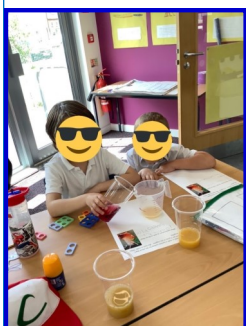


News from the Deputy Head

As we enter July, I can't believe the school year is nearly over. The time has flown in a very different pathway than we imagined back in September, but it has still been a journey of great memories, exciting changes, new learning and togetherness. Even though the end of term is very nearly upon us, there is still plenty of exciting things happening in school. Butterflies and Hedgehogs have gone on a minibeast hunt, made minibeast puppets and written riddles to guess which bug or insect they are describing. Charles took me on a super bug hunt for caterpillars, we found lots of yellow and black stripy caterpillars munching their way through the leaves at the front

of the school. Otters have been getting sporty in Rio, in particular looking at football in Brazil and created detailed non-fiction pages. They have also been working hard with measuring the correct quantities needed for their yummy mocktails they enjoyed mixing and tasting yesterday. It is lovely to see how enthusiastic all of Year 1 are to share their learning, I'm always been stopped in the corridor as they want to show me what they have been up to. The Kiwi bubbles have enjoyed reading and writing



poems using their spelling focus of words ending with -ly and practising their drawing and sculpture making in art. Spencer recommended a fantastic drawing website (www.artforkidshub.com) to help teach you how to draw different things, yesterday we had great fun drawing a Koi fish, Mat's finished picture looks super! - visit the website to have a go as well! It has been lovely seeing what you have been doing at home, thank you for sending in your work, pictures and videos, we really enjoy seeing these. The whole school is very much looking forward to welcoming back children from Foxes, Owls and Squirrels over the next two weeks, it will be great to see how you have all been, we have missed you all very much.



Although we are nearing the end of our academic year, today - July 3rd is exactly halfway through the year and is a great time for reflection and a chance to set new goals. Have you been able to keep your New Year resolution going? Maybe during lockdown you've had to teach yourself a new skill such as hairdressing or had time to experiment more with your cooking, DIY or gardening skills. Whilst its enjoyable to reflect on things that have gone well, it is also a time to reflect on parts of our lives that we may be finding challenging or tricky. Myself, Mrs Humphriss and all the staff are always happy and willing to listen and offer advice to support with home learning, changes in behaviour, applying for Free School Meal vouchers and supporting children's understanding on returning to school. The NSPCC, ChildMind and Warwickshire Children and Family Support Services websites also offer great support and advice.

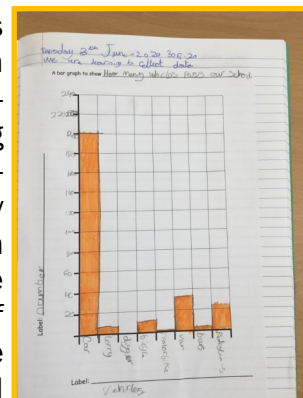
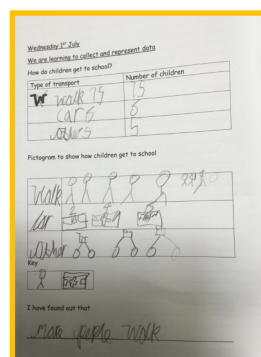
I wish you all a very wonderful weekend,

I can't change the direction of wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. Jimmy Dean

Mrs Abernethy

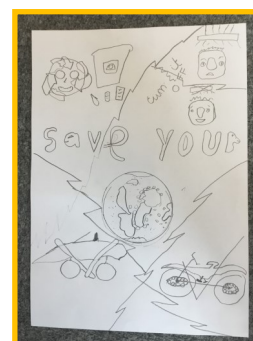
News from Kiwis

Kiwis have been busy this week looking at pollution and the effects of pollution. They loved making smog in a jar and were disgusted by the smell. They also did a travel survey on Tuesday morning and were surprised at the amount of traffic passing the school. They are pleased to report though that Year

1s are a very healthy and environmentally conscious year group as the majority of children walked or came to school on their scooters - and this was on a rainy morning too! Well done to Shaheer and Mat for the clear way you have presented our findings. They have become so climate conscious that they keep reminding me to switch the lights and the board off when they are not needed.

Our challenge to you this week is to follow Spencer's poster and try to find ways to reduce pollution.



Answer to last weeks quiz

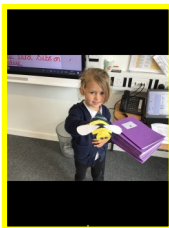
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Spot Light on our Children

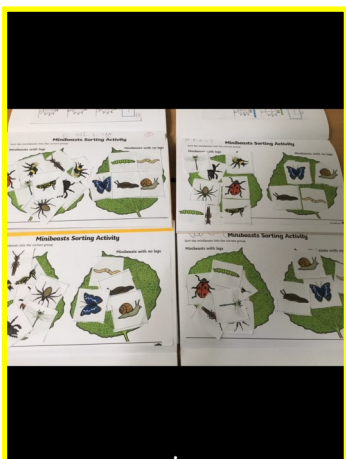
News from Reception



This week the Butterflies and Hedgehogs have been learning all about minibeasts. Butterflies have used Superworm as their book of the week, while Hedgehogs have based their learning on



the book Mad about Minibeasts. It has been brilliant to see how many minibeasts have been created in the craft area, how many facts have been learnt and how many of the children have acted out being minibeasts in the role play area! Another busy week in reception!



News from Owls

This week Owls have been set different STEM challenges to build and explore. They had a go at learning different knots, built a raft and designed a ballista. In English they have been exploring the use of creative language in poetry and in Maths they have started work on measuring angles and looking at parallel and perpendicular lines.



We are both very much looking forward to welcoming back a few more Owls next week.

News From Squirrels

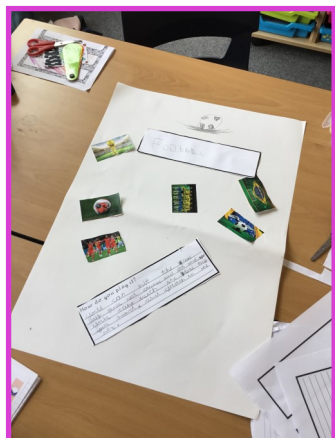
This week Squirrels have started a new English topic all about the impossibly possible bookshop. I am looking forward to hearing about the adventures their imaginations take them on. They have also been challenged to work towards achieving their "Great indoors badge" by the Scouts and have been working towards their practical, outdoors, physical and community challenges this week. There are many activities and challenges that the whole family can enjoy on their website.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/the-great-indoors-badge/>



News from Otters

This week in year one we have been investigating the features of information texts. We have been researching lots of information about sports, but in particular football, as it's Brazil's national sport. We have been busy creating information texts in the form of a poster about football detailing how to play it, what it is and some fun facts. Did you know that football has been played for over two thousand years!



News from Foxes

Over the last few weeks Foxes have been following a series of Art lessons delivered by the Oak National Academy. The lessons have covered a whole host of skills such as shadow drawing, using natural resources and even making their own terrarium. I have been so impressed with the amazing pieces of art that have been submitted via eschools. We certainly have super talented children here at Heathcote!

