

Jovial January

The Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary

Welcome

This is the fifth edition of our new curriculum newsletter, and the first one of 2019. Find out what the children have been up to through the month of January.

School Wassail

During the afternoon of Friday 11th January the children in Key Stage 2 took part in our very own wassail.

This is a continuation of the cycle of the apple tree. In the autumn we harvested and pressed our lovely apples into juice.

We had musical accompaniment as we all walked over to the orchard.

Once there we congregated around an apple tree. The queen and princess place toast in the tree branches, throw a baked apple at the tree and then recite the wassail poem. Everyone then sings the wassail song whilst parading around the tree and then make lots of noise to ward off evil spirits.

Why? This is all done to hopefully produce a good crop of apples. We had a bumper crop last year so who knows?!

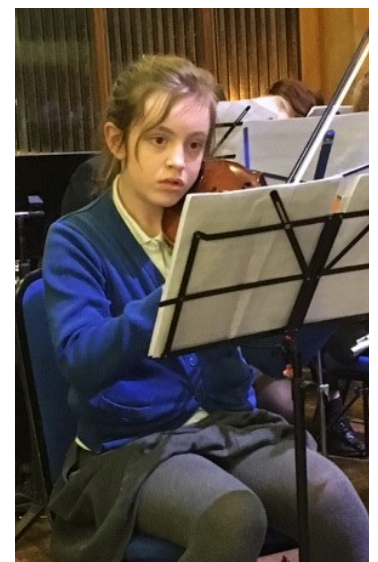


Instrumentalists Play in Great Hall

On Wednesday 30th January our school orchestra, 14 pupils travelled to Exeter University Great Hall. They had been invited by the Devon Music Hub to take part in a massed ensemble event, working alongside players from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.



Over 150 children from across Devon schools played together to produce



Early Years Activities



We stay active both inside keep both our bodies and helps us to learn.

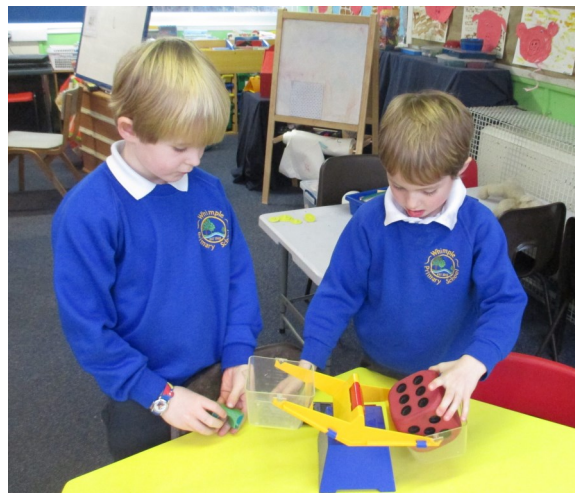


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Maths in Elm Class

Year 1 experimented with the balance scales to find heavier and lighter objects in maths.



Key Stage One Science (Year 1 and 2)

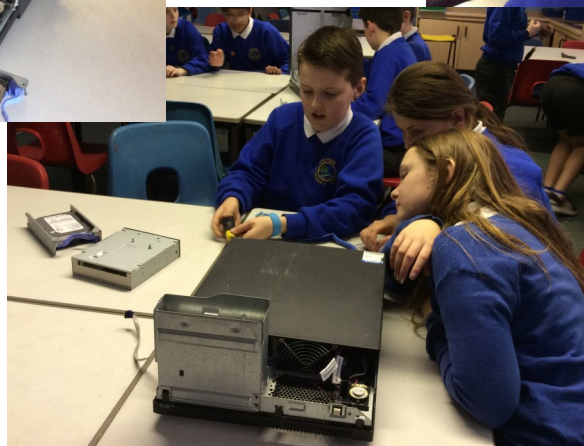
Year 1 went on a materials hunt around the school. They thought about what different materials were like and went to find objects made from each material. They then categorised their findings using the photos they took.



Even before the snow arrived, the children were exploring ways to melt ice. With their little snowmen they had to try different materials to find out which would keep the snowman frozen for longest. Materials like cotton wool, bubble wrap, foil, fabric and paper were compared. The children were surprised to find that cotton wool worked the best. All these experiences then were used to develop their snowman stories in their literacy sessions (More on materials in next months issue).

Computing

Earlier this term, the children in Year Six had a visitor from Exeter College who brought some computers in to school... to be taken apart! The children learned about the different components and how to stay safe when working with electrical hardware.



Clyst Vale Learning Community Multi- Skills

Last week Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to go and visit Clyst Vale Community College to engage in some physical education.



The Year 9 pupils taught the children some hockey, basketball, football and throwing skills. The children loved taking part in all the activities and were surprised at how much they could progress in just one hour. Great work!



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