



# Diptford Diary



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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## NEWS THIS WEEK!



Kingfishers  
solving mathematical problems with money

### Dipper News:

This week in Dippers Class we started off the week with a writing task inspired by the video clip "The Clock Tower". The children seemed to really enjoy the video and wrote some very imaginative pieces of narrative. On Tuesday we started looking at the book "Story Path" which is not really a story at all, rather an adventure through some amazing worlds where we make the decision about the characters, setting and objects we use along the way. We are working on using adjectives to expand our sentences and we will be starting to write parts of our own stories next week

In maths we have been learning about time and statistics. This includes learning to tell the time as well as talking about days, weeks, months, years and seasons. This has linked well with our Explorer topic as our time line grows.

In Science we have started our topic on Weather and Seasons. This also links with Explorers as the weather is obviously a big factor in the success of their trips. Today we pretended to be weather forecasters and looked at the symbols they use to explain the weather to us. If you are able to, watch a weather forecast with your child this week.

**Achiever this week:** Flint for his amazing maths work on time.

### Kingfisher News:

We have begun learning about our new book in English this week in Kingfishers class. We are looking at non-fiction information texts and have been exploring how to write contents pages and introductions. We are going to be writing a class information book next week linking to our living things topic we have just finished in Science. This is helping us to recap and revise the knowledge we have already learnt, as well as learn some new English techniques and devices.

In Maths, we have been playing with coins and money. We have used coins to help us solve mathematical problems that link to real life contexts. As well as money, we have also looked at measuring. We measured the length of our fingers and recorded these in a table. Once we had done this, we learnt about different types of graphs and charts. We created a bar chart using our data and were able to identify the trends and patterns between our own data, and with the data of our friends.

We were excited to be starting our French lessons again this week where we recapped our previous learning and then learnt about our body parts. We learnt how to say different parts of our body and practised these by playing some games in French, such as "Simon Says". See if we can remember these and ask us to share our learning with you!

We have started our class PSHE and collective worship sessions again and have been discussing new beginnings and emotions. We like to talk about our emotions and how we can help others if they are feeling sad or upset. We have learnt some new methods for helping people feel included in the playground and to help make people happier.

Our reading total has begun to increase again after some eager reading in the summer holidays - our total is now 2,204,871!

**The achiever of the week is Kai** for his amazing writing this week and superb attitude to learning.

### Hawks News:

In Maths this week in Hawk's class we have been working on angles, finding the perimeters and areas of shapes. With angles year 5 have been using protractors to measure angles while year 6 tried to calculate angles. When hawks did perimeters of shapes and areas they were given a number of regular and irregular shapes to try and work out their perimeters and areas, then they had to name the different shapes including polygons!

In English they were looking at a piece of text about the Simpson desert called **survival at 40\*c above** and were looking at the text for adverbs and adjectives. They also had the text read out to them and tried to draw a picture according to what they heard, after that they had a look at the picture and tried to put what they saw into words. They then split off into different groups and looked at the text together trying to look for words that linked paragraphs and expanded noun phrases.

Diptford hawk's class did dance in P.E. this week. They had to create a solo dance to the song **mission impossible** using different heights and motifs and then show them off to the rest of the class. On Wednesday in PE they did team building games.

In topic Hawks class designed front covers for their leaflet on different climates and wrote in them the different kind of climates you could get e.g. cold, temperate, warm and tropical.

This week in R.E we learnt about the story of genesis and created comic strips explaining what god did on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and so on.

In Music we started our unit of work on 'Make you feel my love.' We listened and appraised the song and started to learn to sing it.

By Joe Jordan

**The achiever of the week is Lottie** for being confident and adventurous in her writing.



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### Little Dipper & Preschool News

The Little Dippers have had a really busy week this week which has been full of 'farm fun'.

The children have been learning to sing the rhyme 'Old Macdonald' and they made animal masks to match it. To extend their learning further, they worked in groups to practise performing the rhyme and then they performed it to the rest of the class. We were really impressed with the level of team work and communication that occurred and even more impressed with their beautiful singing. Thank you, Little Dippers! it was a real treat for our ears.

To support the children's learning about 'The World', they were set the challenge of exploring the similarities and differences between a variety of farm animals. They had to look closely at the pictures and then decide how to group the animals by identifying what was similar and what was different. The children really enjoyed this activity and they concentrated really well, setting their own criteria and explaining their choices. Fantastic work, Little Dippers!

In maths this week, Little Dippers have been consolidating their knowledge of number and also practising to form the numbers correctly. This will help to increase the children's confidence and independence when recording their maths especially during child initiated activities. We love to see independent maths happening in Little Dippers and we really love to see it being recorded so we are looking forward to seeing more of it happening this term.

**Achiever of the week:** Zach for joining in with our activities really well. Well done, Zach!

#### **Important dates for the week ahead:**

Tuesday 16 Jan – Fire Safety Talks Years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6

#### **Correspondence out this week:**

ASC on Mondays – Construction Club being run by Mrs Dawn Neil for this half term.