

Surprising Spring

Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School March 2021

Comic Relief

Friday 19th March saw the children help support Comic Relief.

Children wore their favourite clothes, making a donation and possibly sporting a crazy hair style, the pupils in Beech Class created mini joke books and completed several 'comedy' activities. It is great that they could raise money for such a good cause while also having fun.



Elm Class

The day usually starts with 'Funky Finger' activities - these activities are designed to help support fine motor skills which helps to develop their fingers to aid writing.



They also have lots of other benefits including personal and social skills but more importantly they are just great fun! Lacing superheroes, threading pipe cleaners, writing in the sand and using nuts and bolts - just a few of the things they have tried this month.



In literacy children have continued to work on learning their sounds to support reading - this includes a whole range of daily tasks including using their new interactive board to read and sort real and fake words.



Children have been reading 'Where's Wally?' The unit has focused on following instructions in order to write their own. Activities have included making playdough and their own sandwiches. Tasks linked to the text also got them making their own hats, T-shirts and binoculars.



Science has continued work on materials - here children are testing linked to waterproofing.



Beech Class

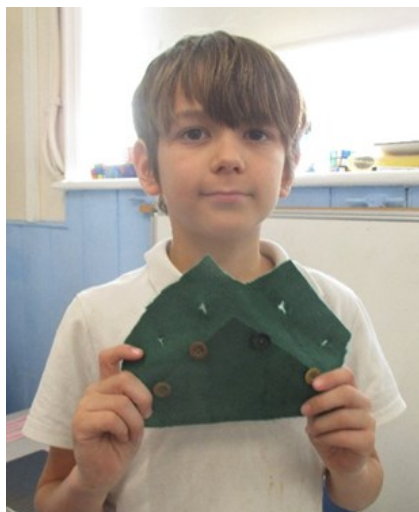
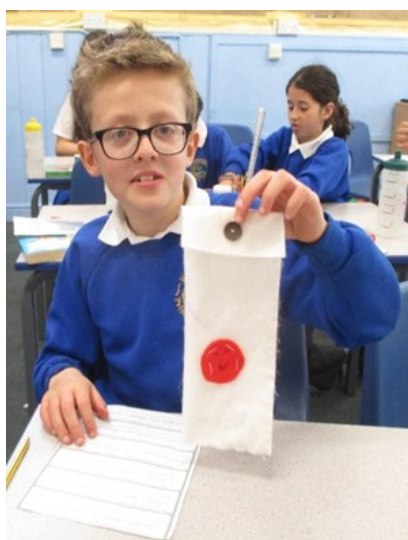
Since March 8th, all the pupils in Beech Class have been busy learning more about how to survive the climate, plants and animals of Amazon rainforest. They have used their art skills to make Jungle Journals to write in and also spent time in the orchard area, using the new tarpaulins and ropes, to build shelters. Everyone worked well in their groups and enjoyed themselves while also gaining some new skills.



Some pupils from Beech and Willow classes have also been involved in planting up two large pots with lots of Bee friendly plants so that these can be displayed as part of the Bee Positive project. We hope that everyone walking past the school gates, during the Easter Holiday, enjoys seeing the lovely plants and hopefully they will also attract lots of local bees soon as well.



Finally, all the pupils have worked really hard and shown resilience when designing, making and evaluating a pencil case. They selected their own pieces of coloured felt, learned how to sew on a button, created a buttonhole and many pupils also added some extra decorations too. We are really pleased with their imaginative and colourful outcomes.

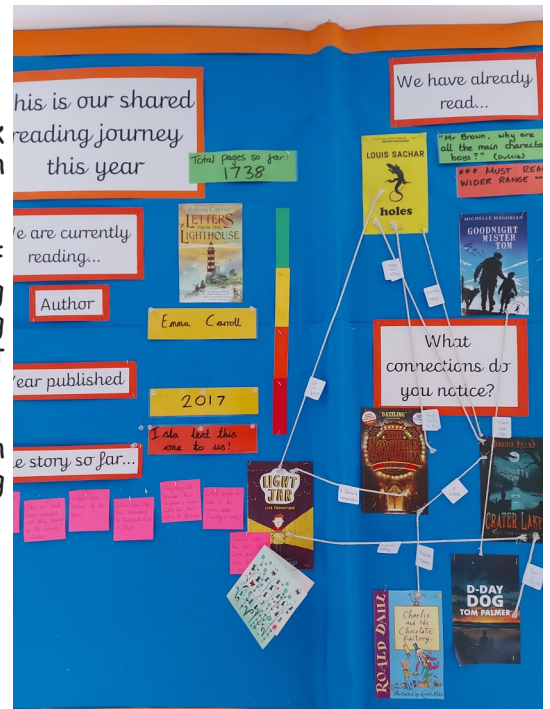
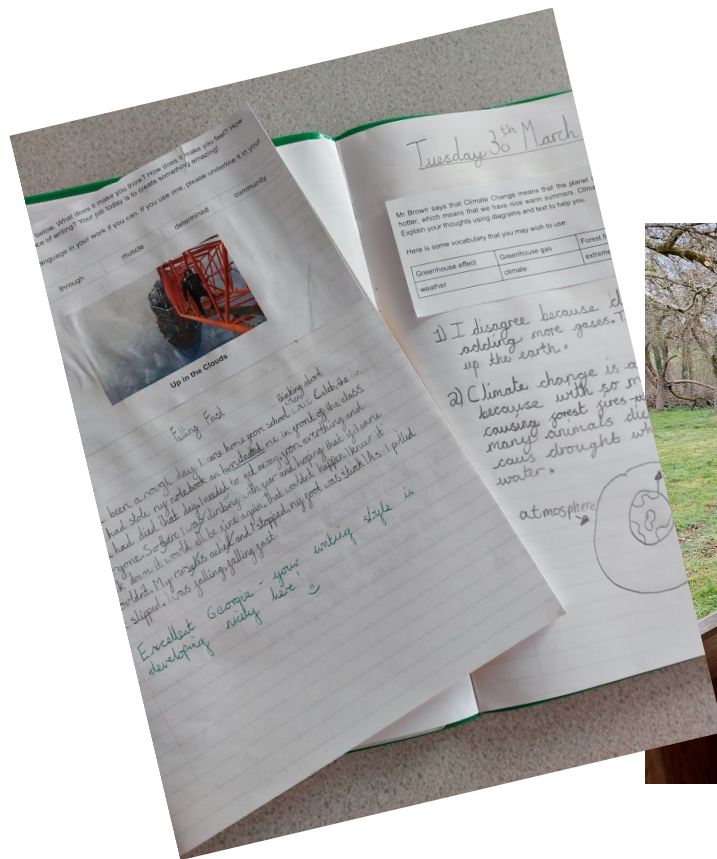


Willow Class

What a busy term! It was lovely to have all the children back and the Year 5 and 6s got back to working hard together in class really well.

We have been reading a lot and have just come to the end of *Letters from the Lighthouse*. We have been making connections between the books we have read and thinking about common themes across the writing. We're nearly at 2000 pages this year!

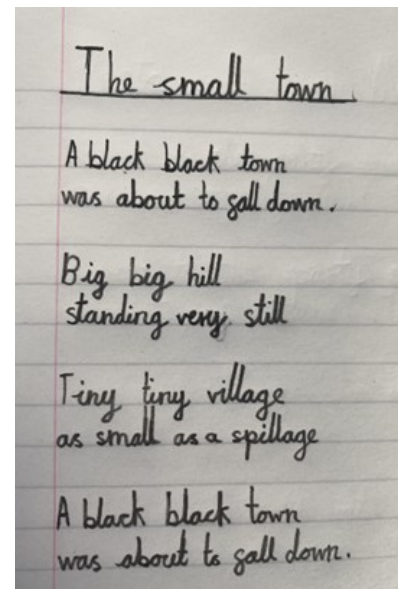
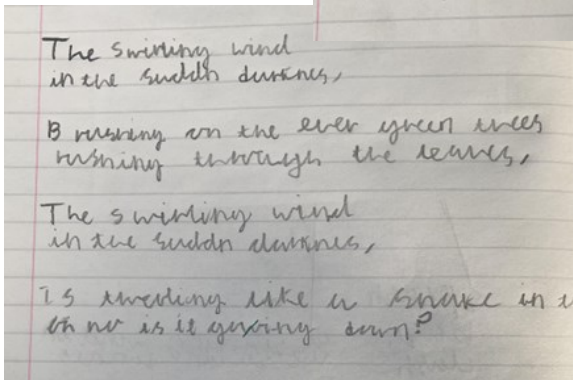
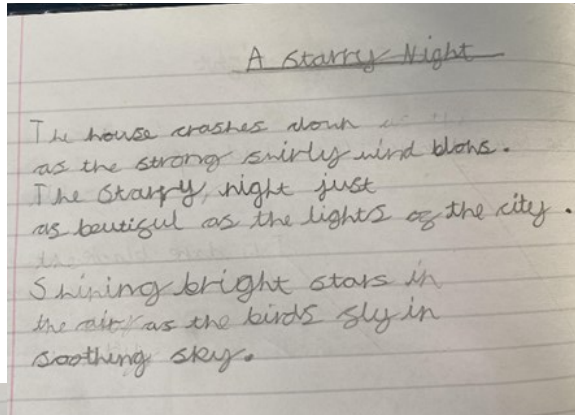
In our writing, we have been thinking about the presentation of our work and trying really hard to master our handwriting style. Don't these pieces look great?



Oak Class

Oak Class has settled back into the class routine brilliantly. We are excited to show you some of our work.

In English we have recently been looking at artwork to inspire some poetry writing. See if you can spot any repetition, rhyme or similes in our poems inspired by Vincent Van Goughs 'A Starry Night'.



During our time back at school, it has also been science week. We completed many small science investigations, one included a competition on who could keep their water warm for the longest. Oak did a great job with measuring temperature on a thermometer.



Lastly, we have been looking at Florida in our Geography lessons this term and everyone has created a fantastic Florida booklet, filled with information and data!



Ash Class

One of the activities for Science week involved children making their own straw plane - this involved a number of skills including resilience and reasoning. They then had a go at flying them in the hall.

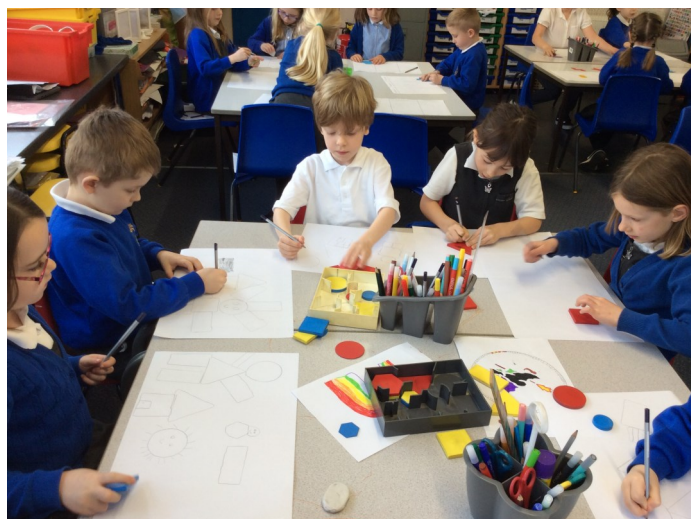


Design Technology saw children designing and making their own moving pictures. Initially, children undertook a number of activities to develop their understanding of how things can be made to move with their pictures so this could enable them to use the most appropriate one for their chosen design,





Maths has included some work on shape and looking at the many properties of shape alongside some simple investigations.



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