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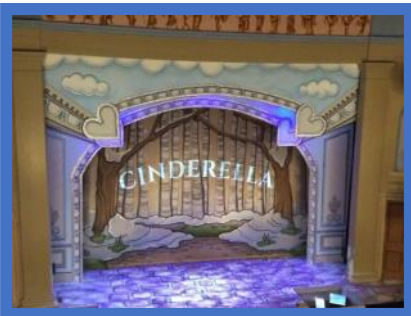
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Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter from Hartest Primary School.

Handwriting competition

To mark National Handwriting Day, we held a competition in school. Pupils entered a piece of their best handwriting and winners from each year group were chosen. Well done everyone, it was super to see all your neat, joined handwriting from Reception all the way up to Year 6!

Cinderella



In January we enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal at Bury St Edmunds to see Cinderella. Lots of laughter and fun was had by all!



Hedgehog Class

Hedgehog Class enjoyed a Bedtime Story event on a Friday evening in February. Hot chocolate, biscuits, pyjamas, fairy lights and a 'roaring fire' (on the interactive whiteboard!) set the ambience beautifully. The children were delighted to have a story from the Mystery Reader - Mrs Ashman received a warm welcome!

This term Hedgehogs have been learning about the weather and recording daily weather including rainfall, writing Just So stories, exploring parts and wholes in Maths and identifying how many tens and ones there are in numbers up to 20. During the topic on weather, Hedgehogs learnt about clouds and rain. After a discussion about what clouds were made from/what they felt like, pupils breathed on mirrors to demonstrate that the water in the air turns into little drops of water, which forms the cloud.



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Our BLP focus this term is Resourcefulness. The children have discovered that questioning, making links in their learning, being imaginative and using their reasoning skills all contribute to being a successful resourceful learner.

Hedgehog Class have also visited the local Church, carried out an investigation in Science, and continued with their weekly Forest School sessions as part of their learning!

Squirrel Class

Squirrels have been exploring the Rainforest this term. They have discovered many interesting facts about the layers of the rainforest, who lives there and what the habitat/environment is like. The children listened to 'The Great Kapok Tree' during our unit on Stories from other Cultures. In the story, the main character has been tasked with chopping down the tree in the rainforest. After making a start, he sits down under the tree to rest, and consequently falls asleep. Whilst he is sleeping, all the animals that live in the tree, come down and 'whisper' reasons not to chop the tree down in his ear. When he awakes, he has 'heard' all the reasons given by the animals and simply walks out of the forest. We had some interesting discussions about the rights and wrongs of chopping down trees and the children were eloquent in justifying their thinking.

In Science we began a unit of learning on food and exercise. We have learnt about food groups and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. We also focussed on other ways of keeping healthy such as through regular exercise and good hygiene.

Our Take One Book this term has been 'The Rhythm of the Rain.' Our Year 2 and 3 pupils have really engaged with this and can talk about the story with confidence.

The vocabulary and illustrations captured the children's imagination too, and a clear explanation of the water cycle is neatly woven throughout the story.

In Maths a number of units have been covered including money and shape. The children were improving their understanding of the money system and gaining in confidence with the skill of calculating the correct amount as well as how much change to give.



Kestrel Class

Kestrels used Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You to support a unit of report writing. They really enjoyed reading about the different creatures and in particular, they wrote a poem about the River Troll, a recount in the character of a Boggart and a warning poster

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about the Cockatrice. The children explored some wonderful vocabulary and applied their knowledge of sentence structure. The unit included some wonderful creative writing opportunities as well as lots of role play.

Earth Matters has been the Geography focus this term. This has included identifying coastal features, how bays and headlands are formed, features of rivers and features of volcanoes as well as how they are formed.



In Science, a variety of learning has taken place through scientific enquiry and investigation. An investigation to test how good materials are at muffling sound revealed that sounds travel through some materials more easily than others. Hard rigid solids e.g. metals tend to be better sound conductors than soft materials e.g. cotton wool. Soft materials also absorb sounds better than hard materials, which reflect sound, often producing echoes. Kestrels combined learning with fun as they used a variety of materials and tested out which material was the best for ear mufflers.

Kestrels also participated in the school wide 'Rocket Mice' investigation pictured here.

Warmest wishes from all at Hartest Church of England Primary School.

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