

Badgers class have worked hard during this busy term. The quality of homework we have received this term has been fantastic – we were very impressed! We have thoroughly enjoyed reading our class book ‘The Land of Roar’ during our guided reading sessions. Our story writing has been based on this text and we also had fun writing non-chronological reports about dragons.

In Maths we have been successfully using column addition and formal written subtraction methods. We thoroughly enjoyed number day where we looked at Maths in nature and explored and created tessellating patterns. We have been really impressed with the children’s enthusiasm and effort with doing TT Rock stars this term and we’re noticing an improvement in their speed and accuracy – keep it up!

Our Science work this term has been continuing with forces. We have investigated friction (including using forcemeters for measurement), water resistance and mechanisms (pulleys, levers and gears). It was fantastic making our own pulleys and gears.

For P.E. we created super spy dances, states of matter dances (linking to Science) and superpower dances. We definitely have lots of brilliant dancers in our class so it has been great. We’ve also been braving the cold and learning how to play hockey as well as taking part in cross-class competitions such as ‘Sock in a Hoop’ and trying to build our stamina by skipping the Golden Mile.

In PSHE we have been working on our ‘dreams and goals’ unit and have thought about what their dreams and goals are for the future and how to overcome any disappointments and be resilient.

In Art, we’ve been learning about different British artists, both modern and from history. We then learnt about our class artist, Clarice Cliff and designed our own pottery in her style using mixed media. The children loved being able to choose the materials to create their artwork and didn’t want to pack up at the end of the lesson!

We’ve enjoyed our topic ‘Somewhere to Settle’ which has been a Geography based topic linked to the Celts. We used maps to locate settlements, both old and modern across the UK and discussed how the name of a place can give us an idea

of when it was first established. We've learnt about hillforts, including local one, Barbury Castle. The children loved the drone footage of the ancient landscape.

We enjoyed some gardening (planting bulbs and flowers) and thinking of different ways to keep ourselves happy during children's mental health week. Our Rights Respecting and Anti-bullying ambassadors did a super anti-bullying presentation for our class. In our values week we thought about the values that are important to us and our families and learnt about our British Values. Have a lovely half term break.

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