



Diptford Diary



Friday 17 November 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

NEWS THIS WEEK!



Well done Diptford for such amazing fundraising for Children in Need. £86.23 so far.

Dipper News:

This week in English Dippers have put all their knowledge about The Great Fire of London and all of their learning about sentences into their Big Write. They pretended they were a boy or girl living through the events and they wrote three days of diary entries about what they could see, hear and smell. I was impressed with the children's positive attitudes and stamina when tackling this extended piece of writing.

In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, position and direction and pattern. Phew!

In Science the children have been continuing to investigate materials and have been thinking about words to describe different materials. They have played a guessing game where they had to guess the material from knowing only some of the properties.

Achiever this week: Teddy for amazing independent writing

Kingfisher News:

This week in Kingfishers we have been having lots of fun creating our own 'beasties'! We had to think about where they live, what they looked like and how they spoke. We had the opportunity to then draw our beastie. Kingfishers created some amazing pieces of artwork by using their super imaginations and being very creative! Once we had created our beastie, we used it as a stimulus to support our amazing complex sentence writing - why not come in and read our super sentences?

We have continue learning about our operations in maths and are now learning all about division. We have started to learn about different methods that can help us with division calculations. We have also continues to use 'CAPED' to develop our thinking whilst learning about our operations and wanted to display how proud we were for challenging ourselves, so we have created a new page on our working wall where we can write our own names if we have 'CAPED' our work. This helps us to recognise and be proud of our achievements. We also get to wear our fantastic capes whilst 'caping' our work which makes it extra special.

We are still developing our Mama Mia song in music and are all very enthusiastic about the song, which led us to think more about our appreciation for music. We have decided that we would like to sing a song a day to help us learn about different music and are very excited that the first song we chose was Do Re Mi from the Sound of Music. We all have different parts that we sing and have even added some actions, to help us remember the words! Can you recommend a song that we could practise singing for 5 minutes every day?

Our reading total it still edging up with our class now reaching a super 1,731,717 words! Our aim this week was to beat our class percentage for quizzes passed vs. quizzes taken - we will find out at the end of today if we were successful so make sure you ask us how we did!

Achiever of the Week is Lacey for her superb attitude to learning and always persevering to challenge herself.

Hawks News:

This week the children have been learning how to do expanded noun phrases and relative clauses in Hawks. All this is building up to writing our own paragraph of the special, class book Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

The class has also done a science project on light related to a criminal investigation to do with the way light travels.

Everybody has been doing anti-bullying week and on Monday the whole school wore odd socks to show that everybody is unique. In class, we did role play on the different ways to stop bullying.

This Friday we also participated in Child in Need day we used co-ordinate maths to make a Pudsey bear picture.

For parliament week each child had to choose a famous person for the hot air balloon challenge and they had to explain why they shouldn't be chucked out of the balloon. For example, a child chose Donald Trump and spoke about how he is very important and needs to build a wall.

Written by Max and Eliza.

Achiever of the Week is Connie for taking ownership of her learning



Well done to our Hawkes helpers



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Little Dipper & Preschool News

We have had an exciting 'Gingerbread Man' filled week in Little Dippers. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the story and joining in with the repeated phrases. They were also fabulous at sequencing the story and putting it all back together for Mrs Siddons when she got in a bit of a muddle.

The Gingerbread Man has been busy leaving challenges for our Little Dippers too. The first challenge was to use their newly learned knowledge about repeated patterns to design some super smart button arrangements for him. I must say, this was a very 'tasty' maths lesson as the children used icing and sprinkles to decorate individual gingerbread men. As a reward for their fabulous designs, they got to eat them all up and also help to make an amazing gingerbread house using our whizzy new oven.

The Little Dippers had to turn into 'Super Scientists' for the next challenge. Firstly, the children were asked to predict what would happen to the Gingerbread Man if he jumped into four different puddles. One puddle of water, one of oil and another puddle of vinegar. Then they investigated how the different liquids affected the biscuits, observing and commenting on the changes occurring. It was a very exciting experiment and it was amazing to hear such fabulous descriptive language being used. Well done, boys and girls!

The Gingerbread Man was aware that it was Anti-bullying Week this week so he set another challenge linked to kindness. The children reflected on the actions of the fox in the story and how he tricked the Gingerbread Man. We all agreed that this wasn't very kind of him and then we discussed what the fox could have done instead. They were asked the question, "what would you have done if you were the fox?" The children's suggestions were really good and showed what fabulously kind Little Dippers we have. Well done, everyone! We're very proud of you.

Achiever of the week: Ava, for her amazing concentration and learning in maths. Well done, Ava!

Important dates for the week ahead:

Wed 22 Nov - Year 3 & 4 Netball Tournament 4-5.30 pm

Correspondence out this week:

Netball Tournament
Diptford School Values
Access times to the school
Safeguarding Newsletter