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Proverbs 16:20

20 Those with insight find prosperity; those who trust the LORD are blessed.

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Dear Parents and Families,

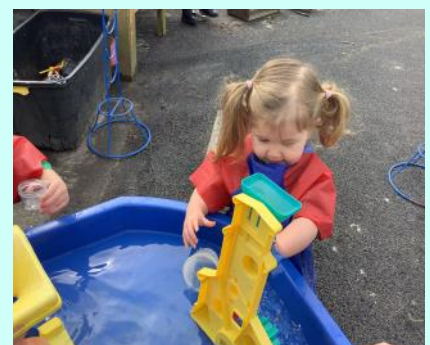
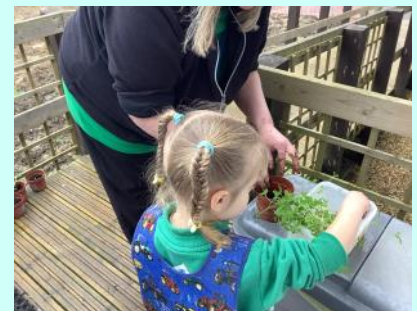
Well, it has certainly been another busy half term! We have seen heavy rain, sunny days, and seemingly everything in between. Yet, no matter what the weather, the children have continued to be stars skipping into school each day, with as much enthusiasm as ever.

As usual, we have had a wonderfully productive term with academic learning taking pride of place alongside some incredible curriculum opportunities for the children. Thank you for your ongoing support enabling us to give the children such a rich experience. We hope you all enjoy a restful and safe Easter holidays.

With very best wishes, *Mrs Thompson*

Sprites Early Years Class . . .

Sprites have enjoyed the Kingdom of the Green theme this term, with lots of opportunities for planting which has included sweet peas, broad beans, cress, and marigolds to name a few. The garden centre role-play area has been very much used and the children have enjoyed buying their plants! Fun Fridays have seen us enjoy a welly walk in the morning with the Reception children, and in the afternoons we have enjoyed themed afternoons, which have included St David's Day, Pancake Day, Patterns and Easter, with lots of baking and craft opportunities. In PE with Mr Gilby we have enjoyed our football sessions and have developed our ball skills. For Hygge we have learnt about life cycles of the butterfly, frog and plants, spring, and Easter, with lots of craft activities to cement our learning.



Unicorns Class . . .

The children in Unicorn Class have enjoyed hearing and writing about Julia Donaldson's wonderful tales. Our sharing assembly recently demonstrated just how passionate they are as they retold the story of the 'Gruffalo'. It clear by the photos that the children were extremely proud to share their hard work with the important adults in their lives.



We have also thoroughly enjoyed learning about the season of spring and the changes we may notice both in school and at home.



Phoenix Class . . .

Another wonderful half term in Phoenix Class has zoomed past, with so many lovely curriculum enhancing experiences.

We have been thrilled with the children's attitudes to learning this term. Even though many of them have been knocked by bouts of illness, they have continued to work incredibly hard and with a cheery smile.

We have had a particular focus on handwriting this half term, as many of the children were beginning to experiment with cursive formation.

In our daily handwriting sessions, we have looked at each individual letter, its formation, and how it would join on to other letters. We are really proud of all the children as they have looked to embed this in all forms of written work, at school. It looks phenomenal!

Our trip to the somerset Rural Life Museum and Pizza Express was one of the most popular memories for the class. They had a brilliant time and learnt so much. As usual, we had many compliments from the general public and staff, commenting on the children's impeccable behaviour. Well done, Phoenix!

Although we are all glad to see the Easter Holidays arrive, it is with a little sadness, that Mrs Hawker and I say cheerio to Phoenix and move in to Unicorns. Happily, it is only next door, but I will definitely miss teaching Phoenix every day.

I wish them all a super Easter Holiday and Summer term to come. Thank you for all the support you have shown throughout the year.

Amy Truett



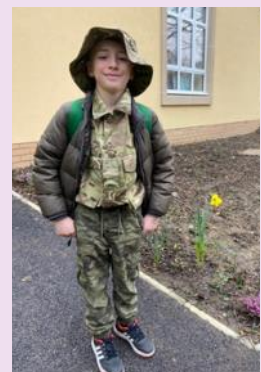
Dragons Class . . .

The children in Dragon class have had another busy half term and it has been a positive sight to see many of the children turning their hands to a new sport. There has been a variety of sporting events from netball and hockey to cross-country, which has led to an increasing number of children from Dragons taking part. This has been brilliant to witness, with some of the children starting to join such clubs outside of school - it really is fantastic to see children representing North Cadbury.

To link to our history topic this term, the children went to the Museum of Somerset in Taunton to step back into Tudor life. The children got to create soap, have a go at writing with a quill and to look around an Alms house. The visit started off with the children taking part in a quiz and to identify an item from this era, which turned out to be wooden clogs that would be worn by the ladies, to provide them with added height so they didn't get their dresses and shoes dirty! The children asked lots of thought-provoking questions, especially when they were in the Alms house, which was great to see.

Throughout this term, we have had several mufti days to raise awareness and to support charities such Children in Need, where the children were required to wear something funny. The children loved being creative with their outfits. We had some children wear their clothes backwards, whilst other's wore items that belonged to their parents. The children thoroughly enjoyed this day. The classroom was full of smiles, as some of the children showcased their costumes. Chanel and Gucci better watch out!

Our Art project this term has been looking at Art through the decades, which the children have found rather intriguing. Our project led the children from the 1920s all the way through to 1990, during which the children had to look at three artists and their work. The children had to think about the artist, how their work made them feel and what they liked and disliked about the artist's work. From here, the children then had to choose a decade and an artist that had inspired them and to create a piece of artwork. At the moment, the children have just started their pieces and we will continue with this into the summer term. I can't wait to see how they turn out.



Outdoor Learning, Hygge & Clubs . . .

Hard to explain and even harder to pronounce! The Danish word **Hygge** (pronounced hoo-guh) means a sense of well-being, contentment, and enjoyment of life. Each week in Sprites, Unicorns and Phoenix class, the children are able to study seasonal and nature-based topics as part of their Hygge lesson. These lessons include hands on learning and inquiry. It's fair to say that outdoor learning in all it's formats is loved throughout the school!

Welly Walks



Cookery Club

In cooking club this half term, the children took control of what to make! We have had a range of makes including macaroni cheese, cupcakes and my favourite - chocolate brownies! The children have thoroughly enjoyed cooking and then enjoying their makes! I look forward to the next term's creations for which there have already been some requests! Mrs Davey



Clubs, Sports & Crafts Galore . . .

Our fabulous PTAFAs recently funded a whole school pottery workshop with the talented Barrington Pottery. Our younger children enjoyed learning about the clay and hand building, and our Phoenix and Dragon children were able to learn how to throw some pots on the wheel as well as hand building. Everyone absolutely loved learning this new skill and experiencing art on a different scale.



The children have also excelled at their hockey and cross-country this term, and it has been a real privilege to give out so many certificates each week. Well done Team NC!



Trips, Outings & Visitors . . .

The children loved showing the Community Café visitors around the new classrooms. One of our visitors used to be a pupil here back in 1952 and it was amazing to see his photos!



It's amazing how similar the school still looks from Cary Road!

As usual, all of our children have been out and about this half term, whether that's locally on a muddy welly walk or further afield to enhance curriculum learning. Here are some of the highlights - please remember that we always put a huge array of photos straight onto Tapestry for parents to enjoy.

DT, Cooking & History in action . . .



Pizza Express



Somerset Rural Life Museum



Taunton



Museum

Events . . .

The children have featured heavily in the Western Gazette these past few weeks, showcasing our Opening Ceremony, World Book Day celebrations and Comic Relief fundraising. Watch out for next week's edition as they may also have some Easter photos included!

Opening Ceremony & Thanksgiving Service



World Book Day

The children adored dressing up for World Book Day and rose admirably to the challenge of their outfit needing to be sensible for PE that day! We were also blown away by the spoon entries we received for the children's favourite book characters and self-portraits.



Comic Relief 2024

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. We raised £106.93 with our Red Nose Day activities. Our brief was to wear something funny for money . . .



& Finally . . .

♥ Congratulations to Mrs Davey who has been quietly working away for the past three years to complete her education degree. She enjoyed a day out of school recently to attend her Graduation ceremony at the University of Worcester. Isn't it lovely to be able to show the children so clearly that learning truly is a lifelong skill.



♥ Welcome to Miss Briody who is a second year student teacher in Bath. Miss Briody will be working with our experienced team on a Thursday over the next few months.

♥ Mrs Hillier will begin her maternity leave after the Easter holidays, so we wish her well over the coming months as she enjoys some time at home with her growing family.

♥ Welcome back to Mrs Ward who is covering Mrs Hillier's maternity leave, albeit in Phoenix Class! She will welcome the children from Phoenix Class back after the Easter holidays.

Thank you for joining us at our Easter Service - we were delighted to fill the church. As usual the children excelled themselves with their choice of readings and hymns/ worship songs, and led the service beautifully.

