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Springhead School

SPECIALIST COLLEGE FOR COGNITION & LEARNING



BUILDERS

Swifts and Swallows have enjoyed working in their outside area. They have worked together to build different structures in the construction shed. They challenged themselves by trying to build them as high as they could reach. They used lots of language associated with length, height and measures. They have also been working in the water, sand and creative areas.



CELEBRATING SPRING

Kites have been very busy celebrating Spring! They've been out and about looking for signs of Spring, they found daffodils, blossom and even some ducklings. When they came back to school they explored Spring through art, they made blossom trees, different flowers and butterflies.



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Hérons have been learning about Chinese New Year, making some lanterns to decorate the classroom. They learnt it's traditional to clean your home and sweep all the bad luck out, so they swept the classroom and brushed away any bad luck. They decided to have a Chinese New Year party in class and made a shopping list of food to try and then went to the Asian supermarket to buy it. They then cooked the food and ate it with chopsticks and also tried green tea. Each student had a fortune cookie and all received good fortunes.



Puffins have had a fabulous term celebrating all sorts of things. With the theme of Celebrations, they have focused on the Chinese New Year, this involved lots of practising of cleaning to drive away the bad luck of the previous year and to allow for a new start, exploring noodles, making decorations and finding out their fortunes. During number sessions the pupils have been engaged with playing skittles, using their communication skills to decide which ball they would like to choose to take their turn. Science has been all about investigating how to make different reactions, the pupils really enjoyed making volcanic lemons and their own lava lamps.



TIME FOR READING



Students in Eagles Class have opportunities to explore the wonders of reading in many forms.

Over previous weeks, as part of their history lessons, students chose if they would like to work independently, in pairs or a larger group. Laptops were used to research a variety of topics, for example the history of Scarborough. PowerPoint work was then presented to the class. This was fun, factual and informative.

Currently students are focusing on the book *Who Was Gandhi?* by Dana Meachen Rau. In a comfortable and relaxed setting, some students enthusiastically volunteer to read aloud to the class, others are comfortable to read when asked if they would like to do so, whilst listening is valued.

Factual books about sharks, nature and history are popular and fiction books such as *Rose and the Magicians Mask* by Holly Webb allow imagination and creativity to flourish.

A weekly quiz is enjoyed. This is current, relevant and fun with a sprinkle of healthy competitive nature and laughter.

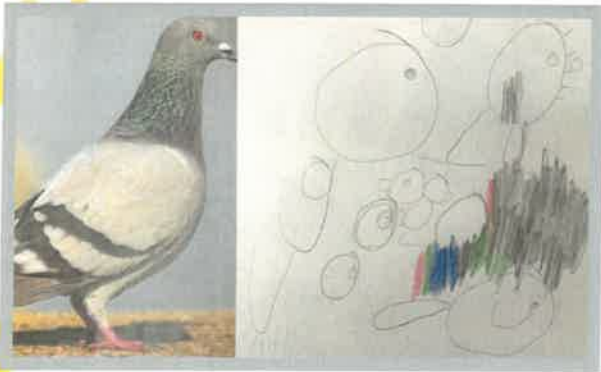
FUN WITH MATHS



Robins have been working really hard on Maths skills. They have been organising number lines, matching patterns and colours and working on number names. Pupils have worked really hard to develop their skills and have done it in very different ways but have had lots of fun.

WILDLIFE ARTISTS

This term Swans class have been enjoying Art lessons. The pupils chose their favourite birds to draw from a selection on the screen. They chose relevant colours relating to their chosen birds and enjoyed mark making and creating some beautiful pieces of art work.





Owls have been doing lots of exploring and problem solving both inside and outside.

They have journeyed out into the community on the minibus looking for signs of Spring and comparing the coast, moors and farmland.

In the classroom they have explored how things work and looked at wheels, investigating which vehicles and objects rolled down the slope best and what makes the wheels go around. Owls have also been solving puzzles, doing jigsaws and matching. They have also worked out how to turn a wheelbarrow into a rocking chair and use the wheelbarrow to mark make.

EXPLORERS



LET'S TALK



Communication is very important in Robins and they have been working really hard to let people know what they want and make their own choices this term. They have used switches to say hello to friends in the morning, used body language to ask for help and have been using communication books to make requests. It is important that they use these modes of communication every day as well as words and signing. Robins are continuing to make sure that their voices are heard.



CELEBRATIONS

As part of work on celebrations this term, Doves have been thinking about how people celebrate from around the world. They have been reading the book 'You Must Bring a Hat,' where they went on a mission to find hats so that they could attend a special party with music and dancing. They have also learnt about Chinese New Year, creating art work, exploring Asian food items and opening fortune cookies. For Holi - a Hindu festival celebrating the change from Winter to Spring, they danced, threw chalk powder and created colourful collages. Doves have decided that they love a celebration - and any excuse for a party, even managing a tea party themed World Book Day!



SHOPPING & BAKING

Hawks have been busy working on their independence skills during the Spring Term. Students have been out on the school bus interacting with the local community and have spent time shopping for ingredients in a local supermarket. Students chose what they wanted to make and selected the correct ingredients to allow them to make a range of cakes and desserts. Students also used a range of equipment to make their products. Eating their achievements was the best part!



SPOKEN WORD POWER POETRY SLAM

Swans and Herons classes have been working with writer Jayne Shipley and Arcade to create their own poem to perform at Scarborough Spa at the end of this term. They will perform 'A Big 'No' to Bananas' in front of other schools from the area in a live event. Good luck Swans and Herons!

