

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

The Reception boys were very excited to be back in school and settle back into routine. Our focus this week was on the story *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. We read the story and talked about what our favourite fruits were. Each of the boys then wrote about their favourite fruit and thought of a word to describe it. We also discussed why the story is called *Handa's Surprise* and what the surprise at the end of the book was. In Maths, we have been busy doubling and the boys used numicon and dominoes to help them do this. The boys have also been weighing fruit in our role play fruit and vegetable shop. In Phonics, the boys felt very grown up as we began level 4! We met the new tricky words so and said and learnt to read words with adjacent consonants-please see the PowerPoint on the school website for more information.

Year 1

Year 1 started the OTTO programme this week. It will help develop gross motor, fine motor and handwriting skills over a ten-week period throughout the Summer Term. The boys enjoyed lots of different gross motor exercises including spider walks, bunny hops, aeroplanes and more! We learned that letters start from the middle of the line and practised our curly cs. In English, we completed a puzzle of our new book's front cover and made a prediction based on the title and cover illustrations. After reading the first few pages, we had a conscience alley to help Sunny decide whether or not to leave his home in the Kalahari Desert and then used this as a springboard for writing our own opinions. We looked at place value in Maths, sorting teen (e.g. 16, 13 and 17) and ty (e.g. 20, 50, 90) numbers. In Phonics, we continued looking at the ie digraph which usually makes the igh sound (tie) but can also make the ee sound (shield).

Year 2

Year 2 has had a very full and exciting week. We started our new topic learning all about Florence Nightingale. The boys loved learning all about how she transformed the hospital. This links to our English text, *Vlad and the Florence Nightingale Adventure* by Kate Cunningham. On Friday, we wrote letters to all the modern day nurses at The Royal Free hospital to celebrate International Nurses Day. In Maths, we revised Place Value and continued practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3

Our first week of summer term has been full of getting back into routine and learning. In Maths, we revised column addition and subtraction and learned how to multiply by multiples of ten. We have started our new book, *Oliver and the Seawigs*, in English. We wrote chapter summaries and character descriptions, revised conjunctions and looked at the features of a diary. In Science, we started our new Rainforests topic, learning where in the world rainforests are located. We labelled food groups in Science as an introduction to our topic 'Health and Movement'. We are looking forward to a fantastic summer term!

Year 4

This week in Maths, we revised our place value, addition and subtraction skills while focussing mostly on problem solving and word problems. In English, we have started a new book called *The Tin Forest* and have analysed the colours the author has used and why. They wrote really lovely setting descriptions using similes, expanded noun phrases and personification. In Humanities, we have begun learning our new topic of 'Climate Zones' and have looked at the lines of latitude and how this relates to weather in those parts of the world. In Science, we have started learning about 'Living things and their habitats' and drew out classification keys for different groups of animals. It has been a great start to the Summer term and we hope this continues.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 has had a great start to the Summer term. We looked at a range of clauses to start off the term in English. We also introduced our new English topic, 'Wing' and the boys are looking forward to exploring the short video further. In Maths, we worked on negative numbers and multi-step word problems involving addition and subtraction. In Science, we continued our Earth and Space topic through exploring the moon phases. Overall, a productive first full week back.

Year 6

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