

Blossom Nursery's Learning Week



This week in Blossom, we continued our story, The Very Busy Spider! The children have been fascinated by all things creepy-crawly, so we headed into the garden with our curious eyes to look for bugs and spider webs. Our little bug detectives were busy exploring and discovering what they could find! Our colour of the week is green, so we made green playdough! There was lots of stretching, mixing, squishing and pressing as the children got busy creating. These activities helped strengthen their little fingers and develop their fine motor skills. We also practiced using scissors, helping the children build confidence and develop their cutting skills.

One of our favourite activities was exploring coloured ice with bugs and sea creatures frozen inside! The children had great fun bashing the ice with wooden spoons and using pipettes to squeeze water onto it to help free the creatures. There was lots of excitement as the ice slowly melted and our little creatures were rescued.

From hunting for bugs to rescuing frozen sea creatures, we've had a week full of curiosity, creativity, movement and hands on learning in Blossom!

Catkin Nursery's Learning Week

This week our story was 'The Gingerbread Man'. Children acted out the story using props, created a gingerbread man of their own design and (of course) baked their own gingerbread biscuits. We were also shocked to discover that our own gingerbread man had escaped and had been running our classroom when nobody else was around! He even left behind photographic evidence. He still hasn't been located, but the children are on the lookout...

Next week our story will be 'So Much' by Trish Cooke, which we are using to help us celebrate Black History Month.



Reception's Learning Week



This week in Reception, the children started painting their self-portraits. After carefully choosing the best paint colour for their skin tone, they decorated the background with oil pastels and watercolours. We hope to have all the portraits on display for you to see on Parents' Evening!

We also thought about our school value 'We rise to a challenge' and all the small and big challenges the children encounter every day - from handwriting practise to learning to ride a bike. Linking to the theme of rising to a challenge, several children put themselves forward to represent their class in Brookfield's Parliament. We will be holding elections to decide who gets the job and announcing the successful candidates next week.

In phonics, we have learned the new sounds *ck*, *e*, *u* and *r* and the tricky word *l*. In maths, we have been learning to compare objects by height, length, weight and capacity. We have also spent time learning about some of the signs of autumn. If you go out for a walk this weekend and see any colourful leaves on the ground, we would be grateful if you could collect some for our autumn display and other classroom activities!

Year One's Learning Week

In Year One this week, we continued our Geography topic on our local area. We learnt about the differences between human and physical features. The children sorted pictures into a table to show whether it was a human or physical feature. In Science we learnt about our ears.

The children took part in an experiment listening to sounds and predicting what they were. In Art, we continued our work on spirals, this week using pens and watercolour paints to copy patterns from shells. The children have continued their English work on Goldilocks, and this week they wrote sentences comparing the original story to our class text, *Goldilocks and Just the One Bear*. In maths, we've been learning about the parts that make up a whole number. The children have begun writing their own addition sentences. A busy week!



Year Two's Learning Week



This week in Year 2, we have been busy practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s! We've had lots of fun playing games, chanting together and challenging each other to see how far we can count. We've also been working hard on counting backwards, which can be a little trickier!

Can you help us practise at home? Have a go at counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s with your child. How high can they go? Can they count backwards from 100? Can they beat you in a counting challenge?

A little practice goes a long way, and making it fun is the best way to build confidence.

Year Three's Learning Week

In English this week, Year 3 have been writing diary entries as Marcy from our current book - to help them they worked together to come up with amazing expanded noun phrases for things Marcy might see flying over Egypt, as well as hot seating as Marcy and asking her questions about her journey.

In Maths we have been developing our addition and subtraction skills with 3-digit numbers, and in Science we have been grouping animals based on their skeletons - ask your child what an exoskeleton is, they will impress you!

Heather class have been loving forest school as always, Fern class have continued exploring charcoal in Art, and both classes have loved singing I've been to Harlem and Tongo in Music.

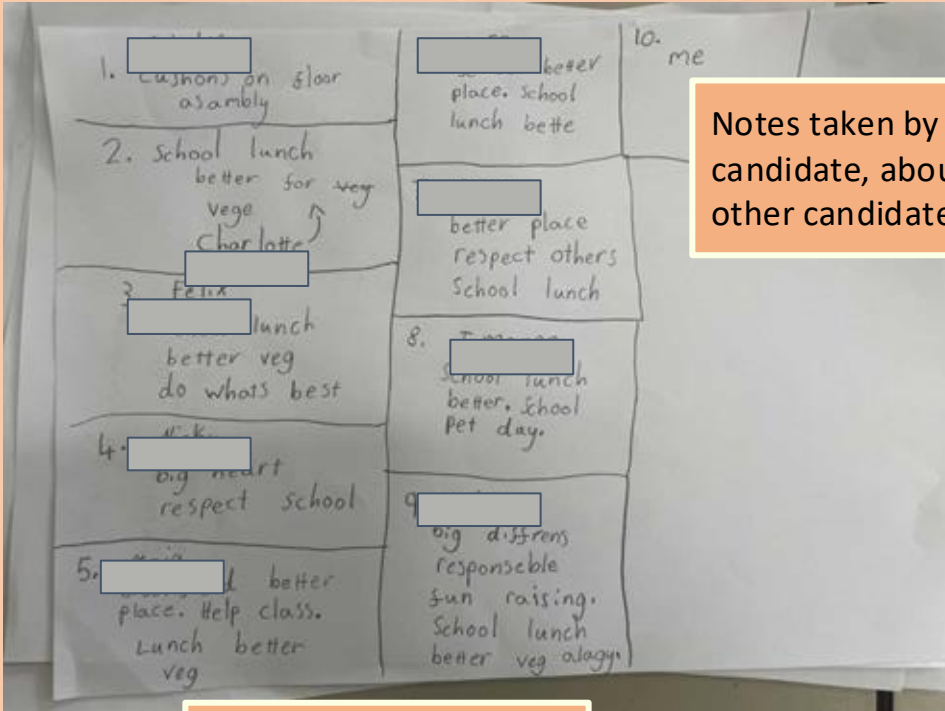
We also practiced **democracy** and voted in our new class MP's! Congratulations to the successful four children, and well done everyone who did a speech!



Spelling Shed
Words ending in '-ture'

picture
adventure
mixture
capture
sculpture
future
nature
fracture
furniture
creature

Year Four's Learning Week



Notes taken by a MP candidate, about the other candidates!

Our class Goddess of the Lake, featuring beautiful descriptions!



This week, Year 4 have been working on writing character descriptions of the Goddess of the Lake from *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. The descriptions have been lovely to read, and the children should be very proud of themselves!

In Maths, we have now moved beyond place value and begun addition using the column method.

Certainly, the most exciting aspect of the week has been our own MP elections! We held these on Thursday, the same day as the Camden election. The children all took part in a speech writing activity, and then delivered these to their class. It was so wonderful to watch the children advocate for themselves, and they did a splendid job. Elected or not, they should take pride in their performances.

We have also been exploring Lewis Carroll's poem Jabberwocky, from *Through the Looking-Glass*. The children have analysed its unusual words and explored the meaning behind verses that, at first, can seem like nonsense! They have also begun illustrating the poem using a range of materials, including charcoal, different grades of B pencil and ink. Their shading skills have been fabulous, and we can't wait to share their finished artwork with you at the end of this unit.

Year Five's Learning Week

This week Year 5 conducted another science experiment looking at independent, control and dependent variables. We tested how long it would take different shapes to fall down in water as we were learning about water resistance. In maths, we have started the unit of addition and subtraction which is much more complicated than it sounds especially when it comes of working out sums that are missing digits. In Literacy children wrote an emotive poem using personification, repetition and show not tell.

They were amazing!

Also- huge congratulations to all children who prepared and gave speeches to be class MP- you were all fantastic and we are very proud of you.



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