



Monthly Newsletter

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April in School

Puffins We are enjoying PE very much in Puffins class. We have been practising our throwing, catching, bouncing and aiming skills and these are improving each week. We are excited to make our fruit yogurt lolly pops and eat them all up! We are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in class and are enjoying thinking of silly sweet inventions that we could make.

Owls and Flamingos Flamingos and Owls came back from their Easter break raring to go! Or should I say 'roaring' to go because we have been studying dinosaurs together and the enthusiasm shown by all the children has been inspiring! We have hunted for dinosaur footprints in the sand, made dinosaur poo and studied the diet of herbivores and carnivores; made fact files, observations, drawings and skeletons!

In maths we are continuing to follow the maths mastery programme and using the knowledge that we have previously learnt to work out new and exciting mathematical concepts.

Literacy is well under way using our topic work of studying dinosaurs to write fact files or posters as part of our non-fiction writing unit.

PATHS and Music have been centred on the theme of 'friendships' and making positive relationships. The children have loved learning their new song and we hope to share this with you soon!

As usual the children have been hard at work and have been a credit to the school. In fact, praise for their learning behaviours has been forthcoming from both the swimming instructor (swimming lessons) and from the lady who came to carry out testing moderations. Well done Owls and Flamingos!

Eagles In Eagles, we have been looking at money and shape in the last month, making sure that we are able to apply a full array of strategies to the process of problem solving. In our Literacy work, we are beginning to create our own newspaper articles so be on the lookout for excellent articles that you can share.

I have been particularly impressed with the Eagles in their transition to athletics. Despite being competitive, everyone has been so supportive towards each other and really enjoying the success of their peers.

In Science we are exploring states of matter and have begun this exciting journey by looking at the water cycle and the role humans can play in cleansing a water supply. Finally, the

children have loved their project on health bars and are building up to trying to convince staff their health bar is the best!

Toucans have been working exceptionally hard as we approach SATS week. I have been really impressed by their efforts, focus and drive as well as the wonderful support they're providing each other with solving various maths challenges. Aside from this, we have managed to get ourselves to Carrow Road. I was so impressed by their spirit. Nerves were overcome and everyone gave their all. What was most pleasing to see was how in just four games I could see such progression. In topic work we have begun to explore the history of the Benin Empire. It is a particularly interesting subject which throws up many important questions. The Sainsbury's Centre at the UEA has one of the best collection of Benin Bronzes. If you do get the opportunity, it is worth a visit to have a look at these intricate pieces.