



Weekly Learning Update 01 July 2022

Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have been working on their numeracy skills, counting out from a large quantity. We have also spent lots of time with the children preparing them for their transition into Reception class. They have loved their new role play of 'Happy Hayley's Kitchen' as we think about our new routines in the hall for lunch.

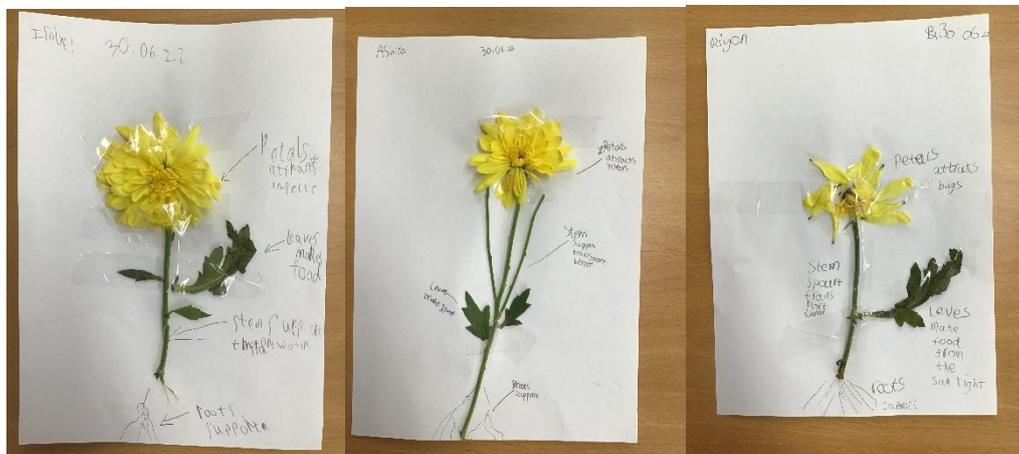
Reception (King Class and Parks Class)

This week, we have loved creating our own films of 'Handa's Surprise!'. We have also been learning to extend our sentences using 'and' and 'but'. We have enjoyed comparing people, animals and places using 'and' to describe things that are similar and 'but' to describe things that are different. On Tuesday, we had a visit from Lindum Group, who taught us how to make a strong structure. *Can your child apply their knowledge to make a strong structure at home?*



Year 1 (Bell Class)

This week in Bell Class, the children were able to share their own stories with the children in Reception. It was a lovely opportunity to share their work and promote a love of reading to the younger children. In Maths, we began our new unit focusing on Place Value to 100. We have been learning how to partition numbers into tens and ones. In Science, the children focused on learning the different parts of a flower. The children were dissecting a flower in more detail to explore the parts before piecing it back together. The children were then able to label the different parts and explain their function.



In D&T the children have also created their own moving mechanism with a flower moving in the grass.

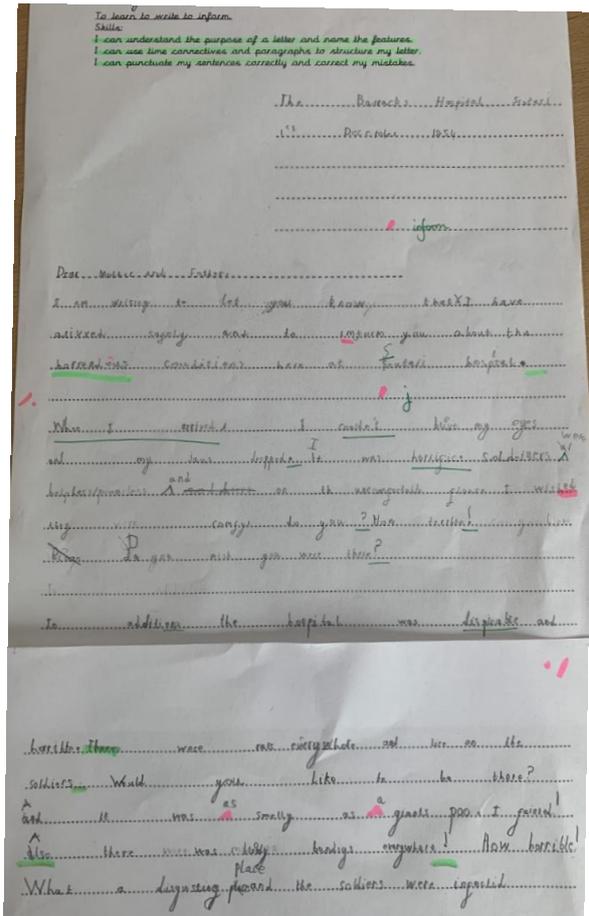


Last Friday, Bell Class joined Berners-Lee to a trip to Conkers. The children had a fantastic time and represented the school well. They went on a Teddy Bear Adventure exploring the different types of trees, took part in a barefoot walk and had a 4D cinema experience!



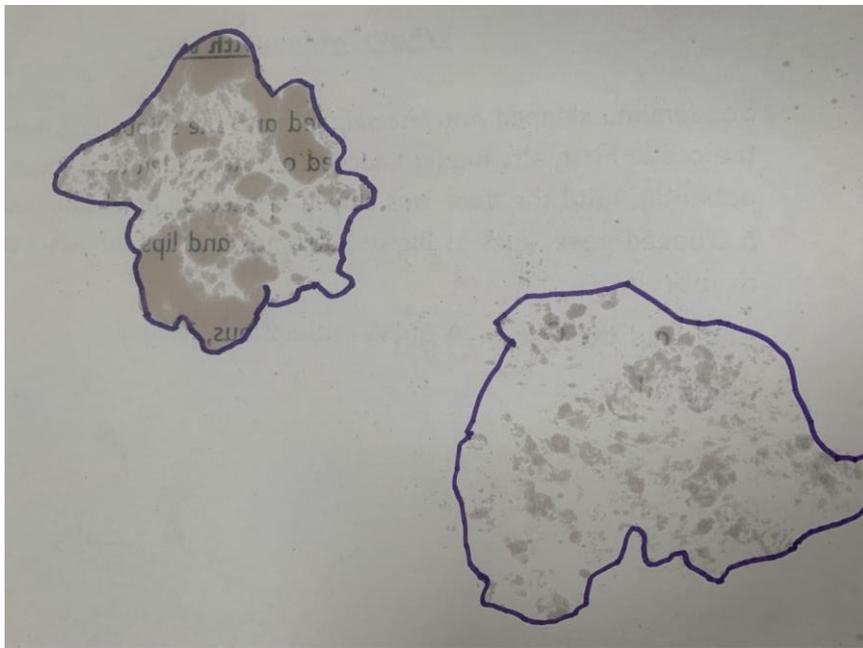
Year 2 (Braille Class)

In English we carried on re-writing our own versions of 'Jim and the Beanstalk,' and have been adding extra detail by writing more, using expanded noun phrases and similes. In Humanities, we finally finished our letters to inform, as Florence Nightingale, and wrote about the appalling conditions in Scutari hospital during the Crimean War. We used powerful adjectives, exclamation sentences and rhetorical questions.



(Lemuel's work)

In science, we started learning about healthy eating and completed an investigation to see which crisps had the highest fat content. We had lots of fun squashing the two types of crisps. We placed the crisps on graph paper, covered them with a paper towel and then used a rolling pin to roll over them. We discovered that the cooked crisps had more fat in them than the lentil chips as the stain went further through the paper.



Year 3 (Berners-Lee Class)

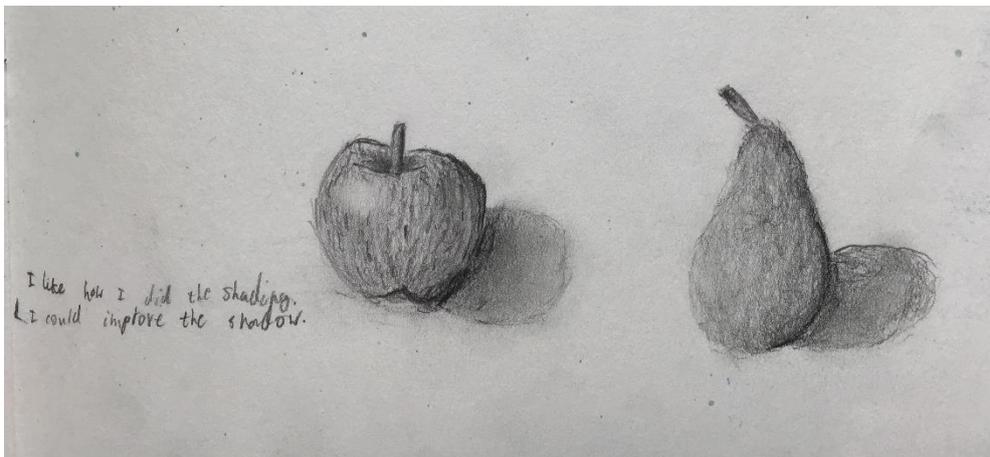
Berners-Lee have had a fantastic week full of fun of lots of fun as well as lots of hard work!

Last Friday, we went on a school trip to Conkers where the pupils got to do a Bare Foot walk and learn all about seed dispersal in a session called the Secret Life of Seeds. We also enjoyed a train ride, the play area and the 4D cinema.



In English, the pupils have started to write an explanation text all about seed dispersal as well as the life cycle of a plant.

In art this week, they have produced brilliant 3D sketches of fruit! This is Asa's which was just incredible!



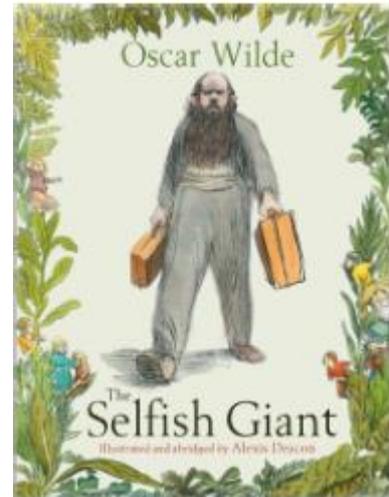
Yesterday, the pupils also represented the school amazingly on our trip to the Festival on the Close. During the day, the pupils took part in a Science, PE, Languages and Art session. At lunch time, the pupils also enjoyed a performance from Michael Rosen, they especially enjoyed his Chocolate Cake poem.



Thank you to all the parent helpers who supported our school trips – it really was appreciated! I am so proud of how the class have represented the school!

Year 4 (Hopper Class)

Hopper class have learnt a great deal this week. In English, we have started our new book 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde to inspire our narrative writing skills. In Art, we have learned how to use the running stitch technique. In Maths, we have finished our statistics unit and moved on to properties of shape. For our Science lessons, we have planned and carried out a delicious experiment to discover which chocolate melted the fastest (It was dark chocolate).



In R.E., we looked at the milestones that occur within Christian faiths. Thursday saw us join Berners-Lee to attend the Festival on the Close at Rugby School where we were treated to wonderful poetry by Michael Rosen. We were also able to dive into some other learning experiences in Latin, Maths, Biology and P.E. A huge thank you to Miss Pearce for arranging it all and to the parent helpers who volunteered their time to make it all possible!

Year 5 (Jackson Class)

We have so much to celebrate in Jackson Class this week. First of all, our children had a fantastic time at Viney Hill on our residential trip, tackling challenges such as caving and tunnelling and developing skills in teamwork and navigation. It was extremely fun and it was brilliant to see the class grow in confidence as the days went on. For those who stayed at school, they continued developing their knowledge of the Vikings, with a particular focus on Viking long-ships. They researched and built their own ships as well as using clay to make a Viking coin or brooch.



Year 6 (Gutenberg Class)

This week Year 6 have continued to attend swimming at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre each afternoon. The swimming coaches have been hugely impressed with the children's attitude to learning and their engagement with the lessons. As well as developing their swimming skills, the children have also learnt about water safety including what to do if they fall into water and the safest way to help somebody else. During their History lessons, the class interpreted a range of sources to deepen their understanding of what life was like in 1940s Britain, deciphering which information was opinion, propaganda or fact. The class have continued to develop their acting, singing and dancing skills in preparation for the Leavers' assembly.



Other News

Next Wednesday is Transition Day where all of the children spend the day with their new class teacher. An information letter will be sent shortly giving more information about this exciting day.

Online Safety



This week we have some helpful links all about the social media platform TikTok and ways in which children can stay safe if using it. There are some frequently asked questions as well as noting down some recent changes.

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>



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