

Sensational September

The Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary

Welcome

Here is the first edition of our new curriculum newsletter which provides you with a taster of what the pupils have been doing through the month of September.

Physical Education

Children across the school have been following a slightly different programme of study in PE this year. We are now using a scheme which focuses solely on fundamental movement skills, all of which are crucial for continued physical activity into teenage and adult life.



We have seen some very difficult challenges so far and children have been taking real ownership of their own learning. Here are some pictures of Willow Class in action when trying to develop ball skills and coordination.



Learning About World War 1 - Oak, Beech and Willow Class

On 25th September Key stage 2 had a wonderful World War 1 day. Simon Manning, a historical storyteller, came and performed the story of Henry Butland and his experiences at the front line.



The children learnt about the length of a puttee and the other parts of military uniform. Pupils were fascinated by his use of drama and engaged themselves with the freeze frame activities, which helped us all to deepen our understanding of soldiers' experiences.

During the first few days of the autumn term, the pupils in Beech Class created a time capsule. It contained some aims for the future and has now been buried in a safe and secret location not far from school for the foreseeable future.



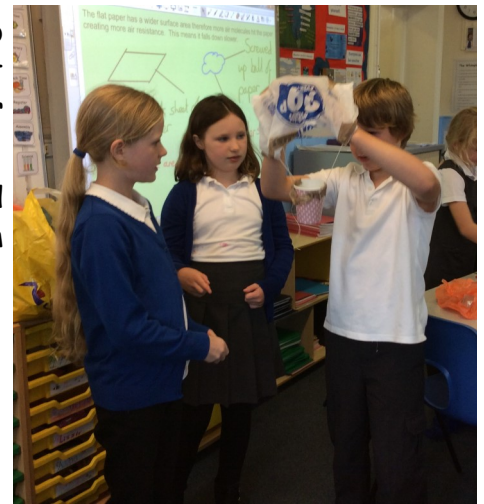
A Parachute Day for Beech Class

On the 17th September Beech Class completed their mission to release six parachutes. We started by planning and figuring out how to make them. We drew pictures of the parachutes on our white boards. We then had to agree on our design.

We all made our parachutes out of plastic bags, cups, figures and lollipop sticks. One group had used lollipop sticks on the bottom of their parachute so that it landed safely.

What a fun lesson we had.

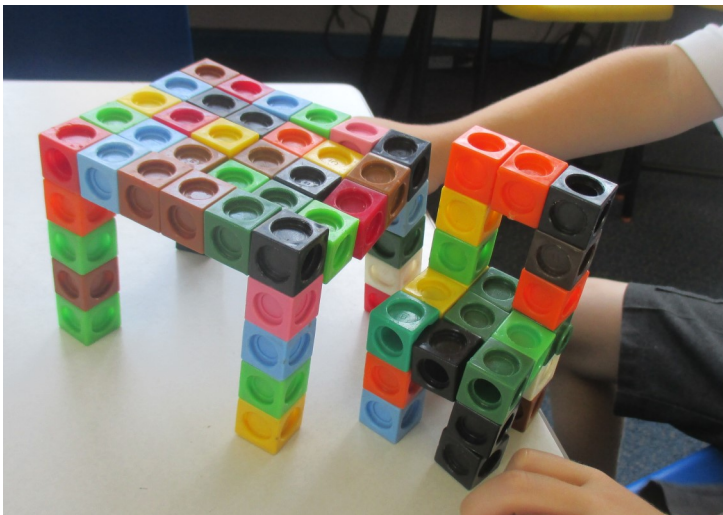
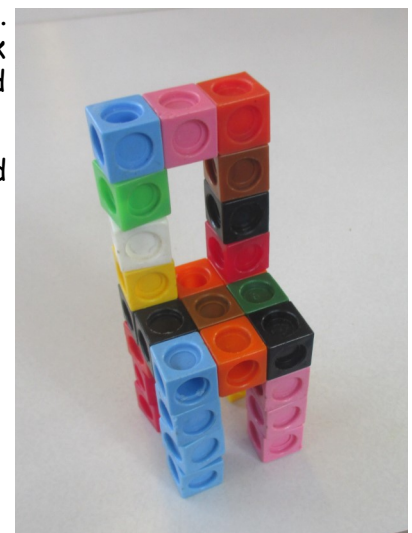
By Imogen Woollam



Problem Solving

In maths, Ash have undertaken the 'Tables and Chairs' challenge. First they had to build three different sized chairs using multilink cubes for the three bears from the Goldilocks story. Then they had to build a table for each chair so that it could be tucked in under.

It took a lot of 'trial and error' and perseverance, but they worked hard to complete the task!



Open the Book Assemblies

We are very lucky to have a group of volunteers from the church who continue to come into school about once a fortnight to perform a story in assembly. The stories are told in a easy format with the support of a few simple props. The latest story was about Adam and Eve.



All About Our Bodies

Elm class have been thinking about ourselves and we have been making representations of our bodies and our faces. See if you can guess what expressions the hoop faces show.



Funky Fingers

Funky fingers involves a variety of activities to help develop fine motor skills - everybody loves it!



We also get wet and messy!



At the vets - we will look after your pets and make them better.



Fantastic Friday

Forest School - Year 1 and 2

Creating an orchard map, using the natural materials around them. The children had to communicate with each other and show resilience to complete the task.



Rule - You can't take the crown off your head. Your partner decorates your hat.



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Crafting

As part of a community project with Killerton the Year 6 children had to produce a design linked to one of the seasons of the year. Using a selection of materials, they have drawn and sewn to produce a piece of quilted bunting to join a collection from four other schools in our local learning community. These will all be displayed at Killerton, (see details below). I would like to thank Mrs Brown, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Lindsey for their Friday commitment, without them this project would not have been possible.



Join in the celebration of National Apple Day at this unique family festival which takes place in Sparrow Park Orchard, Killerton.

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 October, 10am-5pm
Adult £8, Child £4. National Trust members free

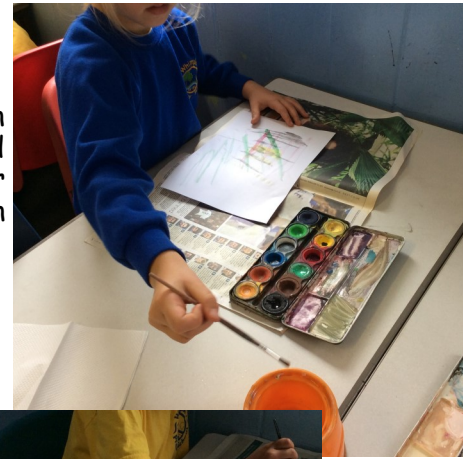
What's on this year?

Pull on your wellies and make your way to Sparrow park orchard to enjoy this year's apple festival. As you wander amongst the apples trees find stalls of local crafts people. Grab a bucket and collect fallen apples to take to the pressing tent to turn into your own apple juice. There will be plenty of activities to entertain your family including a trail, storytelling and the return of Exeter archers, how good a shot do you think you will be?

Fantastic Friday

Art Skills

As part of our ongoing Fantastic Friday curriculum, children in Year Three have been looking at a famous painting by Paul Klee and have been working hard to recreate their own versions. Keep your eyes peeled around the school to see if you can spot them up on display soon!



Cookery

Over the past three weeks the children have been chopping and preparing a variety of items. Resilience was very important when our first attempts at choux pastry ended in failure. We have been freezing it all so we can all sit down for a three-course meal with our parents next week.



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