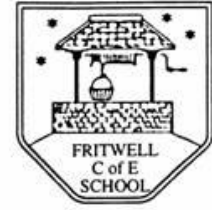


"Growing and Learning Together with God."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the Head

It has been a wonderful week in school with many science activities taking place as we have engaged in National Science Week. The children have been excited exploring the different opportunities and seeing how science plays such an important part in our lives.

I had a productive meeting with the governors this week to discuss the schools plans for the Summer Term to ensure that we give our children the very best here at Fritwell. I have also met with the headteachers from the Bicester Partnership to discuss the school's response to the current situation and the challenges all schools face.

Easter Activity

Next Friday 26th March the Reverend Helen Barnes will be leading worship virtually to deliver an Easter message to our children in school.

She has sent an activity to create a 'holy week box', for those families who would like to be creative and understand more about the Easter Story. The accompanying leaflet details the information about this, which will, of course, start next Sunday (Palm Sunday).

The children and staff are working hard at putting together a recorded service to send out to parents in the last week of term.

Class Activities

The **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have had a very busy yet exciting week. The Minnows did amazingly well in their PE enrichment on Monday; they all worked so hard to improve their throwing and catching skills.



They have embraced Science Week by going dinosaur mad, finding fossils, footprints, and a real dinosaur in our outdoor area! The children demonstrated excellent dinosaur knowledge when hunting for the dinosaur and had to use their innovative skills to design and build traps to capture it. Hopefully, their traps will work over the weekend and the dinosaur will stop playing with all their toys!



Sticklebacks have had a great week and have enjoyed all their science activities. They made helicopters and paper aeroplanes at the start of the week and tested them out in the hall to see how well they flew.

Later in the week, they made marble mazes out of cereal boxes and straws. This was great fun. They also played herd immunity jenga where they learnt how vaccines can protect communities.



Today they made different sorts of flying machines out of straws and paper shapes and they had a flying competition this afternoon!

Class Activities (continued)



Sticklebacks also had a super time learning some new skills in their volleyball session with Premier sports on Monday.



And here are the picture books they've read this week.

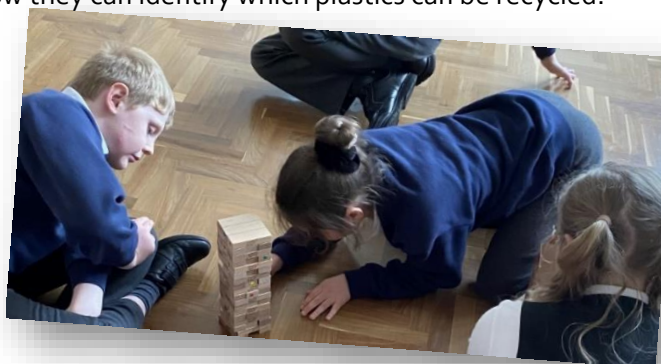


This week the **Seahorses** have been developing their use of complex sentences and seeing how these are different from simple and compound sentences. They have also begun to explore perimeter in Maths and the use of Hieroglyphics in Ancient Egypt.



As part of science week, they have also explored how insects have evolved to do different jobs really well and looked at a diverse range of scientists including Marie Curie.

Stingrays have been building on their work from last week and have been using the activities they have been doing during Science Week to develop their resilience, interest in diversity and team work. Their English work has been based on the book '11 Experiments That Failed' and they had to create their own experiments that they thought might be fun to try out but would probably result in failure and them being in trouble, just like the girl in the book. Their science work included : trying to make paint pigment from natural resources found in the outdoor area (success still be confirmed); using jenga to look at 'herd immunity' and how vaccines can protect the community, and looking at how they can identify which plastics can be recycled.



Class Activities (continued)



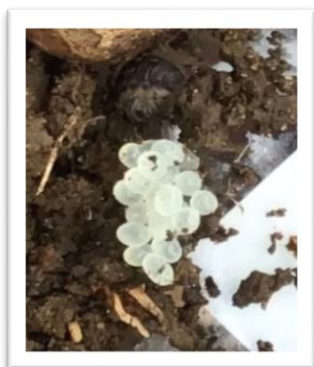
Towards the end of the week Stingrays looked at inspirational inventors and scientists across the ages. Leonardo Da Vinci, Maria Telkes and Joseph Priestly. They created a Solar oven, tested Da Vinci's theory on proportions of anatomy, and watched an investigation into how oxygen is needed for a flame.

They also found time to take part in the Volleyball enrichment morning which also helped them develop their resilience, not only because the balls didn't always go where they wanted, but they had to keep playing in the rain!

During Science Week, **Sharks** have focused on completing a range of nature-based science activities as they work towards achieving the RSPB Wild Challenge. They made rain gauges and weather vanes and have been out observing the weather every day to complete the Weather Wizard Challenge.



Completing the Mini-Beast Safari Challenge inspired them with ideas for designing their own robo-bugs, from military robo-ants to search-and-rescue robo-cricket!



They were also Habitat Explorers, and once they had assessed the homes for nature already present in the school grounds, they wrote a Biodiversity Action Plan to think about how they can encourage a greater diversity of wildlife in our school.

TT Rockstars

KS2 have been doing a Rockdown Relief times tables competition on TT Rockstars this week, learning their tables and raising money for Comic Relief. Well done to all the children for taking part, and here are the top three rockers from each class :

<i>Seahorses</i>	Sebastian L, William C, Darcy M
<i>Stingrays</i>	Leo T, Charlie N, Aaliyah H
<i>Sharks</i>	Jimmy S, Riley P, Luke W

Child of the Week

Well done to the following children for extra effort this week :

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Thomas A
<i>Minnows</i>	Connor D
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Poppy D and Rose K
<i>Seahorses</i>	Chloe De'A and Thomas T
<i>Stingrays</i>	Jamie Mc and Adam Z
<i>Sharks</i>	Emilia G and Harry T



Volleyball Enrichment Days

It was great to see all the children being active on Monday and Tuesday as they took part in our Volleyball sessions led by the coaches from Premier Sports. There was no doubt that they not only learnt new ball skills but also developed more resilience, as this is not an easy game to play. There was certainly a lot of time spent retrieving balls that had flown off in the wrong direction! They also showed how they can work together as a team to encourage and support each other. It is clear from the photos that the children thoroughly enjoyed the session.

Bring on the Basketball sessions next week!



Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful contributions sent in via our donations page! We do appreciate your support at this time and we know that Comic Relief will be extremely grateful. If you have not yet managed to click on the link -

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1954> - it is still open for your £5.

It looked like everyone had a fun, comfortable, and cosy day!



Weekly Reminder

We are still only in the first step out of lockdown so please remember to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting your children. Face masks are also still mandatory. Lateral flow testing kits are also now available for families, as per Government guidelines.



I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend!

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart
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