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Dear Parents

This week's class news



Class 1

Class 1s learning this week has been focussed on the story 'Little Echo'; the children have considered the character of Little Echo and how the mood of the story changes from beginning to end. Little Echo lives in the shadows of a cave, so children have begun to learn about reflection and shadows. They went on a hunt for shiny and reflective surfaces and recorded images on their iPads. They are now making shadow puppets of the characters in the story ready to retell and perform Little Echo. In PSHE, children

considered what they can do to overcome challenges and set goals for themselves. In maths, the class have used number stories and rhymes, along with practical resources, to explore '1 less than' and Year 1 children have been applying this to their work on subtraction.



Class 2

This week in writing and science, Class 2 planned their own science experiments based on the water cycle. The experiment the children designed was to try and make it rain in a jar using boiling water and ice. The aim was to create condensation quickly so that it would run down the side of the jar resembling rain. First, the children wrote instructions for their experiment with key safety tips for building a fire, boiling water and using Kelly kettles. Then they gathered all the equipment needed and conducted their experiments in the Wild Valley. Some groups



managed to create 'rainfall' in their jar. Other groups weren't as successful and we then discussed different variables which may have contributed to the results. Since their experiment, Class 2 have been using their findings to write an explanation text about the water cycle. In geography this week, Class 2 began researching the source of the River Thames and sketched a map of the area around the source. The children identified place names as well as physical and human features.

Class 3



In Class 3 this week, we have been examining aspects of our Sow, Grow and Farm topic. We've learnt about Fairtrade and the effects and responsibilities that this has in the world. We discussed and researched different areas and are about to write an explanation text about Fairtrade.

In maths, we are currently learning about algebra, we have been focussing on completing some equations using the four operations. We're really enjoying our dance workshops on Thursday and our dance is developing nicely. In P.E. we have been looking at the skill set we need to improve in order to become more effective footballers. We have also been learning about tablature in music and how we can link this to musical notation. A big shout out to my maths group who designed and even made their own cupcakes to bring in to share with their fellow group members. Although, Mr Rix didn't get any!



Assembly

In our whole school assembly Nancy shared her hobby of boxing and gave a sparring demo (with the help of Mr Rix). The children asked some interesting questions to find out more about it.



We would love to hear more about what the children get up to out of school in sports, creative interests and hobbies as well as time spent outdoors and what interests them. Any children wishing to have a slot in assembly please let me know and I'll add you to the list.

Running club

Our runners were practicing their hurdling techniques this week.



Kind regards
Sara Haden
Headteacher