

Jubilant July

Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School July 2021

Sports Day

On Friday 2nd July all the children headed over to the Cricket Club field. All children were kept in their class bubbles to enjoy some sports activities.

Children worked in their house teams when doing many of the relay events such as egg and spoon, over and under, football dribble and bean bag target.



When it came to the running races, everyone tried their best and we were proud of the way the pupils managed their range of feelings during this exciting and competitive morning.

Ash Class

We have been learning about how fossils are formed. We made our own fossils using salt dough made with coffee! We made a print in the dough. They look really effective!



We had two visits to the orchard for forest school. We had great fun printing with plants, making Gruffalo collages with natural materials and a magic wand!

In art we have been press printing our William Morris designs using inks.



In science we have been studying habitats and we searched for plants and animals living in our wonderful garden habitat.



In maths we have been learning about measures including weight and capacity. We had fun getting a little wet when measuring the capacity of various containers!





We enjoyed the skipping session with 'Dan the Skipping Man' and showed off our expert skills!



Despite the very hot temperature we had a fantastic day at Axe Valley Wildlife Park.



We saw lots of different types of animals from very tiny harvest mice to huge ostrich!



The birds running around our feet were very entertaining and some even joined us for lunch!



Elm Class

In Elm Class we have been exploring the topic 'The Seaside'. We have enjoyed playing in our very own rockpool, building sandcastles, camping in the role play area and playing our own beach games in the playground! We have been reading 'A first book of the sea' and have created our own seaside poems.

In Science we have been learning all about animals. We looked after some caterpillars, waiting patiently as they grew and then formed their own chrysalides. After two weeks they emerged as beautiful butterflies and we released them into the garden!



We enjoyed a fabulous day out at Drakes Farm where we all had a go at feeding the animals and holding the chicks and ducklings. We enjoyed playing in the sandpit and having a go at some art and craft activities. We even had ice-cream! A great day was had by all!



Beech Class

Just after half term, Sally Jackson, came to run a fantastic workshop with the pupils of Beech Class linked to composting and mini beasts. Firstly, Sally quizzed everyone about which foods and materials can be put into a blue food caddy and be taken to be composted, including egg shells, cardboard and banana skins. Then came some exploring of some newly made compost to see which mini beasts could be found within it. Some people saw marvellous millipedes while others found wonderful woodlice. It was really interesting to see all of the different creatures and learn more about how they move about. To finish with, Sally talked to the class about producers, consumers & predators when explaining how food webs work. It was a fun & fact filled session for all.



As part of our Art work this half term, the pupils in Beech Class have worked hard to design and make a vase. First they carefully applied layers of papier mache to an inflated balloon. This was good fun but also quite sticky and messy. Next they spent time studying and discussing the ceramics created by Clarice Cliff. Then the children attached a base to their vase and refined its shape. After that they came up with their design for decorating their vase, paying close attention to shape, line and colour. Finally, they used acrylic paints to turn their design on paper into a 3D reality. We are really pleased with how the vases have turned out and hope you like our creations too.





Finally, on Friday 16th July, all of the year 4 and 5 pupils were able to go on a day trip to Dartmoor. A fantastic instructor, called David, gave them a tour of the Pixies Holt site and then the first activity began. The children had to work in teams to complete an orienteering course in the grounds of the centre and congratulations to the winning team.

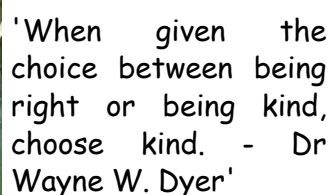
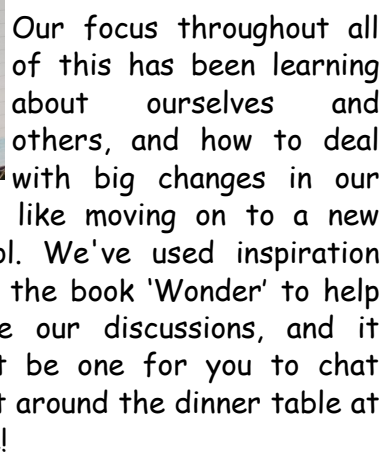
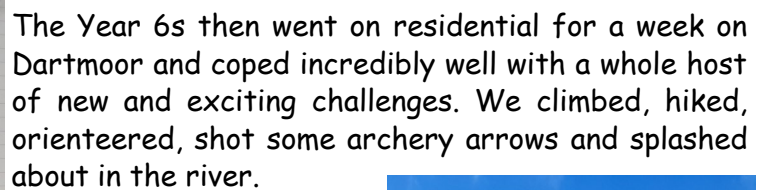
After a well-deserved snack and drink, everyone then walked along the edge of the River Dart and looked out for moorland wildlife and plants. David talked to us and asked us questions about moss, bracken, otters, kingfishers and lots of other interesting things. Then we found a lovely spot to eat our picnic lunch.



The next challenge was an uphill walk where we saw Dartmoor ponies munching on grass and viewed one of the rocky tors. Finally, we headed to a paddling spot back at the river where we could cool our hot feet and have some exploring time. All of the pupils coped well in the heat and enjoyed their day on the moor. Many of them are now looking forward to going there again, and for longer, on their KS2 residential.



It's an incredibly busy time of year so it's hard to know where to start! Willow Class have been busy writing some non-fiction texts, in the style of a great book called, "Stuff You Should Know" and have been learning the basics of golf in PE. In history we have been deciding whether or not the story of the Trojan Horse stands up to archaeological scrutiny and we've been talking about our school in French.



Oak Class

The Year 3s in Oak class had a lovely and hot day at Axe Valley Wildlife Park. We got to see all the fascinating animals and even hold/stroke an armadillo, a bearded dragon, tortoise and a millipede.



Well done to all the children for managing so well in the heat and trying your hardest to stay behind the very slow Miss Dunsford.



Oak Class have been writing an animal anthology - here is the link for you to take a look.

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