

Spring Term - Elm Class

Class Welcome



Elm Class have had a very busy term – we have loved being able to use our new garden, developed friendships, celebrated theme days including World Book Day, gained confidence in the swimming pool and joined in with whole school events.

We have been learning to celebrate each other's achievements and respect each other's boundaries and are beginning to talk more about our own emotions and recognising the emotions of our friends.

Communication and interaction

Our book this term has been 'Bot'. The story was about a robot who wants to be useful. We worked on our writing, sentence building, captioning and labelling skills. The children designed robots, labelled their parts and created sentences to describe their robot. We used symbols and pictures to talk about the different jobs robots can do.

In our daily Phonics sessions we have been learning the phase 3 sounds. All of the children have demonstrated that they recognise each sound by identifying it in words, attempting to say the sound and we have made lots of progress writhing each grapheme. We all confidently know the phase 3 trick words and have loved using the sound socks and tricky word footprints.

We have read with an adult each week and answered comprehension questions to show we understand the story and are starting to blend the sounds when reading the words.

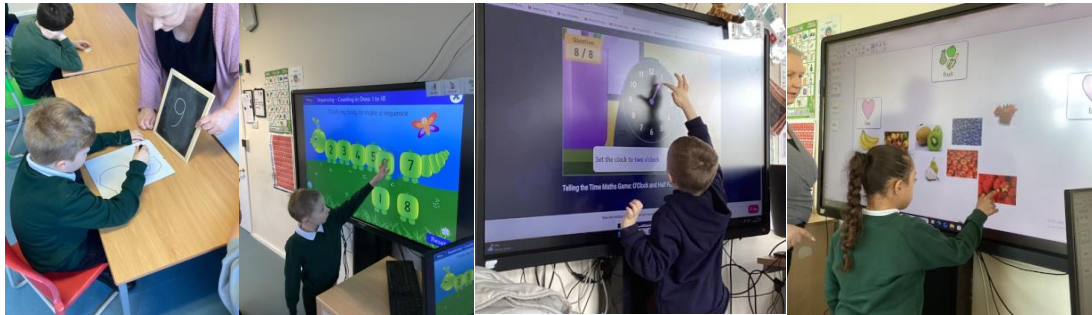


Cognition and Learning

In our Maths lessons we have used real objects, pictures, tens frames and number lines to explore addition. We have enjoyed playing maths games on the screen to support our learning.

We have begun to think about time, sequencing familiar events and routines and have begun to look at analogue clocks – matching times to the hour and half hour.

In science we have taken part in a range of activities about animals, looking at animal characteristics, habitats and animal care. We have also thought about food groups and food we like and dislike.



Independence, social and emotional development

In Food Tech lessons we have sequenced and created recipes each week then followed them to cook the food.

During PSHE we have looked at health and hygiene. We followed visual prompts to complete familiar hygiene routines like brushing our own hair, washing our hands and our faces. We also thought about the food we eat and the food we like. We sorted food into basic food groups and talked about the basic needs of humans to grow and be healthy.



Physical and Sensory

During the first half of the term Elm class focused on Ball Games. We practiced kicking a ball with increasing control and to each other, we tried dribbling a ball and stopping it with our dominant foot. In the second half of the term we have been exploring target games starting with throwing towards a target then, moving to sliding beanbags towards a target.

We have built our confidence in the pool and learnt to push away from the side, go under the water and jump in with adult support.

In our Art lessons we have looked at the work of Picasso. The children really enjoyed looking at and re-creating some of Picasso's art work in our own style.



Special news and upcoming events

Friday 27th March – End of term (Early finish for pupils)

Monday 13th April – Start of Summer Term

25th–29th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – INSET Day

Saturday 27th June – PTA School Fete

Friday 3rd July – Sports Day

Friday 10th July – Family Picnic



Easter break. From Sandra & the Elm team!

Wishing you all a lovely