



Dormice and Robins

Class News

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Hello, and welcome to our fourth news page of the year. We continue to be a very busy class!

The Rainbow Fish.

The Rainbow Fish story provided a great starting point for our learning this half term. We were intrigued and had many questions to ask about our fish tray. Some of us weren't at all sure and others stayed and played for more than 40 minutes. We learnt the names of different fish and were excited to feel the bones, open the mouth, poke the eyes and find the fins.



Maths

This half term we have been learning about 1 less and simple subtraction. We have been using lots of different resources to find the answers, with a particular focus on using our fingers. 'Subtraction Splat' was a particular favourite!



We have also learnt about time, days of the week and the seasons. We used small clocks to show o'clock times and even tried recording by ourselves. The seasons were tricky to remember so we used a song and large art to help us.



Outdoor Area

We have been making a few changes and will continue to develop our outdoor area. The mud kitchen is now an outdoor kitchen to enable us to provide different texture stimuli for the children to explore. We are developing our collection of pipes, guttering and large crates to encourage imaginative play and are hoping to create an outdoor art space using pallets and old kitchen work tops. If you would like to get involved please see the Foundation staff.

Getting out and about on a snow day!

The snow day provided us with many opportunities for learning. The children demonstrated great social skills, taking turns with our sledges and pushing and pulling each other up the slope. They self-regulated how long they could be outside, made super snow angels and even butterfly art in the snow. Hot chocolate and porridge to warm up was also very popular. We are sure it won't be a day easily forgotten!



Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!

We all had the most wonderful day at the beach. We were able to create beach art, make dams, paddle and we even saw a dead fish. Once again the children's social skills and team work shone through – well done everybody.



Literacy

The beach trip provided us with a great first-hand experience for writing. We have been using the writing frame 'first, next, then, finally' to help us organise and extend our writing. We all had a go at writing a recount of our trip to Wembury Beach. Here is an example...

First we got on the coach. Next we had to walk to the beach. Then we played on the beach. Finally we got back on the coach to go to school.

Next half term

The children have decided the theme for next half term should be Castles and Knights so WATCH THIS SPACE.