

# Mysterious March

## Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary School March 2020

Welcome to the seventh edition of our monthly newsletter which shares some of the things the children have been involved in throughout the month of March. Although the end of term unexpectedly came a week early, we have still managed to get a lot in.

### Recycling workshop

Elm, Ash and Oak were lucky enough to have a workshop from Resource Futures, all about understanding the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and how these are important in our home and school life. This fascinating workshop considered the natural resources used to make everyday items and the new objects that these can be recycled into. The children found it challenging to figure out whether the items they had in their bag were reusable, and if they were reusable what could they be made into. All the different things the reusable materials could be made into really surprised the children and made them more aware of the reasons why we recycle. The children ended the workshop with a challenge to figure out what the reusable material could be made into, they had to think about the everyday materials they see and how some of these are actually made of the same materials but are used in different ways.

A big thank you to Sally who came in on behalf of Devon County Council and Resource Futures.





## Beech and Willow Class River Trip

Beech and Willow Class went on an educational school trip to Otterton River. First, we went into a class room and a lady called Kate told us about the new plans for the construction of the river.



Next we went into the old Mill and learnt about the flour production project which has been running for around 1,000 years. A man called Chris who helped run the production led us around the mill and told us about the creatures who lived in it. We found it very interesting and before we knew it we

were being given a speech about beavers where some of the children got to have the pleasure of eating and paddling with their hands like beavers.



Then the walk begun down the river where we walked to the mouth of Budleigh Salterton. It was an enjoyable walk and they were sad to see the coach because they knew the day was over, but they were still happy that they had had a good day.

By Sofia, Toby, Dulcie, Elliot and Martha





## World Book Day



Yet again, the costumes that were produced for this years World Book Day were phenomenal.



The children had a great day, which started with listening to some poetry recitals by our Top Talk Club children. We then had the chance to listen to the selected authors and share and guess all the characters everyone had dressed up as.



All the photographs were shared on the cover of our most recent, 'Way with Words', (one was given out to each family). Here are a few of our favourites.



Thank you for all you help in supporting your children to take part.





## Forest School

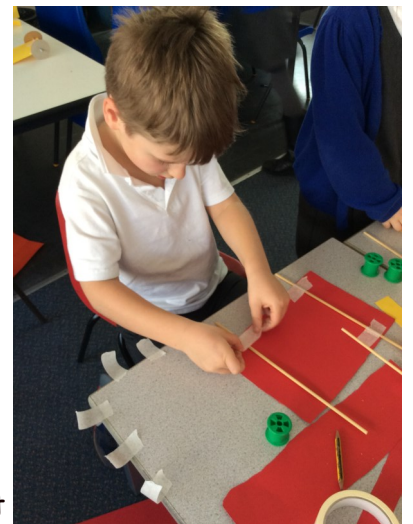
As part of Fantastic Friday, Year 4 have been busy making wooden hedgehog houses to place in the orchard. They have had to collaborate to make a shelter using tarpaulin and ropes and they also produced a piece of art using natural materials they could find around them.





## Design Technology and Art in Ash Class

For their design and technology this term, the children have had to design and make their own vehicle. Part of the design process involved learning about the parts of the vehicle so they could plan and build their own chassis. After completing their structure they could then add details like windows and lights to finish it off.



In art children have been learning about the artist Kandinsky. They were inspired by his painting called Concentric Circles and chose a 2D shape to create their own.





## Science Visit

A hydrologist came to visit Beech Class on Tuesday 17th March. We learnt about natural and man-made methods for reducing flooding and came up with our own plans to prevent flooding of a town and nature reserve habitat. The children came up with some interesting and unusual ideas of what to do with redirected water, including a water theme play park and otter reserve. Thanks very much to Jess Dunston for her time.

## Science Club

Science club returned this half term with another group of keen investigators. We explored the link with food and science- how colour perception affects taste and experimenting with custard powder; engineered marshmallow shooters and towers; understood how winds develop using anemometers and making kites. Finally Beech classroom got very sticky as the children tried to make different shape bubbles and discovered how many "bubbles in a bubble" they could carefully blow.

Looking forward to another series next year! Thank you to the two parents who helped with this club.



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