

Super September

Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School September 2019

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

For the first time, we have involved and encouraged a number of children to write articles on behalf of their peers for the newsletter, (they proudly wear committee badges). I would like to thank them for their contributions - enjoy.

The Roman Empire

Children in Key Stage 2 have been learning about the Roman Empire and how life used to be years ago.

Things we have learned about the Romans (so far)

- They built roads to help improve trade links and so the Emperor could send messages easier.
- They had gladiators which fight with animals like lions.
- They had chariot races which are actually really dangerous.
- The Romans invaded Britain.

Roman Road building

In Oak class, we started off by making the base of the road, we used papier-mâché to show the rubble they used at the bottom of the Roman Roads. Then we used smooth and small layers of paper on top of the rubble. Next, Miss Dunsford added some sand to our creations to make sure there were no spaces in our roads. Then we covered the road, one last time, and let it dry. A week later, our roads were dry and strong so we could paint them so they would look more like Roman roads.

We learnt that Roman roads were really straight and took a lot of layers to make.

Some of you may be interested in :

Half term gallery handling sessions at RAMM

23 to 25 Oct, 10.30am to 3.30pm. Drop in. Free.
Volunteer guides will help you to explore and handle authentic and replica objects

25 Oct: Explore Roman Devon

<https://exeterramm.admit-one.eu/?p=eventtimes&ev=4043>

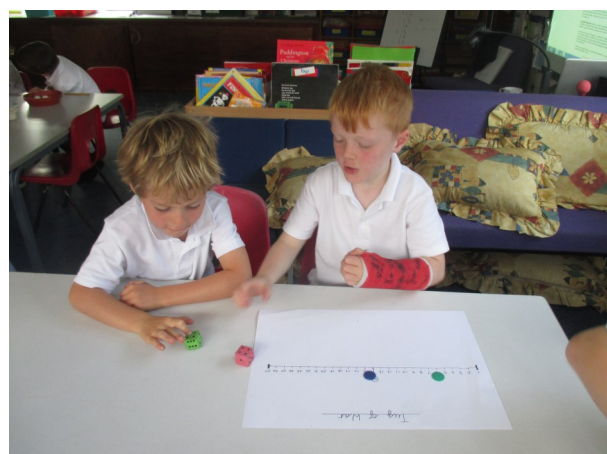


Ash Class

There has been a big focus on teamwork and cooperation skills in Ash Class. Activities have included trying to move a hoop round a circle of children whilst holding hands and passing a pole as a team from one end of the playground to the other.



Other activities have looked at empathy and identifying kind and unkind behaviours. One fabulous task was being given a jelly baby to look after for the day and also included making a suitable bed for them. (The challenge at the end of the day was then whether they still wanted to eat it!)



Fantastic Friday

Crafting - Year 6 Quilting

Recently, year 6 have been doing quilting for Fantastic Friday. First of all, we chose a season we were doing and then drew a design. Then we cut the design out of some iron-on material and got it ironed on. We sewed on the fabrics and buttons.



Next, we tacked on a piece of fleece. For the quilting part, we stitched around our design. The women who have been helping us have taken the fabric to put a boarder on them. The quilted squares are being displayed at Killerton.

Cooking - Year 5

For the last four weeks Year 5 have been doing cooking for Fantastic Friday activity and their challenge has been to cook a three course meal for their parents to taste later on this term. They have also designed menus to make it clear what each of the courses are.



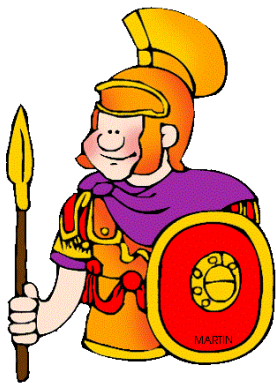
The first course will be soup with bread rolls and each group have made a different type of soup. The main course will be vegetable curry and vegetable Bolognese, which every group helped to prepare. The dessert will be apple cobbler.



Forest School - Year 1 and 2

Although the hot chocolate heated over the campfire is still the most popular activity, 20 of year 1 and 2 have enjoyed creating in the orchard. 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.





Creative Arts - Year 4 Drama

For four weeks Year 4 have been using their sessions to put together a short play 'Emperor Claudius'. The characters, Celts, Romans and some modern people (who go back in time) to see how ancient Britain was invaded.

Computing - Year 3

The year 3s have been developing their computer skills in Fantastic Friday. They began by practising their touch typing to help speed up their writing on word document. Also, we took the time to learn how to edit the colour and font of the writing and how to copy and paste images into word document from the internet, to make the page more exciting. Once the children had mastered this, they began creating PowerPoints to show to their whole class and the children had to explain how they did certain animations and transitions on the slides.



The year 3s have also been taking part in sporty stars on a Friday afternoon. They have learned the rules of dodgeball and enjoyed playing different games to help increase their throwing and aiming skills. All the children thoroughly engaged with the sport and it was a fantastic way to get them active on a Friday afternoon.

Mindfulness - Year 1 and 2

Half of the children in Year 1 and 2 have been working hard to understand and practise being mindful. We have used a variety of relaxation methods and breathing exercises to help gain control of our body and mind in an ever-busy world. One of our favourite games was called 'Honey, I love you!' where the children have to work really hard to control their laughter - it was very difficult to do!

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