



## ACORN CLASS

What an amazing month learning about Growth and Change as well as animals from around the world. We loved our trip to Longleat, the children's behaviour was commented on by the Longleat staff as incredible! They listened well and asked lots of questions. We saw monkeys, gorillas, koalas, sealions and otters. The children got to travel on a coach, a first for many of them, a boat and a train!



In maths we have been looking at subtraction with a monster eating all the cookies!



Thank you all for attending our Praise and Share, it was so exciting to share our learning with you all. It is always such a joy to see how far the children have come in their confidence and ability to talk about our learning.

Next month we will be starting our Africa Adventure and from there our last learning topic will be Dinosaurs!



## CLASS 2

Class 2 has been very busy! We had a fantastic time celebrating VE Day, spending the day learning about its significance and what it meant for those who lived through World War II.



We were lucky to visit Westlands and attend a KS2 concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. During the event, we were introduced to the different instruments of the orchestra, listened to several beautiful pieces, and even had the chance to perform alongside the orchestra and the audience in a special song written by local schoolchildren.



We are looking forward to our trip on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Wildwood, Escot where we will be explorers, completing challenges, searching for animals, pond dipping, building dens and lighting fires.



## CLASS 3

Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their history topic on Roman Britain this term. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they've explored why Julius Caesar and Emperor Claudius were so determined to invade Britain, and what made the Roman army such a powerful and successful force.

One of the highlights so far has been learning about Boudica, the fearless warrior queen who bravely stood up to the Romans. The children were captivated by her story and had lots of strong opinions about how the Romans treated her and her people. It's been fantastic to see such passionate discussions and thoughtful reflections in class. We're all very excited about our upcoming visit to the Roman Baths, which will give the children a real sense of what life was like in Roman times. It promises to be a brilliant experience that will bring all their learning to life!



In Art, the children have produced some fantastic animations using a digital programme called 'Stop Motion'. Some children worked on their own, but most collaborated and they designed a short animation all from scratch, designing the moving figures and the background. We have shared these on J2E so please do check them out in the 'Shared files' section of Class 3!



In Science, the children have really enjoyed learning about plants and how they grow.

They explored big questions like why plants have leaves, how roots work, and even whether all plants need roots—sparking some great discussions!

They were fascinated by how water travels through a plant and enjoyed identifying the different parts of a flower and their roles. One of the highlights was learning about pollination, seed formation, and dispersal, especially the clever ways seeds travel. The topic ended with the life cycle of a flowering plant, bringing together everything they had learned. It's been a fun, hands-on unit that the children have loved!!





## CLASS 4

May has come and gone in such a flash, but looking back the children have continued to work hard and pack lots of learning experiences in.

We were thrilled to welcome a special visitor who shared the rich history of Montacute, Brendon. He inspired us with his stories which brought the past to life and sparked imaginations of the children. We used Brendon's stories in our historical writing based on 'Clock Close'. The children looked at how they could play with language to create atmosphere and excitement in their writing.

Times tables have continued to be a big focus in maths, with a wide range of activities designed to build fluency and confidence. From games and challenges to partner work and timed quizzes, the children have shown fantastic determination and progress. Those children who have already achieved their green heat map, have worked on a problem solving and reasoning to enable them to apply their times table knowledge in different ways.

Our new art topic, Nests, has focused on how we can show personality through our creation of nests. Using a range of media, we created a full page spread in our art books of different nests. Then we looked at how to create tools using natural materials, which we then used to paint more nests. Having lots of spare natural materials left over, we decided to create our own nest to paint. Our final piece incorporated lots of layering of different media – wax, paint, pencil etc – which you will see in our showcase next week.





In geography, our lessons have taken us on a journey through the Earth's most dramatic landscapes. From towering mountains to rumbling volcanoes and shaking earthquakes, students have explored how these natural wonders shape our world and impact communities.

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support—especially with times tables practice at home. Your encouragement makes a real difference, and we're so proud of everything the children are achieving.



## CLASS 6

Well, what can we say..... what a privilege it has been to guide your children through SATs and Okehampton. They have done us proud at every turn!

Their calm positivity amazed us all, with Mrs Bowditch saying we were one of the best year 6 groups for our exam technique and focus. Every child gave their absolute best and the whole staff team are incredibly proud of their achievements.

With play auditions and Okehampton residential following closely behind the SATs, the excitement grew and grew. We are very much looking forward to working together to perform our end of year play, Matilda, at the end of term- please pencil in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July for the performances.

It is with great pleasure that we share more Okehampton photos. The children were all absolutely brilliant and the All Saints values really shone through. Everyone tried new things, supported their peers and pushed themselves outside their comfort zone.



