




Dear Milford Families

It has been a very busy half term with so many enrichment activities going on across the school, it is incredible that classes had time to fit in any curriculum learning, but that they have! Reception have enjoyed wonderful visits from hedgehogs, cats, dogs and gerbils as part of their pets topic. Year One have wowed us with their super ukulele playing and fabulous watercolour art work and Year Two have had huge fun learning the recorder and exploring animal habitats in and around the pond. All classes have made great use of our amazing new Octagon, which all agree is a terrific asset to our school. The visit from the farm was much enjoyed especially the gorgeous donkey and micro piggies! A special thank to you all for your super support for Natalie and PTA team who have raised a huge amount. We hope you all have a great half term, hopefully with a bit more sunshine! Much love  Miss Cox



We are aiming to start a number of improvement projects such as planting around the pond, replacing the allotment fence and wooden playground stage along with revamping the school website and raising our profile in the local community. We are calling out to Milford families who have some time, skills or knowledge to help out in the following areas:

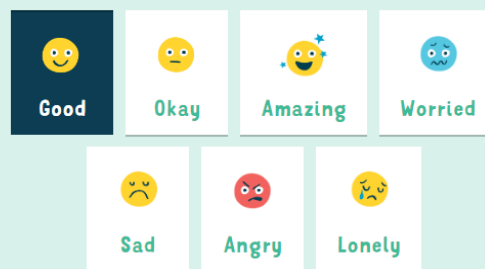
- Gardening and pond area planting advice
- Carpentry
- General DIY
- Local area public relations
- Painting and decorating
- General tidy up elbow grease!

We are looking to set up some working parties so if you are able to spare some time please email the office and make yourselves known!



Childline

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?



Children if you are feeling worried or unsafe call childline...



Call us on 0800 1111

Adults –if you worried about a child over half term call

Surrey C-SPA 0300 470 9100

Crazy Sock Day

The children loved wearing their crazy socks last Friday in lieu of donations for the Milford Carnival. See the winning socks below.



Year 2 Den

The Year 2 children have been getting great use and fun out of the den which was purchased by the PTA.



Community Breakfast

The Community Breakfast was a huge success and the first school event held in the new canopy. It raised an amazing £130 for the school.



Toadstools and Plant Pots

Thank you to The Friends for providing the gorgeous toadstool seats at the front of the school. Also a big thank you to Sarah Lessels for painting the pots donated by HomeBase.

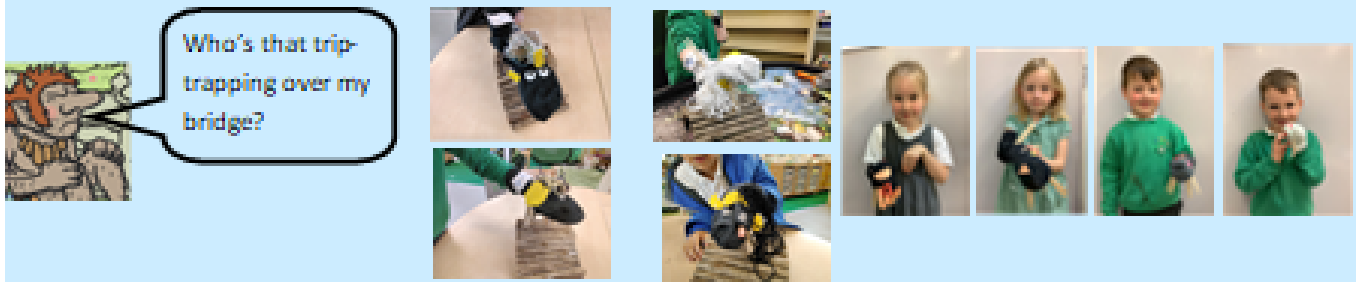


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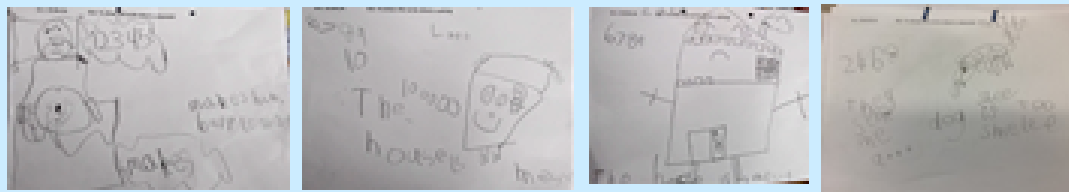
Our topic this half term has been 'Paws, Claws, Feathers and Fins' and we have learnt about: farm animals (including the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'); British wildlife; pets and wild animals; birds and fish.

Farm animals

We have learnt and acted out the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff', sequenced the story and written a part of it too. We have also used various materials to make our very own goat sock puppet!



We have also started 'Drawing Club' and explored the story 'Farmer Duck'. Our magical codes made our characters, settings and adventures do some very silly things! Please ask us all about it.



We have also had some very special visitors from the farm. We had lots of chances to stroke, feed and even sketch the friendly farm animals too! We learnt about what produce we get from farm animals and about the names of different animal babies.



PE - Sending and Receiving

We have been developing our ball skills rolling, throwing and catching in PE and have got much better at aiming and using a back swing to 'send' out balls to our partners.



Maths

In maths, we have been exploring the teen numbers beyond 10 but also number patterns beyond 20. We have added, subtracted, grouped and shared numbers as well using this knowledge to play Snakes and Ladders, What's the time Mr Wolf? and other fun games.



British wildlife, the Hedgehog Man and watching changes in our school pond

We have looked at lots of different animals found in the U.K., watched changes in our school pond and enjoyed a visit from the Hedgehog Man to tell us about these very special creatures. We even made our own clay hedgehogs and learnt to roll and pinch clay into shape.



Animal and natural artwork...

We have also...



Pet Week

Another highlight this term was when we welcomed some of our class pets into school! We continued to ask some really great questions to find out information about our pets including how to care for them and what they enjoy doing. We have met and stroked cats, dogs and puppies, guinea pigs, hamsters and gerbils.



Gardening

Thank you to our lovely Willow Class helpers who dug out our Willow and Oak mini allotments during the Easter holidays and special mention to Daisy and her mummy for providing us with seeds, bulbs and a variety of lovely plants that they 'started off' for us too. We have enjoyed planting, watering and caring for the beds and watching the different plants grow!

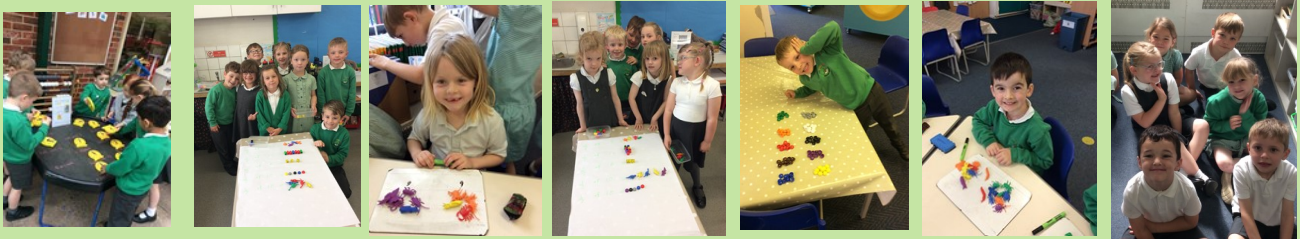


YEAR 1 NEWS

Farm visit: We thoroughly enjoyed meeting the farm animals during their visit this half term and our favourites were the pigs! We used this experience to create some fabulous writing, remembering to use our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. It also inspired us to create a farm using the small world.



Maths: Year One have been on a mathematical journey this half term. We began by learning even more about place value, doubling, halving and telling the time. Then we started to investigate arrays. Arrays are arrangements of objects (and children!) into rows and columns and will help us to begin to understand multiplication. We have been enjoying singing, counting, marking and clapping in 2, 5 and 10s.



Music: Year One have been learning how to play the ukulele this half term. We have learned how to hold the instrument and have had a go at chords C and F. We have played along to lots of songs and impressed Miss Cox with our ability to play as one, keeping the beat and strumming in time.



PE: The sun has shone on occasion this half term so we have headed outside for athletics and hockey practice. We have enjoyed throwing the javelin and working on our running technique in relay races. On rainy afternoons or when the sun has been too hot, we have relaxed by learning some yoga poses to stretch, balance and practise mindfulness.



Maths Week

During Maths Week we made good use of the school resources and the brilliant sunshine and did a lot of practical outdoor learning. It was great fun pairing up to complete the Maths Hunt. There were lots of different challenges which included counting, capacity, measuring length and making shapes. How many numbers can you find on the playground?



Drawing

Spring has given us plenty of opportunity to look closely at the nature that surrounds us. So we took the chance to hone our observational drawing skills and drew beautiful butterflies and flowers. We created class art galleries so that we could appreciate each other's work and give amazing feedback. We used our sketchbooks to develop our skills even further after listening to our friends' ideas.



Outside learning

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting outside, particularly when the sun has been out! The Octagon has enabled us to have a shady space to discuss and share our learning. We have been practising our athletics skills, some of which are in readiness for Sports Day. Our highlights have been learning how to throw a javelin!



Plants

Our learning of plants have spread from construction, to science to art and to out guided reading sessions. Year one are proud of their gardens and have enjoyed planning a selection of vegetables, seeds, seedlings and flowers. Their DT skills have been used to make 3D flowers and trees and they have been doing observational drawings of some plants too. We spent some time on the field exploring the plants and trees that grow in our environment and have learnt the basic structure and features of plants.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Art

We have been painting Japanese Sakura Cherry Blossom famous in Japan and celebrated in Hanami. We also made clay tea cups and decorated with cherry blossom designs, for drinking Japanese green tea.



Science

Exploring habitats and micro-habitats in our local environment as well as finding out about habitats in the world around us and how animals adapt to these. We explored what living things we found in our field, under a log and in the pond.



RE and Geography

We have been learning about the Shabbat and the 'Friday night dinner' celebrated in Judaism. We have learnt all about Japan and compared it to the UK. Here is some delicious Japanese sushi and noodles made out of playdough!



English

We have loved our learning in English, making up our own far-fetched excuses for our own versions of 'On the Way Home'. We particularly enjoyed some drama; making props and acting out the story. Also, in Maths week, we wrote our own versions of 'One is a snail, ten is a crab' then read them to YR.



Maths

We have been learning about shape, rotation and symmetry. We made right-angle checkers to find right-angles in shapes and in our classroom.



Farm Visit

The children loved their visit from the farm and meeting all the animals.



Open Farm Sunday—Tuesley Farm 9th June

To book tickets for this free event please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DKLY>



**Visit a farm & discover
the world of farming!**

9th June 2024

Tuesley Farm

Tuesley Lane, Godalming, GU71UG

10am to 2pm

Join us for an unforgettable day at the Open Farm Sunday event on the 9th of June at Tuesley farm in Godalming. Explore, learn and have fun with your family and friends!

Exciting activities await you:

Tractor-trailer ride

Farm machinery display

Children's play area

Strawberry picking

Fresh Fruit sale

Delicious food and drinks to enjoy!

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