



Diptford Diary



Friday 20th October 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

NEWS THIS WEEK!



Getting to grips with fractions!

Dipper News:

It has been a busy week in Dippers class this week with lots of fun and exciting lessons going on.

In Science this week, the children transformed into 'Material Detectives' and went to visit the new building to explore the variety of materials being used. They loved being able to have a sneak preview of the building and it really supported their understanding of how plastic, wood, metal and glass is used as well as the properties of these materials. You were fabulous Material Detectives. Well done, boys and girls!

As Diwali celebrations have begun this week, the children in Dippers have been learning about the Hindu celebration through a variety of lessons. In music, they have learned a song about Diwali and explored traditional Indian music which they really enjoyed dancing to. In RE, the children learned about the story of Rama and Sita and the meaning of Diwali which they then used to write fact sheets about the celebration. In art, the children learned about the significance of diva lamps, lanterns and Rangoli patterns and created their own. Clay was used to make the Diva lamps and the Rangoli patterns were created using paint, glitter and rice. These fabulous creations will be displayed at our Open Day on Wednesday 1st November so please come and see them.

Achiever of the Week: Bobbie for creating a beautiful Rangoli pattern

Kingfisher News:

We have had a super week full of lots of practical and outdoor learning.

We have been investigating measure in maths, including imperial and metric measurements. We used lots of different pots and containers to measure liquid and used our estimating skills to predict how much liquid we thought each pot would hold. After this, we used water to measure how much they actually held. On Thursday, we were able to practice measuring weight through the best way - baking! We worked in groups to measure our ingredients and showed super teamwork when melting and mixing. We all had a chance to spoon our mixture in to the cupcake cases. However, the best part was definitely tasting our creations! Can you think of other things we could measure?

In science, we have been learning all about living things and their habitats and this week, we were very lucky to have a visitor from the RSPB. She took us on a hunt around the school grounds where we were trying to spot lots of different things, from berries and nuts to leaves and trees. We were also able to go on a mini beast hunt. We found lots of different insects, such as worms and woodlice. We enjoyed lifting rocks and searching high and low for the little creatures!

We have now finished our amazing Railway Posters. They allowed us to bring together all of our artistic techniques and look really lovely on our topic display. Why not come in and have a look at them? We have also been developing our artistic techniques by trying glass painting. We sketched a Kingfisher bird and then used a special glue to stop the paint from running in to different sections. We are going to display our birds in our cloakroom window to brighten up our classroom.

Our word count has progressed even more this week and is now at a fantastic 1,313,237 words!

Achiever of the Week is Zach for his enthusiasm towards his reading and super attitude to learning.

Hawks News:

The half-term has ended with another busy week with Hawks demonstrating how much they have progressed as independent learners, who put lots of effort into their learning and consistently show excellent learning behaviours including resilience, enthusiasm, positivity and effort.

Resilience and stickability were key in maths this week as the Hawks got to grips with fractions! They used fraction walls to create families of equivalent fractions and further extended their knowledge of how to add and subtract fractions. Some children then applied this to a problem solving and reasoning activity involving the creation of multi-link monsters. Tricky maths but lots of fun!

In English children have been developing their sentence writing skills and have been using subordinating conjunctions to write complex sentences. We used the acronym, "I saw a Wabub" to help us remember which conjunctions to use. Can the children remember all ten conjunctions? Hawks then applied these writing skills to creating a hybrid text about the famous author David Walliams, including a diary entry, factual information and a comic strip. Look at their fantastic writing on display at our open day after half-term.

Achiever of the week is Ruby for her excellent progress in reading.



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Little Dipper & Preschool News

Little Dippers have had another exciting week of Goldilocks challenges!

At the beginning of the week the children were asked to think about the actions of Goldilocks. Was going into a strangers house a safe or sensible thing to do? Should she be walking in the woods on her own? Should you help yourself to something that belongs to someone else? These questions started lots of conversations and the children all participated very well. We were very impressed with their answers and their understanding of keeping themselves safe. Well done, boys and girls!

On Thursday, Goldilocks made an appearance and when the children entered the classroom she was busy eating the yummy 'Phonics Porridge' that the Reception children had made. Goldilocks travelled from 'The Land of Far Far Away' because she wanted to set the next challenge herself. She wanted the children to help her build a new chair for Baby Bear to help her say sorry to him. She feels really bad about upsetting Baby Bear. Goldilocks was really impressed with the way that the children explored the construction materials and experimented with ways of joining and she is very excited about giving Baby Bear his new chair. Thank you, Little Dippers!

Goldilocks set the Reception children the challenge of measuring three of her ribbons. They had to use the compare bears to find out how many bears long each ribbon was and then they had to order them by their length. This challenge developed the accuracy of their counting skills and also promoted the use of mathematical language to describe length.

Little Dippers have ended the week with a fantastic porridge making treat. All the children joined in with making the porridge, observing the changes and differences, and then they chose their favourite toppings to add before eating it at snack time. We had a vote to decide on the most popular topping and recorded this on a pictogram. The most popular topping was...INSERT RESULT HERE!

It really has been a fabulous end to a fabulous half term!

Achiever of the Week: Harriet for being an utter joy at school

Important dates for the week commencing Mon 30th October

All week - Year 6 Bikeability – consent forms required

Wed 01 Nov – Diptford Open Day

Correspondence out this week: