

Avengers Class Report

English

This half term in English the avengers have continued to cover lots of various exciting and engaging topics. All children have taken part in a range of tasks such as writing and creating their own book character, studying different types of texts and comparing fiction to non-fiction.

Our class book this half term was *The Spiderwick chronicles*, we read the book together as a class and completed a range of tasks to develop our understanding of the characters within the story and how their feelings changed throughout the book. We also continued to develop our dictionary skills by using them to understand uncommon or unusual words that we may have come across whilst completing our tasks. Whilst reading the book we took time to discuss our predictions on where the story could lead to next. The avengers also looked at the structure of stories in great detail and using this knowledge created their own plot to their own story which lead them on to create their own big write task. We also developed a range of other skills this half term such as punctuating our text correctly.



Phonics

This half term we have recapped our knowledge of phonics but mostly working on solidifying our skills on stage 5 phonics and 2 and 6. Some of our avengers have also been focusing on improving tricky spellings, the children have all focused fantastically well and learnt some very tricky spellings. All children have made fantastic improvement with their spelling from the start of the year and this has had a positive impact to the children's writing. The avengers have also been continuing to develop their skills in reading with fluency and becoming more confident to read out loud in small guided reading groups.



Maths

In Maths we have covered a range of topics over this half term including; Written multiplication, multiplying by 10 & 100, dividing 2 digit numbers by 10, using multiplication facts to solve problems, perimeter, adding sides of shapes together to find the perimeter, learning how to calculate the perimeter, finding missing lengths on rectangular shapes, finding the perimeter of a shape with missing sides, being able to find regular polygons. Each child covered each topic with their tasks adapted to the child's skill and level that they are currently working at. The avengers particularly enjoy taking part in practical activities where they can work individually or as pairs/groups. All children engaged really well with the practical activities in perimeter by measuring areas of the school with a trundle wheel. All children showed fantastic teamwork and sharing skills.



Science

This term in Science we have learnt about vibrations, how they travel through solids, liquids and gas, what is making the vibrations to create sound, learning all about our ear, the features and how it works and exploring pitch. All children have shown a brilliant understanding of scientific predictions. All children engaged really well in all activities in this topic area, but they most certainly enjoyed making a model of the ear out of playdough, they were also able to include the different parts of the ear on their models. We did an outdoor session to explore sounds in our environment by understanding what is vibrating from the object to make the sound. The children loved going into our forest area and making note of everything they could hear. Its been a great science topic!



Therapeutic Interventions

Spring Term 1 has seen lots of various therapeutic interventions for the Avengers class. These include; Forest school sessions, Art for kids, Sensory circuit and Jigsaws. When partaking in these interventions all children show calm and relaxed behaviours and look forward to experiencing calm and new experiences with their peers. We have been working together to promote friendships and building new friendships with others, positive attitudes to learning and perseverance during difficult tasks.

We've also had a number of very special visits from Mr Standing's dog, Peggy. Peggy came to visit the Avengers class to play and cuddle with the children. The children were also given the opportunity to take Peggy for a walk around the forest. Peggy even joined in with some of the Avengers forest sessions, which the children loved. All children responded amazingly to the puppy in the classroom and showed calm and respectful behaviours throughout. Peggy also enjoyed all the attention and puppy treats!



Topic

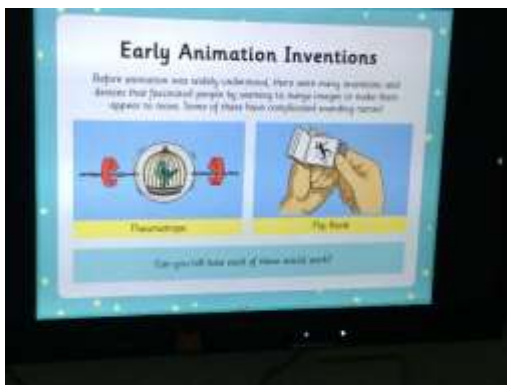
Spring Terms topic for Avengers has been design and technology. The Avengers looked at how lighting has changed over the years. The children showed a keen interest in this topic and participated with lots of activities to experience how lighting has changed. All children learnt about LED lights, the modern lightbulb, candles and fires. The children also learnt about battery operated lights. We looked at double loop and parallel loop circuits. We used our circuits to test two pieces of equipment so we could determine if any of the equipment was faulty. The children used light bulbs, motors and buzzers were used in our circuits. All children engaged really well in this topic and enjoyed learning how light has changed.





Computing

Over this term we have been continuing to use computers to support our knowledge in technology. The captains show a keen attitude to learning new skills and continuing to develop existing skills. A big focus this term has been online safety and how all children can keep safe and protect their selves when they are online. Each computer session has started with a recap of the importance of keeping safe online and the ways we can implement this. In computing this term we have learnt all about animation and how its changed over the years. We watched videos on how to make a flip book, all children took part in this activity and engaged really well. Then we went on to making a digital flip book on the computers which the children loved. We also created our own stop motion animations with playdough and lego. The Avengers have loved this topic and all shown excellent teamwork and respect.



PSHRE

This term we focused on dreams and goals. The Avengers shared what they would like to become when they are older. They also identified what skills and experience they would need to achieve this. The Avengers recognised that determination, resilience and perseverance would be key factors. We learnt about Michael Jordan and how he became a basketball player. The children

learnt to never give up on your dreams! We also covered broken dreams. We listened to different scenarios and talked about how we would feel in these situations, how we would overcome the feelings attached to broken dreams, how to be more resilient and what we could do to avoid disappointment in the future. The Avengers created and discussed their own dreams. We shared how it is important to never give up on dreams, despite any set - backs and disappointments which may arise in our lives. All of the children shown excellent respect and listening skills when listening to other peers' dreams and goals.



Forest School

This term in our forest session we have had lots of outdoor fun! We have learnt all about den building, creating our own obstacle course including blindfolds, how to develop an area of the forest, developing a new skills using tools and campfires. The Avengers were split into groups to make a form of shelter, both groups were given the exact same resources and a timer was set to see what each group could come up with. Both groups worked well as a team with children they wouldn't always choose to play with and used their imagination and creativity skills to come up with some excellent shelter ideas. At the end of the session each of the groups explored each other's dens and gave some fantastic feedback and listened really well to each other. The children showed fantastic leadership and independence skills. The children were blindfolded while the other gave directions/instructions. Most of the children really enjoyed this. They all swapped roles from giving directions to being blindfolded and taking directions. The Avengers developed an area of the forest by using loppers and litter pickers to develop an area in the forest. The children showed excellent teamwork skills. The children could also choose between developing a skill with one tool of their choice or having a go at both. The children enjoyed this lesson and worked really well together and supported each other. For our final forest session of the term we had a fun session where the children shown great independence where the children

had a free choice of activities. We had a campfire and many children had a go at fire lighting!
It's been a lovely term!

