



Dormice and Robins

Class News

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

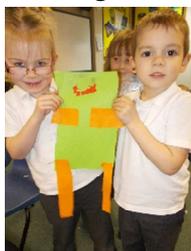
The Arrival of Claude, our pet snail.

It was with great excitement that we welcomed Claude our new pet snail into our classroom. He has been a fantastic stimuli for writing and art work as well as promoting discussions about taking care of things, which links nicely to our school rules.



Maths

This half term we have been reading and ordering numbers to 20 and have learnt about 2d shapes. We worked with shapes we hadn't seen before and started thinking about their properties. We soon discovered that size didn't matter and that a triangle (and other 2d shapes) was still a triangle no matter if it was big or small! We were able to demonstrate our learning in lots of different ways.



Role play

Our role play area has been deconstructed! This means it no longer has a theme to guide the children's play. There are a variety of objects and resources in the role play area and the children have been encouraged to let their imaginations run wild! The play has been amazing!

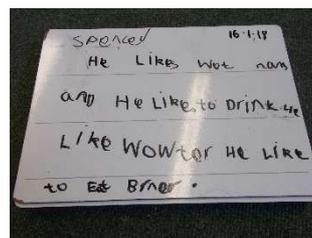
Getting out and about!

Despite the awful weather we have tried our best to get out and about! We enjoyed exploring the school field on an icy morning and managed to include counting and observational skills in the time we spent outside. We made a wormery in small groups and then went off hunting for worms. Some worms have been very active and we can see their movements through the soil and sand.



Literacy

We have been focussing mainly on non-fiction this half term. We are now expert list writers and were excited to write, post and receive the letters we had written at school. We have been exploring a variety of support systems when writing such as story mountains, picture clues and writing frames. As we are getting used to them our writing continues to improve. Well done everybody.



Henri Matisse

Your children have a real interest in learning complicated facts and this was evident in our recent learning about Henri Matisse. We were able to learn facts, re-visit lists and tried our best to create art work in his style. It also gave us opportunities to work using different media such as bottle tops, cut paper shapes, playdough and clay.

Next half term

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