



STEPHEN FREEMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Everybody; Every Moment; Every Idea Counts"

October 2020

Nursery Class

Rainbow Explorers have had a great half-term. The children have enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and using a story map to read it. We have made a lovely display celebrating the children's learning around the text. We have had some wonderful Forest School sessions, the children really love the outdoor learning. This term, our Maths sessions have focussed on number songs and the children are loving singing. We have met 'Jenni Jigsaw', who is part of our weekly PSED lessons and the children are really practising their independence skills. The school photographer said they were one of the best nursery classes he had met. Well done Rainbow Explorers for being so amazing and having such a great first half-term at Nursery



Reception Class

This term Reception classes have been visited by a character called 'Charlie'. 'Charlie' spends a lot of time travelling in a time machine between UK and Poland classes and Dinosaur Land! On the first visit 'Charlie' told us a story which we have learned to retell. 'Charlie' often brings us gifts which we use to help us learn. We have loved reading a book with photos and descriptions of dinosaur land and most recently we have been so excited to receive a giant dinosaur egg. We wonder what Charlie will bring us next?!



Year One

We have had a great first half term in Year 1. The children have been learning about ordering numbers and number bonds. In English we have looked at the alphabet, made our own Animal Alphabet books and learnt about rhyming words in 'Oi Frog'. We have been on an Autumn walk, created trees in our classrooms which will change with the seasons and thought of adjectives to add to our sentences about autumn objects. The children continue to amaze us with how resilient they are and we're encouraged by the way they continue to learn new things every day



Year Two

In Year Two we have been writing our own versions of 'The Magic Painbrush'. The children have been focussing on using exciting language and we are very proud of their finished pieces. Our star writers this term are Flint and Elane. Our book for Guided Reading is 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket and we have been practising using expression in our reading. In Peru we have nearly finished our class chapter book 'Charlie Changes into a Chicken' by Sam Copeland. The story has captivated the children.

The children studied the work of the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. She makes lot of different types of art including paintings and sculpture but they all have one thing in common, DOTS.



Year 3-India Class

In English we have been studying the book 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper and the children have been writing their own recipes for Pumpkin soup. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting using the column method to solve problems. The children have really enjoyed their Wednesday circuit PE lesson. The Year 3 teachers have been overwhelmed with the amount of home learning they have received this term and want to say a massive thank you and well done.



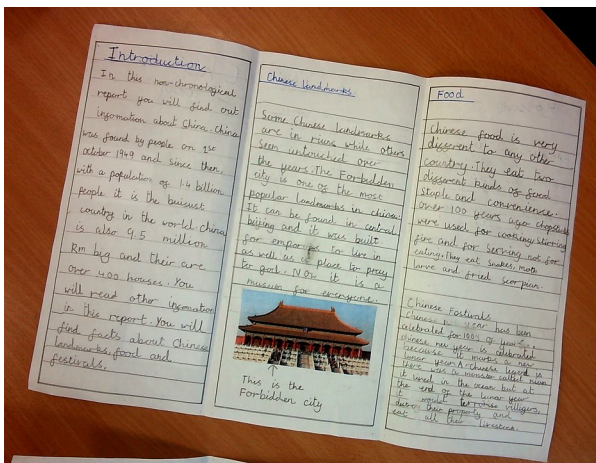
Year 3-Nepal Class

We have been very busy learning about plants. We have conducted experiments to investigate the transportation of water in plants, we used celery and learned vocabulary like 'xylem'. As a class we have been learning about place value and addition and subtraction. We have also been looking at the life cycle of plants. In art we have been drawing dahlias from Mrs Angel-Murray's garden and we have been reading 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. We pretended to be one of the characters from the book and wrote a letter in character. In music, we have been listening to 'Autumn' composed by Vivaldi.



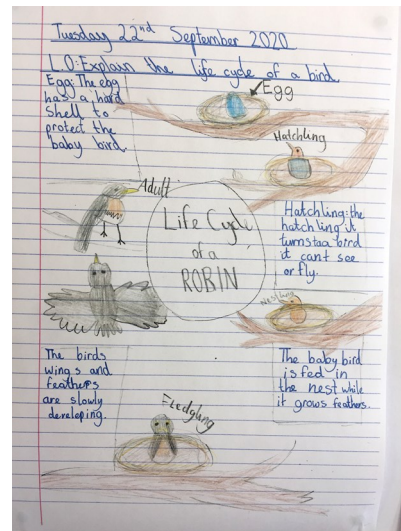
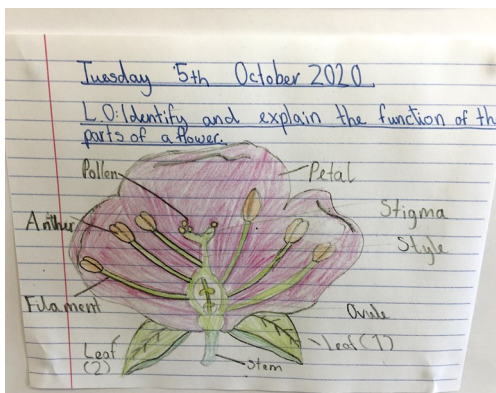
Year 4

It has been a busy half-term in Year 4. China and Japan classes have worked incredibly hard and produced some fantastic work. Below are examples of our non-chronology leaflets. We researched information about our class countries and then prepared our leaflets to share this information. Our Star Writers for this term were Lauren and Olivia - Congratulations. We have enjoyed working on TTRockstars and had a very close competition between the two classes—well done to Japan class for coming out on top. We are looking forward to the next tournament after half-term. Mr Bews and Mr Leader are busy planning next term's learning and are looking forward to seeing how much the progress the children in Year 4 can make.



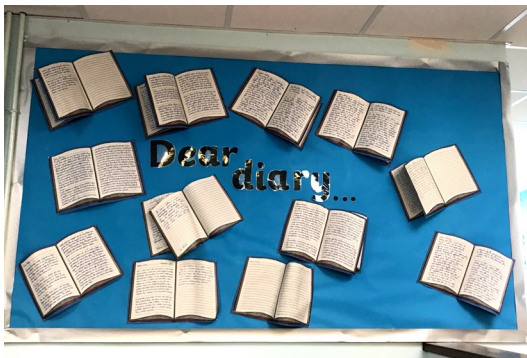
Year 5

We have had a wonderful first half-term. In Science we have been studying the life cycle of mammals, amphibians and insects and learning about how plants reproduce. In maths we have been securing place value, learning about Roman numerals, rounding, telling the time and column addition and subtraction. Please could you support your child's learning by helping them to recognise the time on analogue and digital clocks as well as how to work out the difference between times. In English, we have been learning how to use effective vocabulary to describe settings and incorporating our computing skills to research different aspects of Ancient Egypt. The children have particularly enjoyed learning how to use 'Scratch' coding to programme a sprite. The programme is freely available on the Internet and I am sure your child would be excited to show you what they have learnt. Congratulations to James who received the award for the most Dojos.



Year 6

We have been using the new Chrome books to research facts about Mexico and we have created a non-chronological text in the style of a poster. In maths we have been focusing on long multiplication using two different methods to help us to solve the problems. Kenya class watched the video of the song 'Titanium' and wrote their own diary entries using the song as inspiration. We have been studying the solar system and Liza in Year 6 did this fantastic picture using pastels.



Forest School



We have a new shelter in Forest School which has been donated by the Stewart family. Thank you so much we are very grateful and can't wait to start using it.



School Attendance

We are very proud that the whole school attendance figure this term is **97%**. This is above the national average and extremely positive. Well done everyone.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 18th November

Due to current restrictions these will not be taking place face to face. Further information to follow.

Thursday 19th November

Story Telling Week November 9th-13th

The whole school will be reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. On Friday 13th November we would like the children to dress up as a character from the story. Please don't feel that you have to purchase a costume, a homemade one will be fine.

SHOW RACISM THE **RED** CARD



Thank you to Stephen Freeman PTA who have bought 3 laptops which will be used in School to support children with additional needs.

Applications for Secondary School Admission

Deadline October 31st 2020

It is very important that you apply on time. This will maximise the chances that your child will be offered one of your preferred schools. All the information you require can be found at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/secondary-school>

November 16th 2020

Last date for confirmation of change of address to be considered on time.

March 1st 2021

If you apply online you will receive an email informing you of the result of your application, you may also receive confirmation by post. If you receive an email informing you that a letter has been sent by post but you do not receive one by second-class post after a few days, please contact the School Admissions Team.

Flu Vaccination-Deadline 16th November 2020

Please complete the Flu vaccination consent form online. If you don't give online consent the nurses are unable to vaccinate your child (Paper copies are no longer available).

The unique code for Stephen Freeman school is: Ox123079

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

Please submit your form by 5 p.m. on Monday 16th November 2020 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. After this date the link will close and late consent forms will not be accepted. When completing the consent form, it is important to enter your child's NHS Number. This can be found in your child's Red Book or from your GP surgery.