

The Chestnut Chronicle

Chestnut class have embraced the start of the Summer term brilliantly. They have listened well and being attentive and imaginative in lessons.

We have begun sending home Lolo the Lion, as a continuation of our class English project. It has been wonderful to see how well this has been completed by children and parents. We love sharing our stories in the week in class and seeing what Lolo was up to over the weekend.



Another highlight of this half-term was our fantastic workshop run by Wessex Archaeology.

The children were so engaged as they discovered artefacts from under the ocean. Using the virtual reality kit was another unforgettable experience.

In English this half-term, we have been exploring 'The Lion and the Mouse'. In class, we have explored the themes of friendship and every person having value. We used envelopes to send our friends 'letters of kindness', reminding them that a simple compliment or note can make others feel good. We then moved on to 'If All the World Were'. This book explored poetry in different forms, including using repetition and expanded noun phrases. Everyone wrote some fantastic poems. They performed these to each other, different adults around school and recorded them to send home to parents.

We started off the year by developing our addition and subtraction skills and applying

them to measurement. This focussed on the use of 'grams' as a unit and finished with the children solving a Maths puzzle to measure a recipe accurately. Our Maths lessons have also involved multiplication and division. This has solidified our understanding of number, grouping and sharing. Everyone has deepened their understanding of how to use arrays and physical objects to help support their learning.



In Science, we have explored plants and how they grow. We have discussed the responsibilities we have as people to care for plants. We have also discussed what plants need to survive, like water and sun. Everyone has then planted vegetables and continued to water them every day.



Our focus this half-term for History has been the Sinking of the Titanic. All the children have found this extremely interesting and have been able to recall information and recount the story of the Titanic extremely well. Every child is looking forward to our trip to the SeaCity Museum to consolidate and extend this knowledge.

Finally, our RE this term focussed on the concept of 'special places'. Everyone explored the idea of what makes a place special to them and what would make it special to someone else. They then used this to explore why the Mandir is a special place for people of the Hindu faith.