

**Bluebell
School**

Newsletter

Easter 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have successfully made it to the end of our shortest but action-packed Spring term! We are so proud of the achievements that our pupils have accomplished this term and we look forwards to a super busy summer term.

Animal therapy has been a huge hit this half term. Pupils requested this at school council, as a school we are always open to student voice and we looked into this and booked it in. It was a pleasure to have a some very cute little animals in school and the pupils especially loved the sausage dog and the Labrador. We know that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we will look to book this in again for them. Our KS2/3 pupils have taken part in our interschool sports fixtures for handball. Pupils represented Bluebell exceptionally and our KS2 pupils were declared the winners!

Thank you to the families who have returned the parent and carer survey. It has been a pleasure to read through the responses and as always, we are open to working with families to take on board your suggestions. Once we have collated all of the responses we will feedback to parents and carers.

As we welcome the Summer term it is also an extremely busy term for the school as we have the start of the external examination season with SATs and GCSE's taking place. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Upcoming Key Dates:

Monday 8th April – INSET Day

Tuesday 9th April – Family IEP Day – please make an appointment.

Wednesday 10th April – First day back in school for pupils.

Friday 10th May – First GCSE Exam of the season

W/C Monday 13th May – SATS week

Finally, I would like to thank pupils and staff for all their hard work and support this half term. The brilliant trips that go ahead and the wonderful activities that our pupils do are not possible without the hard work that staff put in. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter Break; hopefully we will have some nice weather to enjoy alongside over indulging in our chocolate eggs.

Best Wishes,

Kay

Wedgwood

Class Wedgwood have had a brilliant Spring term.

The children began the half term in English by engaging in stories from other cultures. The children enjoyed the story 'The Elephant Dance' and creating their own simile poems. The children also enjoyed taking part in a multi-sensory story of 'We all went on safari' and then creating their own number counting book. The children have created some fantastic pieces of descriptive writing and have been learning how to incorporate rhyme into their text.



In Maths this term, some children began the half term by learning how to add and subtract zero. They then moved onto adding facts and used the number rods, pan balance and Numicon to help them to understand this concept. The children then moved onto part and whole numbers.

Other children began the term by learning all about halving and doubling numbers and objects. They then moved onto weight and began to learn all about Kilograms and grams. The children then began to work on capacity and learning litres and millilitres and their abbreviations.



In Science, class Wedgwood have been learning all about animal life cycles and food chains. The children have sequenced the food chains of animals and humans, sequenced the life cycle of a butterfly, compared the structure of different animals and began to learn all about animal offspring.

In Topic, Class Wedgwood began the term with a Design Technology project. The children were asked to create a 3D scene of the Ocean and made some fantastic dioramas. After this the children were asked to create a vehicle using junk modelling. After they had made their boats, they added a propeller and enjoyed testing it out in the water. The children then moved onto their History projects where they learnt all about events and people from beyond living memory, such as the Titanic and Charles Darwin.



During our Music sessions, Class Wedgwood have loved our topic of 'marching'. The children have been learning skills each week such as marching to the beat of the music, playing an instrument to the beat and playing collaboratively. At the end of the term the children enjoyed taking part in a performance of their own marching band.



The children ended the school term engaging in lots of Easter fun and crafts. Have a lovely Easter, Class Wedgwood!

Minton

Class Minton have had a great spring term and have enjoyed having lots of fun while they learn. The children have engaged in lots of practical activities involving lots of sensory stimuli in order to access their learning effectively.

In Maths, we have been building on our prior understanding of number skills using Numicon as a concrete resource to support our learning. Some of us have been developing our knowledge of measuring weight, adding and subtracting. The children were able to practise their new skills through lots of practical activities as well as going off site to develop adding and subtracting skills through the use of money.



During our English lessons, we have continued to focus on stories with a variety of genres. We have taken part in activities such as sequencing, story maps, character descriptions and book reviews in order to demonstrate our understanding. The children have continued to work through the Read, Write, Inc. program in order to expand their phonics knowledge, as well as taking part in lots of fine motor skills activities to increase support handwriting and pencil control.





In our Science lessons we have continued to focus on the topic of 'Plants and animals in the local environment'. We have specifically focused on what living things need to survive, as well as taken part in lots of investigative activities within the local environment to support our understanding of this. Some of us have taken part in activities to understand the structure of a plant and the process of photosynthesis. Whilst others have been looking at animals, habitats and offspring.



Class Minton have enjoyed taking part in lots of activities during social skills and diversity sessions. They have particularly enjoyed our offsite visits including, local farms, garden centres, a boat trip, museums and our local town.



Well done, class Minton. Have a lovely Easter break from the class Minton team!

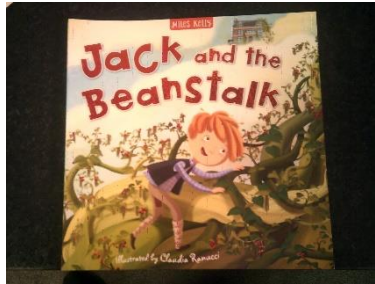
Middleton

Class Middleton have had a lovely spring term! The children have been participating in lots of practical and hands on activities across their various subjects. All of the class have been enjoying completing lots of Easter activities!

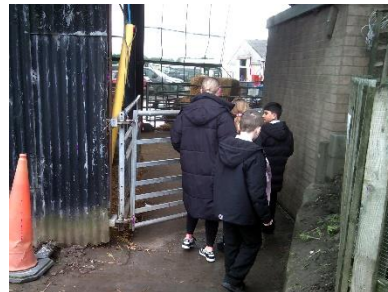
During our maths lessons, we have been focusing on number skills and specifically developing our knowledge of measuring in weight, adding and subtracting. The children were able to practise their new skills that they have developed through lots of practical activities as well as going off site to develop adding and subtracting skills through the use of money. The children have also been developing their time skills by identifying different times of the day by using the day board to support.



Within the Spring term in English, we have continued to focus on a variety of genres of stories. We have specifically looked at Jack and The Beanstalk. This included lots of work on various writing and language techniques, such as using adjectives and alliteration within their writing as well as practicing handwriting and letter formation skills. The pupils have completed lots of wonderful work in regards to various stories.



Within our science lessons we have continued to focus on the topic of 'Plants and animals in the local environment'. We have specifically focused on lots of different things and the children have become scientists for the half term by completing various hands on and sensory bases scientific investigations to look at various animals and plants. The children have completed lots of scientific investigations.



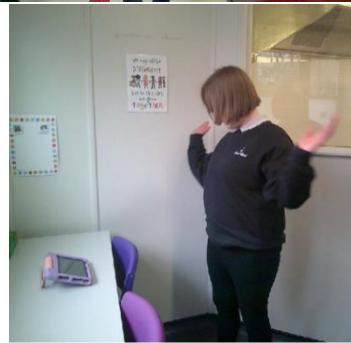
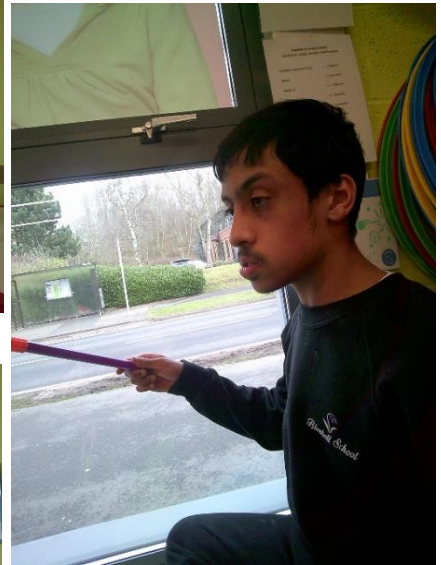
Well done class Middleton for completing lots of wonderful work over the spring term!

Have a lovely Easter from the class Middleton team!

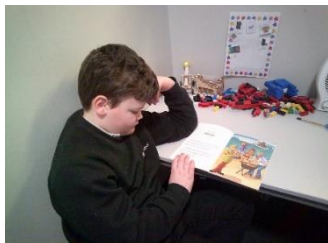
Gladstone

What a lovely term we have had in Class Gladstone, all children have worked so hard and staff are pleased with each and everyone of them for their hard work!

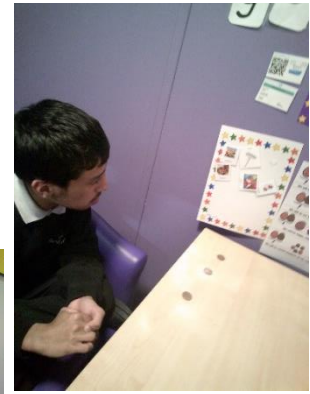
During our PE sessions we have been working on our dancing skills and balancing skills. Some of the children had a lovely time at Balance and Beam where they were able to develop their confidents with different balances.



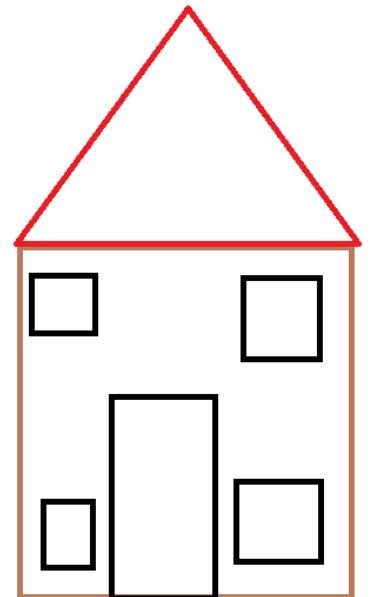
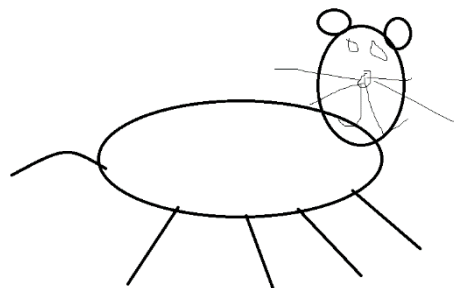
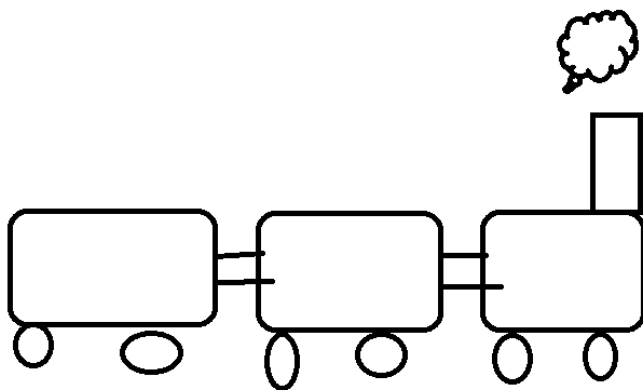
During English children have enjoyed reading a range of different stories. We have looked at a number of different story genres.



Within our Maths lesson we have enjoyed developing number skills. Completing lots of different task with Numicon. These included adding, subtracting, place vale and multiplication. We have also explored money and its values and looked at the best way to measure different items.



During ICT lessons children have used different programmes to create shapes and images, look at some of the amazing work they completed.



Staff hope that all children have a lovely Easter break and we will see you all soon!

Steelite

Steelite class has had an amazing term. We have a firm grip of the current scientific topic of solids, liquids, and gases. We've had some fantastic discussions and completed some pretty entertaining experiments, such as the balloon inflating experiment using vinegar and baking soda.



We have been studying Harry Potter in English and we have also put a lot of effort into writing some descriptive pieces about the characters and the actual Hogwarts building design. Then, we let our imaginations go wild and made our own wizards. Harry Potter also became a very popular choice for world book day, all of the children looked amazing!



In addition to Hermione Grangers, Harry Potters, and extremely cosy pyjamas, we had a terrific author and illustrator named Zoe visit us on World Book Day. She showed us some amazing techniques that would help us create some really amazing drawings. This session was tremendously popular with everyone.



A portion of the class went to compete in a handball match against one of our sister schools, with Bluebell emerging victorious on the scoreboard. The school was thrilled with the outcome, and all the participants received a hearty congratulations upon their arrival, along with their trophy!



Well done for another excellent half term class Steelite! Have a wonderful Easter and a well-deserved break.

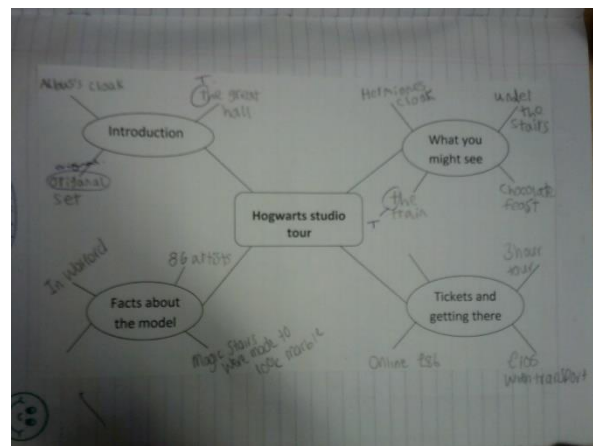
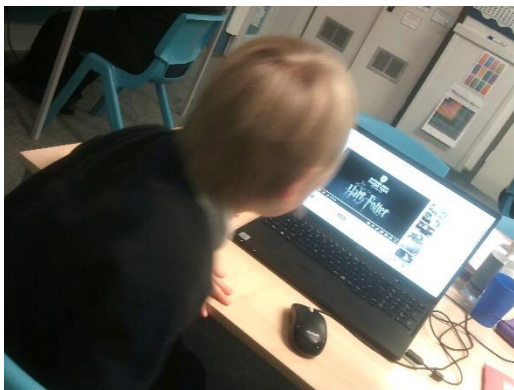
From,
Chloe & Shannon 😊

Spode

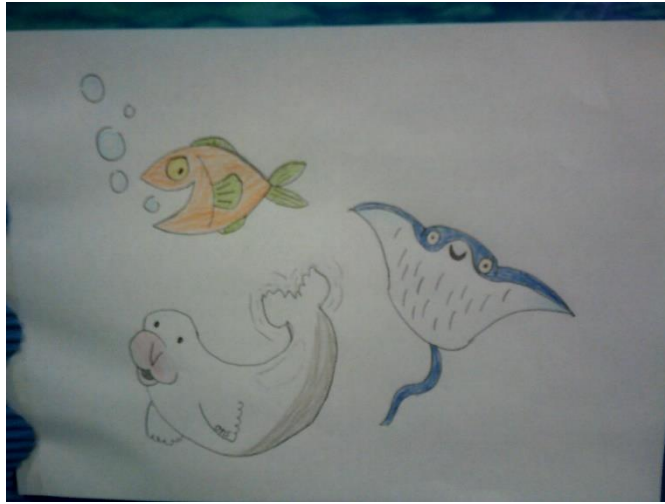
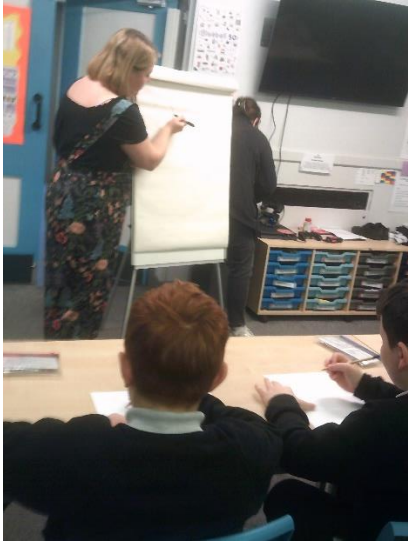
This term in class Spode we have had a super engaging term where the children have completed some brilliant work. During our Science lessons, we discovered and identified the different states of matter, we explored different materials and categorised those into solids, liquids, and gases, we then learnt about when and how the states change. We've had some amazing conversations and finished some really fun projects, like the vinegar and baking soda balloon inflation experiment.



During our English lessons we have been studying Harry Potter and the studios. We have worked really hard to write some character and building descriptions for Hogwarts. Next, we created our own wizards by letting our imaginations run wild. Harry Potter also gained a lot of popularity as a choice for World Book Day; the kids all looked fantastic!



The boys thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day where they dressed up as characters and participated in some great activities. They especially enjoyed drawing with the lovely author Zoe, who came in to do some drawing with us.



Some students participated in a handball competition against our sister schools, with Bluebell winning and being announced as the winner on the scoreboard. The school was overjoyed with the result, The children received their trophy and a heartfelt congrats upon arrival back to school.



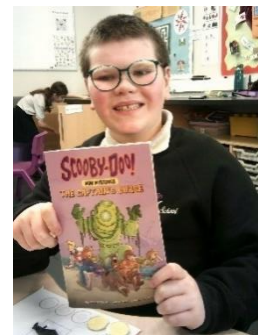
We have had a fantastic term and all staff are very proud of all the boys in class Spode. We hope you have a lovely holiday break and see you soon.

From all in class Spode! 😊

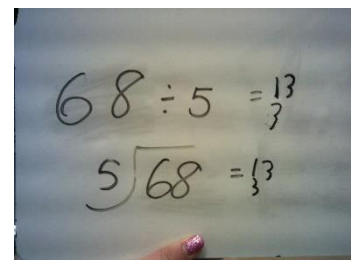
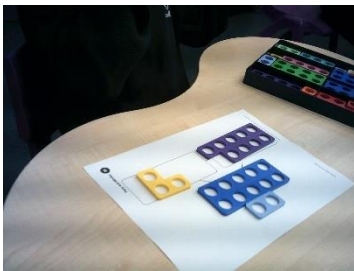
Dudson

We have enjoyed this second half term of 2024. All the children in class have got stuck back into work and have continued to learn about the topic 'Mountains, Rivers and Coasts'.

In English we have been continuing to learn about the different genres of books. We have read 'Scooby Doo' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have worked on understanding the facts to recognise which genre the book is and if it is fiction and non-fiction. All the children have sequenced the stories and to finish off the topic, we have talked about all the books we have read this term, chosen a book and completed a book review.



In Maths this term, children have been working on different skills. One group has been working on division skills by using both dividing and also turning it around and using multiplication skills to find the correct answer. Then developing the division skills further by recognising remaining and how to write them down. Another group have been learning about weights especially kilograms and grams. We have been weighing different objects in the classroom using scales. The final group have been concentrating on subtraction. They have been using numicon pieces to recognise how to subtract two numbers and understand how many are left. We began by working on numbers to 10 but have now gone up to 20.



During Science this half term, we have been continuing to think about what animals and plants need to survive. We have looked at animals and what type of shelter they need and foods they eat. We also had the treat of going to Trentham Gardens to see plants and discuss what they need to grow.



In topic this half term, the children have continued to focus on the main topic. We have learnt the names of the parts of the river and have gone on a boat to see a river and discuss the names of what we have learnt. In DT, the children worked together to make a 3D river. They used cotton wool to make the mountains and one of our very talented artists in class drew the river and where the water goes next to the land. The whole class worked together well to complete this activity. We were due to go on a boat ride, but unfortunately the weather was too bad to travel on it so we just sat and enjoyed the view.



In social skills this half term we have celebrated Wildlife Day, International Women's Day, World Book Day and Comic Relief. In the last week, the children went to spend some time with a Dementia group in Kidsgrove run by the Rotary Group. The children engaged with the group and enjoyed playing games and reading stories together.



All the team in class Dudson wish you all a safe and happy Easter holidays. We hope you have a lovely rest and recuperate ready to head into the summer term.

Sophie and all the team.

Wade

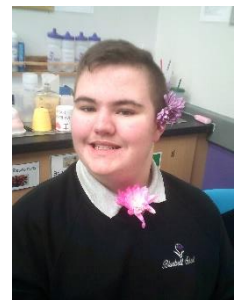
What a fabulous term Class Wade have had! We have taken part in lots of exciting events, including World book day, an exciting opportunity to take part in a river cruise for our French session and a History trip to Shugborough hall!



During English, the children have continued to explore advertisements and comparative texts. This led onto looking in detail at two extracts describing a sea voyage, both where the voyage had struck catastrophe. The children have been able to compare both texts and identify powerful language used in both. Some children have also been looking at Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest,' and exploring the different characters involved.



In Maths this half term, the children have been exploring a range of different topics. This includes looking at two-digit numbers and quantity value; others looked at mental methods for subtracting single-digit numbers and bridging when subtracting tens. Lastly, some of the children have exploring strategies for bridging when adding and subtracting and then moved onto mentally estimating and rounding.



During Science this half term, the children have continued to explore plants, going into more detail around photosynthesis and the job of the roots. The children have payed close attention to the significant factors a plant needs to complete photosynthesis and what is

produced from it. The children learnt lots of new vocabulary, such as chlorophyll, glucose and photosynthesis.



Throughout our Topic sessions this half term, Class Wade have been focusing on a range of different topics, including; Design and Technology and History. During our History sessions, we have focused on World War 2 and different significant people involved. We then moved onto important people and leaders throughout the ages and even got to interview our head teacher Kay about effective leadership styles. In Design and Technology the children looked at mass production and the importance and significance of this. The children made their own red noses and explored different factories around the world.



Throughout this term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the different learning activities and enjoyed celebrating different diversity events such as Ramadan, St. Patrick's Day, Science week, comic relief, world book day and St. David's day!

The children have impressed staff this term with their independent learning and have strived to do their best! Have a lovely Easter Holiday, it is well deserved!

All the best,

Abbey and the team 😊

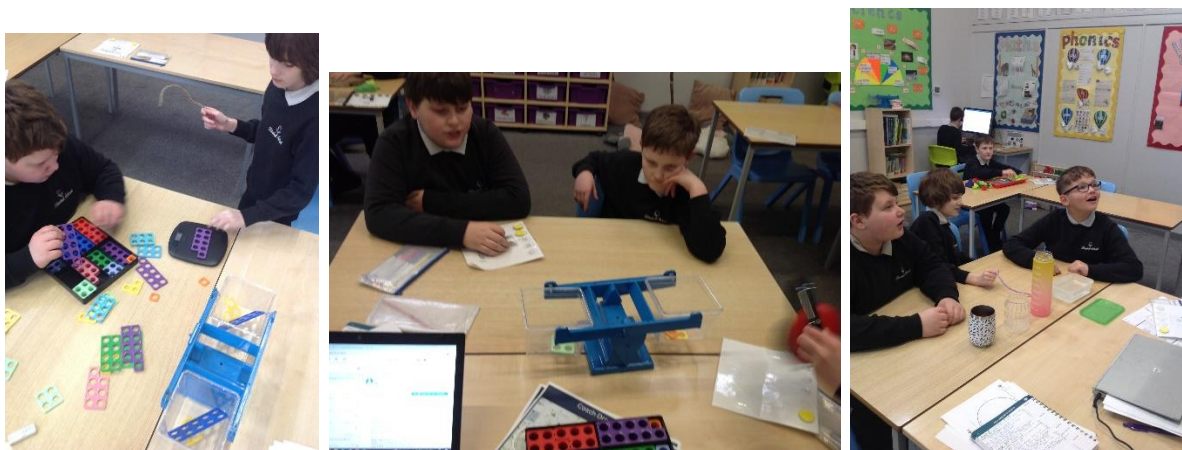
Beswick

Class Beswick have been incredibly busy this half term! We've been fortunate to participate in numerous special events, outings, and meet various special guests. Throughout this period, we've celebrated World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Science Week, enjoyed boat trips, and ventured on history trips.

In English, Beswick have been diving into adverts and comparing texts. We've looked closely at two extracts about sea voyages gone wrong, analysing the powerful language in each. Additionally, some students have been exploring Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' and getting to know the different characters involved and why they act the way they do.



Throughout this half term in Maths, the students have been exploring a variety of topics. This includes learning about two-digit numbers and their value, as well as practicing mental methods for subtracting single-digit numbers and understanding bridging when subtracting tens. Additionally, some students have been working on strategies for bridging in both addition and subtraction, before moving on to mentally estimating and rounding numbers. Additionally KS2 have been exploring water quantities and the ability to use halves and quarters.



As the term ended, Science Week dazzled with experiments sparking curiosity. World Book Day fostered inclusive reading, celebrating diverse perspectives. A renowned author's visit ignited storytelling passions, inspiring creativity throughout the class. Along the River Severn, scenic boat rides deepened our appreciation of nature. While our trip to Shugborough Hall immersed us in history, enriching our understanding of the past.



Have a great Easter break from all of the team in Class Beswick ☺

Burleigh

Maths

In Maths we have done lots of different activities including, place value, addition and subtraction problem solving, ordering, and data. We have been using known strategies to work out mental problems We have completed our own Numicon problems. We have practice times table wheels too. Our main focus has been times tables using lots of different methods to calculate our answers

English

During our English sessions we started the term learning about, how to identify and explore how a writer use vocabulary to create a sense of place. We then looked at how a writer uses punctuation to create a sense of place. We then looked at the ways in which a writer creates a tone that is appropriate for audience and purpose. Using this knowledge, we were able to write a balanced, informative paragraph about altitude sickness. these were great and the class really engaged well. We then considered what it would be like to meet someone who we had never meet before, considering their language, culture, skin colour and their clothing. We ended the term writing about an invented place.

Science

In Science we have been able to describe the properties of solids, liquids and gases we then looked at understanding how scientists think and work then moved on to identifying the Brownian motion we learnt how to use nanometres for measurements. we also thought about how to describe how diffusion occurs in gases and liquids. We ended the term identifying, describing and explain the difference between metals and non-metals.

PSHE

In PSHE we have been learning learn about the role of the media in forming and influencing attitudes and opinions. We identified how different cultures and communities are interdependent and interrelate then moved on to understanding about how we celebrate diversity in their own life, at school and in our communities.

P.E

In P.E, we have been learning different gymnastics skills. We have used the hall and have worked as a team to set up the equipment before using it sensibly and shown our skills. We completed warm ups and cool downs. We have learnt lots of new skills, including: mounting equipment and dismounting equipment properly. We have practiced lots of different rolls and how to finish a move with finesse.

Here are a few pictures of what the children have been getting up to during this half term.

In Computing we have learning all about advantages and disadvantages of algorithms.

In R.E, we have learnt about the different roles across religions regarding gender.

In Music we have continued to focusing on different genres of music, while listening and responding to different jazz music.

In French we have been learning about where to eat and chose our favorite toppings for pizzaz's and sandwiches.

We enjoyed reward day at Flip out having lots of fun with friends.

We had a great visit from an Author and learnt how to draw sea creatures.

Have a fantastic half term Burleigh enjoy your time off. We look forward to welcoming you all back in after Easter.

Team Burleigh – Hazel and Sarah.

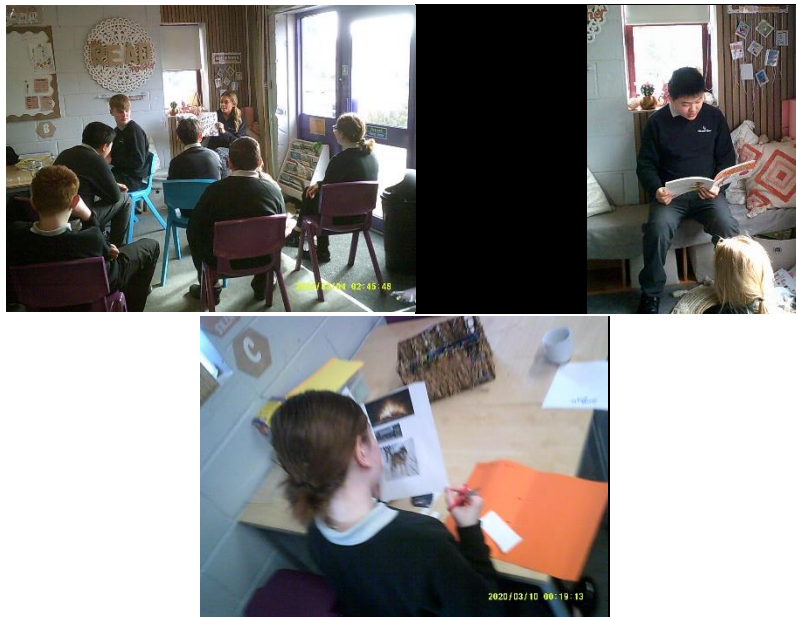


Churchill

Class Churchill have had a jam-packed half term! We have had the opportunity to join in with lots of special events, trips and meet many different special visitors. Over this half term we have had world book day, Red Nose day, Science week and Neurodiversity awareness day.



During our science lessons this week we have been looking at plants and photosynthesis. As part of this we have grown our own amazing sun flowers, examined how plants generate oxygen and even took part in challenges to see the importance of the root and stem in a plant lifecycle.



Within our English lessons some pupils have been looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction text and then read through different texts to identify how we could decide if the writing was built up of facts or opinions. Some children have been looking at the story of the tempest and have worked really well to describe specific features of each character and also created a sequence to describe the key events which took place in the story.



Within our math lessons this term we have built on our understanding of combinations that are 'more, less or the same as' and then checking our answers using the numicon scales. Within our math we have looked at missing numbers within infrequent number lines to identify the numbers that fill the gaps to get to a total.



We ended our term with an explosive science week where we created different popping and fizzing potions. We took part in activities for world book day where we looked at how reading can be made more accessible to all of the pupils using methods such as symbols and PECs boards. We also had a visit from an author who spoke to us all about creating a story before we engaged in a sensory story.

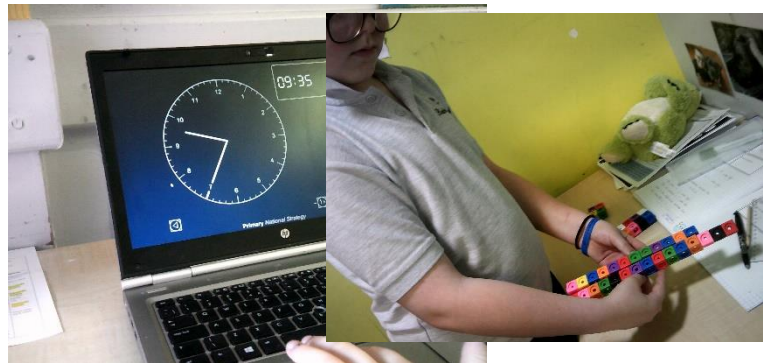
Josie, Kate & Sam.



Moorcroft

Class Moorcroft have had a great half term again and have engaged in lots of activities surrounding our subject areas where all children have made great progress within their learning.

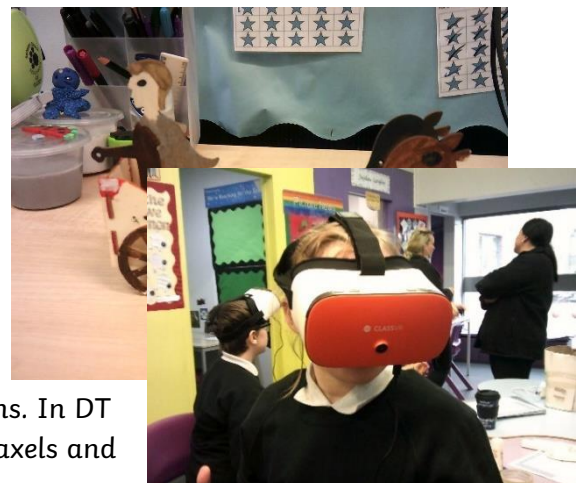
In maths the children have all covered a range of different topics within their key stage area. Key stage 2 have covered addition and subtraction to consolidate their learning and have used a range of resources to support this; they have also explored the multiplication and division facts for different times tables. Some of the children have also been able to explore capacity and weight. The children in key stage 3 have been covering a range of topic areas. They have explored multiplying by 10,100 and 1000 and then they have been able to interpret simple data. The children covering functional skills have shown fabulous resilience and have covered a range of topics which will meet the criteria of their exam. The children have engaged in mock exams and then have looked at range, mean, mode and data.



In English the children have engaged in some amazing sessions and developed their English ability and worked on their phonetical knowledge and spelling. Key stage 2 have been exploring reports where they have explored the features before writing their own school and child report based on Harry Potter. They finished the term by writing descriptively about Hogwarts where they used a range of techniques to support. Key stage 3 within their English lesson have explored how the writer creates an effect and looking at a range of different style extracts. The key stage 4 pupils have completed a project for their step up qualifications where they have looked at story writing exploring the structure and the use of description before writing their own haunted story.



During our other subjects we have covered a range of different topic areas. The key stage 2 children have really enjoyed looking at geography and design technology linked to the Romans. In DT the children have explored axels and



before designing and creating a chariot. The Key stage 3 children this term have enjoyed art and geography. In art the children explored Mexican culture and art before looking at the day of the dead celebrations and they made their own mask. The children in key stage 2 and 3 have enjoyed looking at the states of matter.

Over the term the children range of different diversity really enjoyed partaking in developing their social, spiritual understanding. enjoyed baking and activities.



have also engaged in a events where they have practical activities and moral, cultural and The children really engaging in independence

The children have continued to build fantastic relationships with both their peers and staff. They have showed great development towards their targets and should all be proud of their work.

Have a great half term break and we look forward to the children being back for the summer term.

Charlotte and the Moorcroft team! 😊




Twyford

We have had a brilliant half term in class Twyford. We have welcomed a student from another class and that has meant that we have seen a number of new friendships appear which has been lovely to see.



In Maths we have done a number of different activities which have included, place value, addition and subtraction. The students have also built up their knowledge of times tables alongside division.

In our Science lessons this half term we have looked at a couple of different topics which we were learning about solids, liquids and gases. We also looked at the theory of matter. To finish the term off we looked at Brownian motion.

Solids, Liquid and Gases					
We can summarise the differences between solids, liquids and gases.					
States of Matter	Properties				
	Can Be Weighed	Occupies Space	Fixed Shape	Fixed Volume	Can Be Compressed
Solids 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Liquids 	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
Gases 	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓

Traveller's



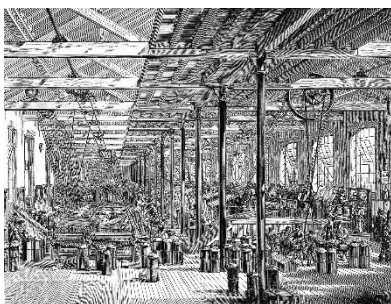
t a l e s

In English we been looking at the topic 'Travellers Tales'. It is based on the first cave people explored the neighbouring valley and returned to tell their stories around the campfire we have been enthralled by travellers' tales. Students have really enjoyed learning about this and completed a brilliant piece of extended write to finish the term off.

In our PE lessons this half term we have been looking at Gymnastics. Within this we have been able to practice our jumps, shapes and routines. We have used some of the climbing equipment in the sports hall to practice our jumps and remembering to bend our knees when we land on the mat.



In our PE lessons



In our History lessons we have looked at what life was like in England at the start of the twentieth century. Within this identified the successes and problems facing Britain at this time. We finished the topic by analysing individuals that assisted with decreasing the level of poverty in the twentieth century.

We hope that you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the summer term.

Nathan

Class Twyford Teacher

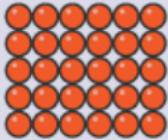

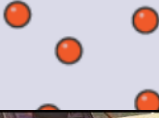
Coalport

Coalport class have ended the Summer Term extremely well. Pupils have developed new skills, engaged with lots of great learning and have enjoyed some fantastic trips!

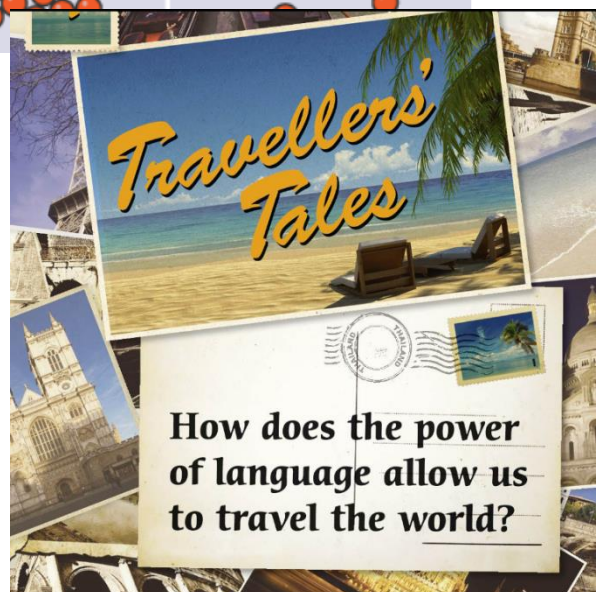
In our Science sessions, we began by describing the properties of **solids, liquids and gases**. We then went on to develop our understanding of how scientists think and work; we discussed what a hypothesis is and how this leads to a theory being produced. Once we had secured this knowledge, we identified and described the particle **theory of matter**. Pupils were able to apply their understanding to a range of scientific questions. They then went on to focus on how **diffusion** occurs in gases and liquids.

During our

English lessons,

State	Solid	Liquid	Gas
Closeness of particles	Very close	Close	Far apart
Arrangement of particles	Regular pattern	Randomly arranged	Randomly arranged
Movement of particles	Vibrate around a fixed position	Move around each other	Move quickly in all directions
Energy of particles	Low energy	Greater energy	Highest energy
2D diagram			

we have been working on the topic '**Travellers Tales**'. Ever since the first cave people explored the neighbouring valley and returned to tell their stories around the campfire we have been enthralled by travellers' tales. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed exploring these stories, analysing how atmosphere and mood are conveyed through the use of language, tone and sentence structure. The class ended the term by writing their own tale of adventure, sharing the astonishing experiences which can be had when you travel to new and exciting places.





In Maths, some pupils have improved their **BIDMAS** knowledge whilst others have had a focus on **column addition** by regrouping. We ended the term with a focus on mental arithmetic. Pupils have now developed their confidence and have been able to utilise their understanding of rounding and breaking down numbers to help solve problems quickly.

Coalport class have had represented the school off-site extremely well this half term. The class thoroughly enjoyed a boat trip journeying along the River Severn at Victoria Quay and through Welsh Bridge, which connects the suburb of Frankwell to the Town Centre. We loved finding out about the interesting facts- the river crossing has been there for nearly 900 years! Some of the class have also represented Bluebell in sports fixtures. We worked beautifully as a team during the latest interschool handball tournament.



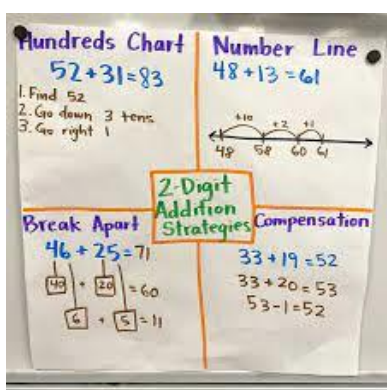
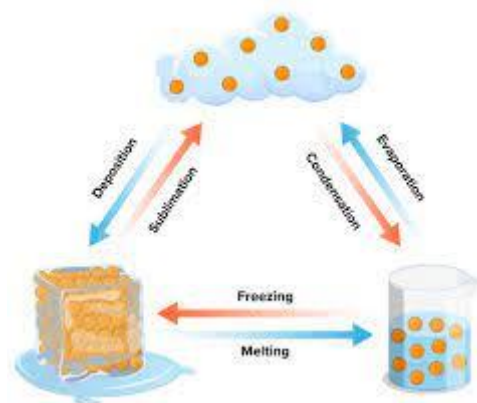
Have a fantastic Easter break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back for more fun in the Summer Term!

Lauren, Kia and Jamie 😊

Doulton 2.0

The pupils in Doulton 2.0 have worked hard throughout this half term. They have focused well in their learning in order to help themselves further in achieve their qualifications.

To begin with in Science this half term, we have developed our understanding of magnets and their magnetic fields. From this, we moved on to learning about particles and states of matter. Pupils learned about how states of matter can interchange and the key words associated with the changes.



The pupils completed some mock exams in Maths, where they worked incredibly hard and tried their best. They were able to identify areas they could improve and focus on. We have learned different methods to answer different mathematical questions and the pupils have been able to identify methods that work best for themselves.

In English, we have developed our descriptive writing skills.

We have learned about different literary devices such as: similes, metaphors and personification. The pupils developed their own linking with the theme of their story. Pupils began planning their story including beginning (introduction), middle (dilemma) and end (solution). They were then able to write their stories independently including some of their similes and metaphors.

<i>Simile vs. Metaphor</i>	
<i>Meaning</i> →	
Compares two entities using 'like' or 'as'	Compares two entities directly
<i>Sentence</i> →	
You came in <u>like</u> a breath of fresh air.	You are a breath of fresh air.

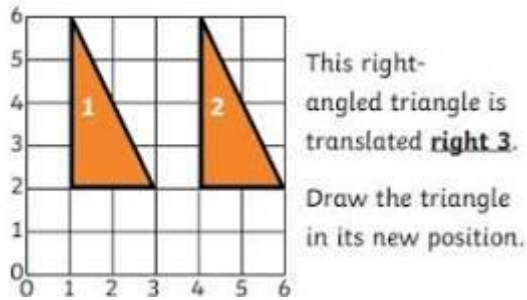
We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back in the summer term.

Kate and Sarah 😊

Doulton

What a fabulous term class Doulton have had,

In Maths, pupils have been learning about calculating the area of a range of shapes including rectangles, triangles and trapeziums. We have also been learning about how to reflect, translate and enlarge shapes to a specific scale.



In English we have been looking at story writing and identifying similes, adjectives and personification, that may be used to enhance our writing. In GCSE English we have explored the world of poetry and have been identifying various poems around the theme of conflict.

Some of the GCSE students got the opportunity to visit the theatre to see Macbeth.

During science we have completed our end of unit assessment where we have been learning about Chemical reactions electricity and magnets.



During our work skills lessons we have looked at different job roles and the skills and qualities required to complete such jobs. We have also looked an interview question and taken part in a mock interview.

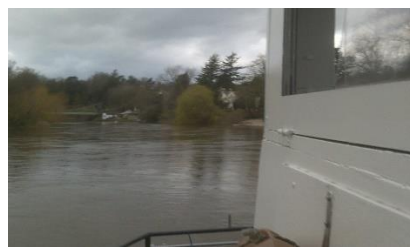


During this term we have started to prepare for our next journey into education, by visiting our local job centre. and having the opportunity to look around a variety of different colleges.



We have also looked at business enterprise and created our own cards which we have then costed and sold in school.

We also got the opportunity to go on a trip for our BTEC where we planned a visit to Shrewsbury, where we got to go on a boat around the town and where able to see the sights.



Class Doulton hope that you all have a lovely time over the Easter holidays and look forwards to seeing you soon

Dawn, Bernie, Michelle, Becky and Matt.

Aynsley

This has been another great half term in class Aynsley! After the mock exams last half term, pupils received their results and have been back into the normal lessons for the duration of this half term.



Square
 $A = a^2$



Rectangle
 $A = l \times w$



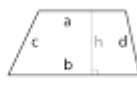
Circle
 $A = \pi r^2$



Triangle
 $A = 1/2bh$



Parallelogram
 $A = b \times h$



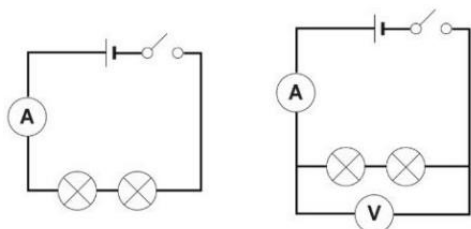
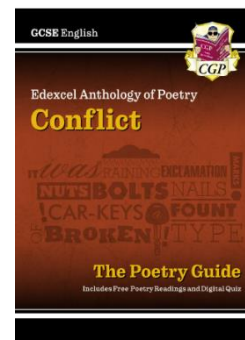
Trapezoid
 $A = 1/2(a + b)h$

Maths

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English

In English this half term we have been analysing a range of poems in which conflict is the key theme. Students have been able to apply their understanding of poetry conventions and have engaged in lots of analytical discussions.



Science

In Science, students have been completing work on electric circuits, voltage and energy. They have been studying new content in this area and then been sitting GCSE papers on this topic as the GCSE papers need to be sat at regular intervals for this course.

BTEC and Specialist GCSEs

Pupils have been continuing with their BTEC and specialist GCSE courses. We have courses including BTEC Sport, BTEC Art GCSE History and GCSE Art running on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Below is a couple of pictures of work made by one student from class Aynsley on the Art GCSE course focusing on Japanese Culture:



We look forward to seeing all the pupils for the Summer term after a well deserved Easter Break.

Chris, Suanna, Lee and Laura ☺