

# Marvellous May

## Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School May 2021

### World Book Day

All children took part in the school's World Book Day which we postponed until the last day of the spring term. The weather was kind to us so we held a whole school assembly outside. It was fantastic to see all the great outfits and trying to guess which book characters they were.









## Elm Class

The class has been learning about dinosaurs this half term. To begin the topic they found dinosaur footprints and all went on a dinosaur hunt.



Later on they discovered a nest of dinosaur eggs in the classroom and agreed how best to look after the eggs. The dinosaurs like listening to stories so they have been choosing books to read to them. We are hoping they won't be carnivores when they finally hatch! The children used clay to create dinosaurs and dinosaur nests.



In science we have been learning about plants, the children have planted lots of things but the star attraction has been the bean plants which are growing really well.



Each week the year one pupils are monitoring their plants and writing a bean diary. They had to plant them outside in the school garden as they were growing quickly! They have been enjoying gardening club with the support of parent helpers. The school garden looks amazing.



The children have been following the journey of the tadpoles, who still haven't grown legs yet, we have been reading the tadpole's promise so we know that they will soon turn into frogs!



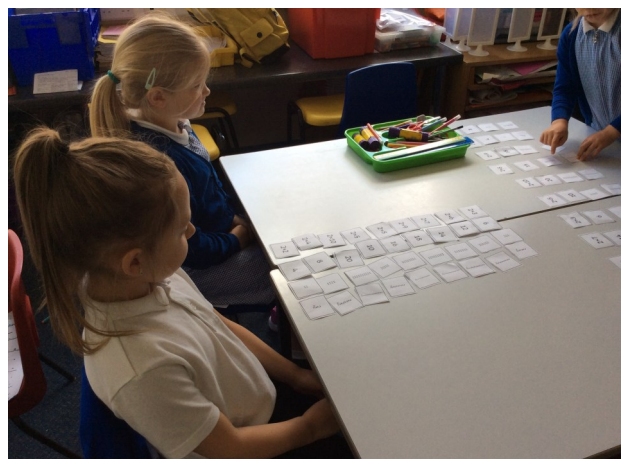
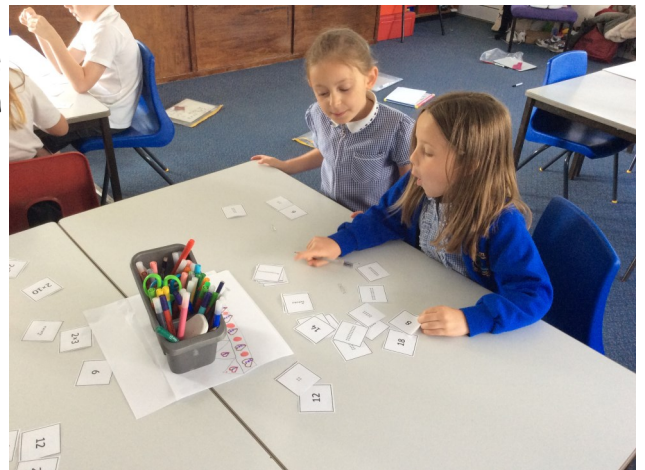
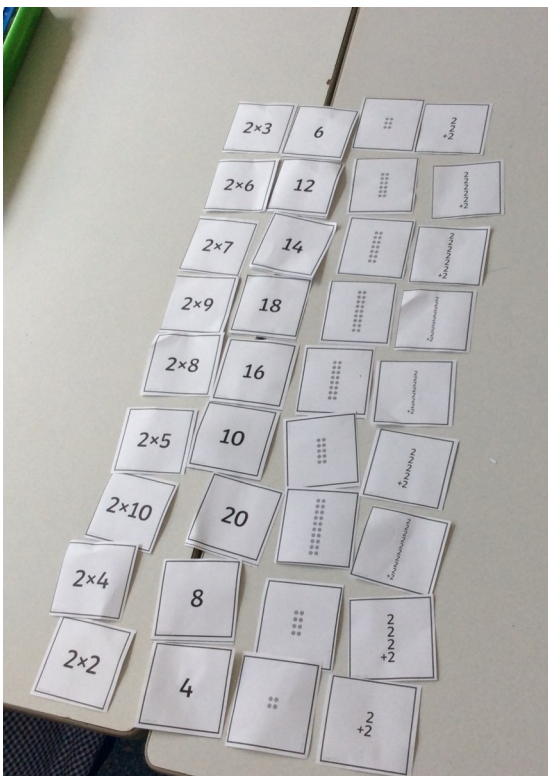
### Ash Class

In art, the children have been learning about William Morris, a famous British textile designer in Victorian times. He is well-known for his wallpaper and textile designs which included plants and animals. His designs have stood the test of time and are still around today!

The children have designed their own wallpaper in the style of William Morris and have painted some of his designs using water colours.



In maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and Year 2 have been learning their multiplication facts.





We have been learning all about plants in science and have grown sunflowers from seed. Look at how they've grown already! I think all the rain helped! We also investigated to see what seeds need to germinate and the conditions needed for the plant to grow healthily. These are our results!

The children have also been doing some observational drawings of plants too.





## Oak Class

### Forest school

Oak have had a fabulous time at forest school for the past couple of Friday afternoons with Mrs Wall and Mrs Luscombe. We spent the time making shelters and some very lovely mud monster faces.



In science, Oak have been looking at the different types of natural rocks and how we could represent them using foods.

We started with igneous rocks that are formed through the cooling and solidification of magma or lava.

Then we looked at making some sedimentary rocks. These are formed from the broken remains of other rocks that become joined together.

Lastly we used the heat from our hands and to push together our foods to form metamorphic rocks.





## Beech Class

Beech Class had two Forest School sessions earlier this half term. They worked happily in groups, with help from Mrs Luscombe, to plant some saplings in the orchard area. Some groups of children also enjoyed helping to scatter some wild flower seeds on to patches of ground that had been raked. Each group spent time, with Mrs Wall, learning to use the saw safely in order to cut wooden 'cookies' that they will use to make 'cookie men' later this term. There was also some time for exploring and searching for slow worms and other mini-beasts.





Shortly, after the start of term, the children in Beech Class participated in some CAP UK workshops. The visitors acted out several tricky social situations, which could be faced by any primary school child, and then talked through ways that the pupils could handle them so that they felt 'strong, safe and free' each day both in and out of school. Many of the pupils found the workshop helpful and said they had learned some strategies that they could try out in the future.



The Beech Class pupils were also lucky enough to take part in a PSHE session that was led by one of our governors. Mrs Green spent time 'in role' and asked the pupils to help her change each negative situations that she acted out into a more positive one. Many pupils could empathise with the characters and their situations. They were also able to suggest what each character could do differently next time they were interacting socially with other children.

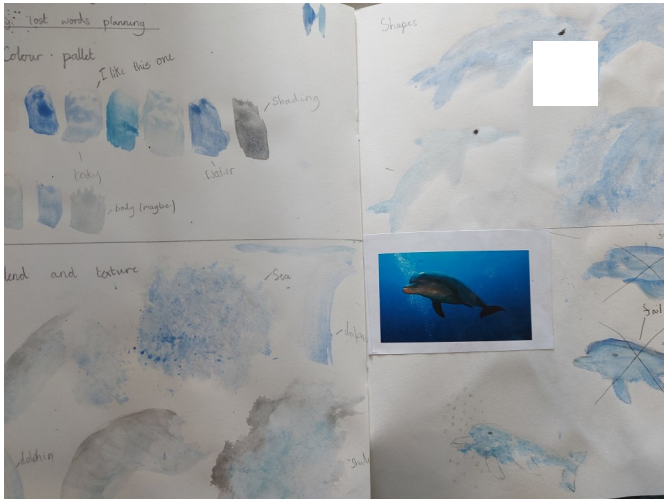




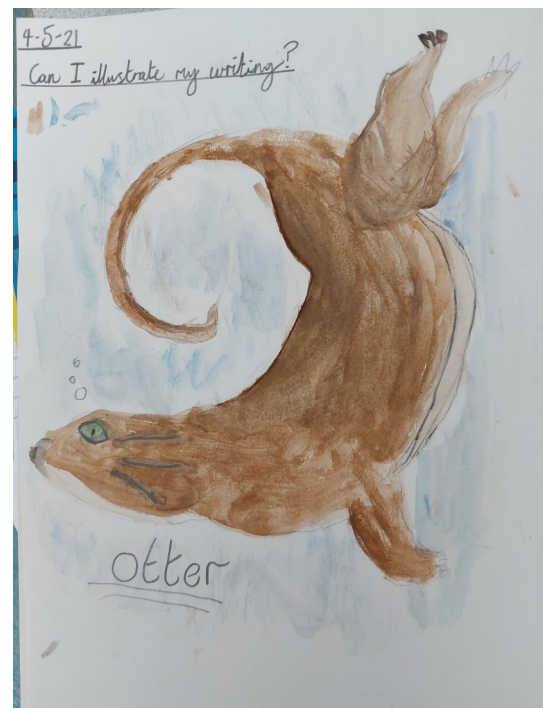
## Willow Class

It's been such a busy term in Willow Class! Children have been working exceptionally hard over the past three weeks, to write and illustrate their own poetry. Based on a fabulous book called *The Lost Words*, here is a collection of the whole class' work. Click on the link to enjoy [The Words We Found](#).

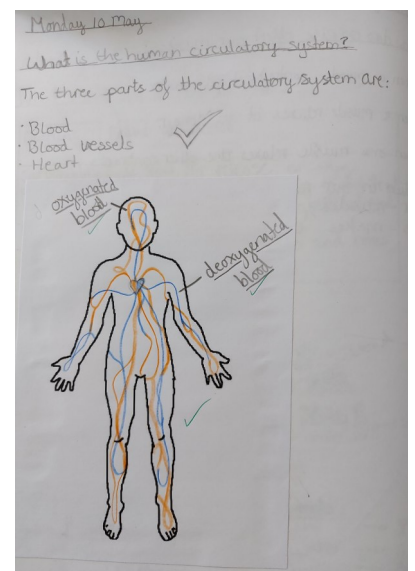
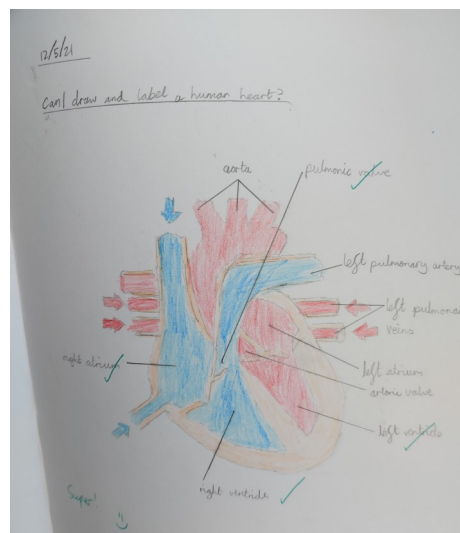
# THE WORDS WE FOUND



They have been learning about measures in maths. One of the most tricky activities was to try and match a statement with a number and a unit of measure. Fancy a go? [Click here \(it's different to the one we completed in class so your children can help too!\)](#)



Science has involved learning about the heart and the circulatory system.

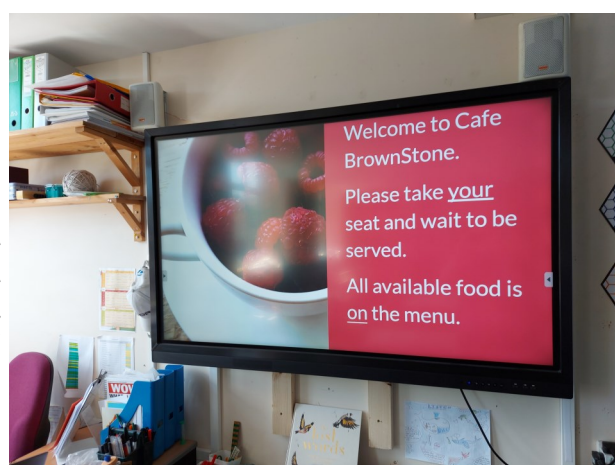




We've also been practising our rounders skills in PE. Learning to be resilient, making strategic decisions and showing good sportsmanship towards others have all been a key part of our learning. We finished off with a visit to the Parish Field to play on a big scale - and scored lots of rounders in the sunshine!



As the Year 6s would normally have a breakfast leading up to their SATs tests, we decided that we needed a day in the BrownStone Cafe! A fantastic way to end a busy half term and helped us to re-find some of those important social skills needed when with groups of people.



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