now cooking at home which is great to hear as it is one of those really important life skills.

Learning in Elm Class

Elm enjoying the outdoors and listening to and acting out a story read in Russian by Nel Barnet.



Science

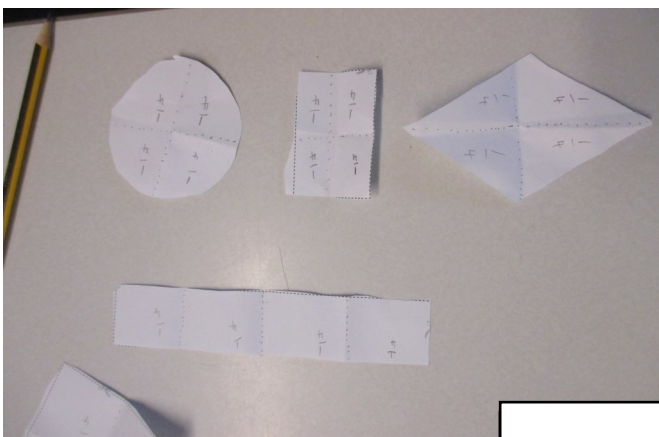
Plants have been the focus in science this term for our Year 1 and 2 children. Using cress, the children have explored conditions for growth - experiments were set up with light and no light along with water and no water. Ask them what they discovered.

Ash Class also welcomed Mrs Butler into their class to talk about bones and how to keep them healthy.



Fractions in Ash Class

One of the areas studied in maths recently has been finding fractions of shapes. Children have cut out various shapes and then with the help of folding have found the correct fraction and then coloured it in.



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