

Non-Stop November

The Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary

Welcome

This is the third edition of our new curriculum newsletter, here's what the pupils have been up to through the month of November.

Out and About with our Early Years Children

In Reception we try to get outside whatever the weather and cover all areas of the curriculum too!



Making the 'staircase' with our extra large Numicon pieces (bought with a very kind parental donation from last years Year 6)



You just can't beat exploring with boxes - imagination can take you anywhere!



All About Whimble

As part of their geography topic this term, Ash and Elm enjoyed a walk around the village, looking out for special features of the village. They had to think about keeping safe as well as spotting things we didn't know were there.



Christmas Shoeboxes

Children across the school, with the help of some WI ladies, packed up shoe-box present boxes to send off to children who won't be getting Christmas presents this year.



Ash and Elm helped to load up the boxes into the car, ready for transportation. Great team work to help those less fortunate than us!

Cross-Curricular Work in Ash

In history, Ash class have learned the exciting story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot! We have also been learning and creating poems about firework night in literacy.



We had lots of fun drawing these wax relief paintings in art and they are now on display, along with some of our poetry, in the classroom.



We performed our class poem and recorded it on the iPad, we then enjoyed watching ourselves on the big screen! The video clip will be available on the class page of the website shortly.

Remembrance

Over the past month all children across the school have been involved in learning about Remembrance Day and it's particularly significance this year. Our youngest children made two silhouettes and decorated them with poppies.



All the children in Key Stage 1 joined with Reception to perform a special assembly to the rest of the school.

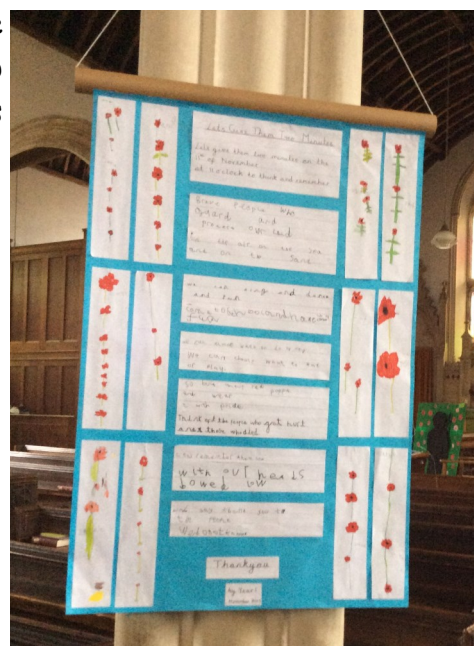
Year 2 had specific things to say and then our Reception children sang 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and then asked Year 1 to join them singing 'Pack up Your Troubles' and then finally they all asked Year 2 to sing 'Goodbye' with them. Everyone then joined in to sing the songs again at the end.

On Friday 16th November in the afternoon, Beech Class walked down to the Parish Church to see the Remembrance Exhibition.

The Year 5s were really pleased to see that the lovely felt and paper poppies that they had made in their Fantastic Friday sessions were on display and they also appreciated viewing up close the work that had been created by the younger pupils of Whimple School.



A surprise for many of us were the transparent outlines of the people sitting in some of the pews. It made lots of us really stop and think about all of those fallen soldiers from all of the wars over the years.



Memories of Whimble

On Wednesday 28th November, one of Whimble's oldest residents called Molly Power kindly came into Beech Class to talk to us about her memories and some of the key events in her life.

She was born in Whimble, in the corner house, and then came back to live in the village again when her own children had grown up. Molly was more than happy to answer our questions and she shared some funny moments in her life as a child and also told us information about her career as a teacher as well.

We are in the process of making her a card to thank her for giving up her time and coming into school. Her visit was both informative and enjoyable for us and we hope that Molly also had a great time.



WW1 Trenches

Willow class were very busy last week, making model trenches for their WW1 topic.

Working together in pairs or a group of 3, the children researched what the trenches were like during World War One and used this research to plan their shoebox trenches.

They thought carefully about what materials they may use and what effect these would create. This careful planning and cooperation resulted in some amazing models! Check them out!



Forest School

The year 1 and 2s made a pretend fire, roasted marshmallows and practised stop, drop and roll that they had learned when the fireman came to visit. Some swept the shelter, others made a bug hotel, all decorated their partners crown.



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