



# EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL Half Term Edition "The Scoop"

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Dragonflies Class

This term in Dragonflies Class we have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year. In P.E. the children all took it in turns to do a dragon dance whilst the rest of the class played instruments to accompany the Chinese music.



We learnt about all types of Chinese food and we even tried some rice and prawn crackers too. Some of us didn't really like the rice, but we all loved the prawn crackers! We enjoyed them so much that we now have a Chinese restaurant in our class role play area.



We also painted Chinese dragons and made lanterns too. As we developed our knowledge of the culture we found out that 2019 is the year of the pig. We read the story of Pig in the Pond and then wrote about it. Our work is on display in our classroom together with our painted pictures of pigs. We have also learnt about capacity by using different sized scoops to fill pots up with dried rice and we have developed our fine motor skills by practising to pick up objects with chopsticks. It has been lots of fun.



## Hedgehogs Class

This term has been packed full of Traditional Fairy Tales. We started the topic with a trip to Chichester College to see Alice in Wonderland performed by some of the drama students which was an exciting experience. We have acted, sequenced and retold some fairy tales and created some fantastic art works to accompany our writing. The children have really enjoyed hearing different versions of the fairy



tales and comparing them to the originals.

In RE we have been learning about Creation where we used our torches to recreate God's light. In Science we created clouds, a water cycle and drew, painted and collaged the creatures of the world.

In maths we have been learning how to use centimetres and how to use a ruler accurately. We have been measuring everything in the classroom!

## Squirrels Class

This term Squirrels have been busy exploring.

Our learning about Ernest Shackleton's great achievements led us to re-creating his expedition. We all had fun making a snow and ice scene with bubbles!



We have used torches to investigate how shadows are created and have explored how to change the shape of a shadow.



Our RE learning has been finding out about Rosh Hashanah. We have thought about how it is important to say sorry and to think about how you can be a better person. We all enjoyed the Jewish tradition of hoping for a sweet New Year by eating apples and honey.



The 'Alice in Wonderland' trip and the 'Leon and the Place Between' text helped us to use our imaginations to write stories and create art work. We have had a fantastic end to the half-term with a Mad Hatter's Tea Party to celebrate all of our hard work.

## Rabbits Class

In Rabbits Class, this half term, we have begun exploring our topic 'Rainforests'. We have been learning about Orangutans and deforestation. We watched an advert that was banned from the television, 'There is a rang-tan in my bedroom'. We spent a long time discussing it and how powerful the video is for the world. As a class we debated whether it should have been televised or not and it was decided that it should have been, because deforestation for Palm oil has become a big problem. Alongside this video we also read 'The Great Kapok Tree'; this book



has helped inspire us to write letters to the President of Indonesia (President Joko Widodo) about the impact of deforestation. We are hoping that we will get a response from him!

We have also been learning about the layers of the Rainforest; the shrub layer, under story, canopy and emergent layer. Each layer is the habitat for so many different species of animals and we will be researching these more next half term. We have also looked at the climate and used atlases to explore the world and tropics of Capricorn and Cancer. This has helped us to understand the

difference between Tropical Rainforests and Temperate Rainforests.



In Science we have been examining flowers and the adaptation of plants in different regions of the world. We have identified parts of a plant, looked at water transportation through an experiment and now understand what a plant needs in order to grow into a healthy species. We also learnt about a plant that smells revolting, like dead meat, that you can see occasionally at Kew Gardens; The Corpse Plant!



As well as being busy in school we have visited MRC for the 'All Sing' event. This was run by Miss Wood and we all had a fantastic time. Lots of Year 3 classes from across the Rother Valley attended and we learnt some musical terms as well being able to sing a variety of songs such as 'Kookaburra', 'Five little monkeys' and a round 'Swing low, sweet chariot' with 'When the Saints' and 'I'm gonna sing'. It was great fun.

## Badgers Class

### Forest School

We have really enjoyed forest school this term. We have experienced all sorts of weather (rain, wind and sunshine) and have been pleased to have our waterproof and warm clothing. It was a good thing that we were told to wear clothes that we don't mind getting muddy.

The best bits about forest school were when we got to make swings, decorate sticks and make dens. Many thanks to the Mums and Dads who have helped support our Forest sessions.

By Kacie-Jo



### Badgers Class reader The Explorer

We have really enjoyed listening to our 'class reader book': Explorer by Katherine Rundell. It features four main children: Fred, Con, Max and Lila. There have been lots of twists and turns which has kept us on the edge of our seats, We can't wait to find out what happens next. By Freya

## **Times Table Rock Stars**

In November TTRS was started at Easebourne Primary School. You can learn your times table really well on this app. There are different game modes such as Garage, Studio, Sound Check, Festival, Arena and Rock Slam.

Studio is the most important mode to play on. By playing the game ten times, you get your baseline speed. Once you get your speed you build to get a good status. By Sam

## **Mindfulness**

Mindfulness is a skill to train your mind and breath. There is a lady called Sandrine who comes in and teaches us about our mind. We have learnt a skill called 'Paws B' where you stop and take deep breaths for a minute to calm yourself down. By Charlie H

## **Production of Alice in Wonderland**

On January 16<sup>th</sup> Badgers Class went to see a production of Alice in Wonderland performed by the drama students of Chichester College. The performance was well thought out and very entertaining. We could see that they put a lot of work into it to make it perfect. We really enjoyed the performance. By Ava

## **Invasion Sports**

Invasion sports is an after school club run by Aspire. It has two teams with each team invading the opposition. It normally involves a ball. Like football and basketball, you need to get the ball in into a net. By Freddie

## **Referee Course**

In our class, a group of five children have been taking part in a refereeing course which is run by Curtis who works for SCS. This course will help referee fair games at break and lunch times. We have some lessons inside and a few are planned outside. At the end of the course, there will be two tests. Then we should get awarded a certificate. By Charlie W

## **Derek**

We have been studying Holy Week and Derek came in to improve our understanding. We learnt about Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Next we went out of the class room to look at the frieze which depicts key elements of the Old and New Testament. By Patrick



## **500 Words writing Competition**

Badger class have enjoyed writing for the BBC Radio 2 '500 words competition'. We have been reading our entries out in class and have enjoyed each one. Many more entries have been started and we look forward hearing these after the half term holiday.

## **Foxes Class**

### **'All Sing' at MRC**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, Year 5 went to the 'All Sing' event at MRC. Lots of Year 5 pupils from around the county were there. The session was led by one of the MRC music teachers, whose name was Miss Wood and she told us she was Australian. We sang lots of warm up songs and a lovely ballad called 'My Wish'. We really enjoyed the whole experience at MRC. By: Margot and Nick.



### **Alice in Wonderland Theatre Trip**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of January, Year 5 went to see Alice in Wonderland. It was at Chichester College, so we went in the two school minibuses and a car. The play was performed very well by a small cast of pupils from Chichester College. It lasted about an hour and 15 minutes. The costumes were really creative, particularly the caterpillar, who acted brilliantly. The Cheshire Cat was played by 3 different people so it could appear and disappear in different parts of the stage. Margot said "her favourite bit was the lobster dance." The class really enjoyed it and hope the other classes enjoy it as well.

By: Nick and Margot.

### **Offers Class**

#### **Athletics Tournament at MRC**



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, eight sporty Yr6's went to MRC. Mrs Ashcroft and Miss Abbott escorted us to the tournament. When we arrived, we met the competition which included Stedham, Midhurst, Hollycombe, Camelsdale and a few other schools. Our first event was the 75m sprint. Theo came first for the boys and Lily won for the girls. Our second event was the long jump and Toby jumped the furthest with a whopping 1.70m and that is nearly as tall as



Miss Abbott laying down! Our final events were the 600m long distance, the vortex throwing and the relay, which was an intense battle between the different teams. Sadly, Easebourne didn't win the race because someone dropped the baton! Overall we came 3<sup>rd</sup>, which would equate to a bronze medal. By Bella G and Teddy

### **Shakespeare Day**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, a group of Year 5/6 children were invited to Conifers Primary School to take part in a production of Romeo and Juliet. A woman, who was called Rebecca, came from Splats Entertainment to help us do this. We were split up into four groups and each group rehearsed and performed a different scene, so when they were all put together it made the full story of the famous romantic tragedy. We were all put in different groups but we did the same activities just in a different order. Our activities were: casting, dress rehearsal with Rebecca, mask making and rehearsing. At the end of the day each group performed their scene one after the other in front of the rest of Conifers and the parents who could make it. The turn-out was amazing and we all had fun doing it. We are very grateful that we had the opportunity to take part in Conifers' acting day and hope we can take part in other days like this one. By Ruby (Year 6)

### **Debate - This House believes that books are better than television.**

In our second debate of the term, Courtney and Oliver argued for the motion against Isla and Sophie. Both sides made a range of strong points. Courtney pointed out that science suggests reading books increases your vocabulary whilst TV reduces the attention span. Oliver reminded the audience that looking at blue light from screens before going to bed keeps people awake and can damage your eyesight. He also argued that television leads to a passive state of mind whilst reading stimulated the mind with vivid imagery.

Sophie explained that television brings us news and updates on important issues rapidly. Isla also stunned the audience with information about the impact on books on the environment. She estimated that the Harry Potter books, printed from unrecycled paper had resulted in the destruction of 770,000 trees! Isla also argued that watching a film at the cinema is more sociable than reading a book as you can talk, 'if you don't mind evil glares'!

All four spoke well, managing eye-contact and responding confidently to questions from the floor. The two captains, Courtney and Sophie, also summed up well. In the end, it was the team of Courtney and Oliver who managed to persuade people over to their side when it came to the second vote and they were declared the winners. Particular mention should be made of Isla who stepped in at the last minute for Ruby who was away on the day. Well done to all four debaters and to Ruby for her research prior to the day.

### New Library Books

Mr T, with the help of some Year 6 pupils, circled lots of books that they liked the sound of from a Scholastic book magazine. Mr T (being the lovely teacher that he is) bought as many of these books as possible and more. The total cost for all the books was approximately £700; the money was raised from the 'We Are Writers' books written by pupils in this school. The books chosen included: Wonder, Stig of the Dump, the David Baddiel series, The Song from Somewhere Else, 1000-Year-Old Boy, The Goldfish Boy and its sequel, The Light Jar. By Isla and Leah

### House Charity Fundraising

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Yellow House presented 'Dancemania'. Mrs Payne, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Mayhew led the party dances along with some Year 6 children. The hall was in darkness apart from and disco lights and 200 glow sticks.

"I loved the 'YMCA' and 'Baby Shark' dance the best"  
Tillie in Dragonflies

It was such a lively event and fun was had by all. We are also thrilled to say we raised £180 for the Dogs Trust Charity. Thank you to everybody who supported us. Leah, Yellow House Captain and Charlie, Vice-Captain.



On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Lily, Green House Captain and Imogen, Vice-Captain, arranged a Fundraising Day and a very exciting assembly, when Canine Partners came along with an assistance dog called Toffee. It was a really fun assembly and everyone enjoyed seeing how a dog can help someone with a disability. The non-uniform money raised on the day was shared with all 4 houses which raised £40.00 each for their chosen charities. Green House also held a raffle and made a further £366.00. The total raised by Green House so far for Canine Partners is £510.



# HOUSE COMPETITION!

A date for your diary! Another Sumdog House Challenge for Years 1-6 will be starting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8am (running until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm). As usual, we would encourage as many children as possible to take part. Children answering at least 100 questions in the contest, will earn a point for their house. Any child answering 1,000 questions or more over the course of the week, will join the Easebourne Sumdog Ninja team and be invited to play for the school in future competitions.