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World Cup countries

As you know, there are fewer than 100 days to the start of the World Cup when England will once again find their 1966 form and sweep all before them. In school, all the classes have chosen a World Cup team - hopefully one which has a reasonable chance of lasting to the knock-out stages. Here they are:

Nursery 1 (Joanne and Louisa)- Mexico

Nursery 2 (Deborah V) - Brazil

Whitelow 1 (Gemma) - England

Whitelow 2 (Emily) - Cameroon

Redvales 1 (Katy C) - Portugal

Redvales 2 (Mike) - Nigeria (remember the days, Efe!)

Redvales 3 (Hayley) - Russia

Redvales 4 (Donna) - Chile

Redvales 5 (Hannah) - Argentina

Redvales 6 (Anna) - Germany

Irwell 1 (Catherine) - Uruguay

Irwell 2 (Jill and Katy N) - France

Irwell 4 (Eleanor and Shirley) - Italy

Irwell 5 (Alison) - Spain

Irwell 6 (Steph and Deborah K) - Netherlands

We will also let you know the colours of the teams' flags for the Millwood Day on 2 May when children can wear their team's colours.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1

Joshua N for waiting patiently whilst the mid day supervisor collected his dinner at lunchtime.



KS 1/KS2

Kevin Z for being a great friend to Sana.



Nursery 1 and 2

This week we have had fun learning all about different types of animals, from



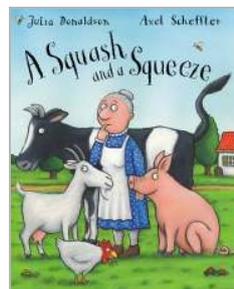
pigs to spiders. We have had a great time mark making and looking at animal books, pressing

the buttons to listen to the sounds that each animal makes.

Whitelow 1 This week we have been walking through the jungle. We have found lots of different animals



and explored their sounds. We also had a pancake flipping competition. It was lots of fun and Brent was the winner.



Whitelow 2 have had a fun week learning all about farm animals and reading the book 'A Squash and a Squeeze' next week we will be learning about minibeasts!

Redvales 1 This week we have really enjoyed learning a new dance for our PE and dance topic. We love so many songs from the musicals so it



was very hard to choose a favourite song! We also had a lovely sensory art session exploring different patterns that animals have on their fur or skin while listening to animal songs. We also liked exploring the mud in our sensory story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" - it made some very yucky squelchy noises.

Redvales 2 This week we have been exploring lines of symmetry. We've used paint to make a picture on one side of a piece of paper, then we folded it over to get a symmetrical pattern.



Redvales 3 We have had a fabulous week learning through our book 'Dear Zoo'. We have listened to animal noises and played with the animals in the zoo. Areebah enjoyed being the zoo keeper and put the animals back in their numbered cages. We have also had lots of fun tossing pancakes and tasting them. Yummy!



Redvales 4 this week we have been reading "The Hungry Caterpillar" story. We have had great fun exploring and tasting all the food in the story. We also made our own butterfly cakes. We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes and trying different toppings. YUM YUM lots of FOOD FUN .



Redvales 5 This week we have started reading the story "Jack and the Beanstalk". We have enjoyed acting out and sequencing the story. In Science we have



started looking at plants and what they need to grow. We have been for walk around school looking at and taking pictures of all the plants that are starting to grow. We found that in order to grow plants need water and sunlight. Redvales 5 will be busy planting their own seeds next week so watch this space!!

Redvales 6 have had a fantastic week! We celebrated Shrove Tuesday by exploring pancake ingredients.



We had lots of fun tossing the pancakes in a pan before choosing our own delicious toppings. In literacy we began our new book, "The Bear Hunt". We loved exploring all the sensory props relating to the story such as green shredded paper for the grass, a black umbrella and spooky music for the cave and our favourite of all, real mud!

Irwell 1 This week the sun has come out and Irwell 1 have been 'getting physical'. The children have been trying hard on all our physical challenges. We



have 2 new elements to our morning "Wake up, Shake up" session, including the "Hokey Cokey", so we're learning about our 'left' and 'right'. We have begun to rehearse our



special dance for the dance festival in April, and it's even been nice enough to get outside on the big apparatus. Some of the pieces are quite

tricky - but it's great fun perfecting our technique. Very well done everybody.



Irwell 2 have been working on our story all about "Little Red Riding Hood". We have been working on adjectives. We had lots of good ways to describe our wolf. In



ICT we have also been looking at ways to research items for the Millwood Dance Festival.

Irwell 4 have had a very busy week. In Food Technology we made pancakes, we used our numeracy skills to weigh the ingredients. Once cooked, we tasted them with various toppings, most of us preferred jam. We have continued working on our theme based on the story of "Cinderella" and produced some fabulous work in Literacy and Numeracy. We ended our story session on Wednesday by having a dance at the "Prince's ball"! In PHSE we have been learning how to look after our teeth and finding out what happens when we visit the dentist.



Irwell 5 This week in Irwell 5 we have been busy finding out about the traditional tale of "Little Red Riding Hood" as part of our "Once Upon a Time" topic. We have listened to the story and done some role play with masks to act out the story. This was a really good way to help us understand the different characters. We have also made pancakes and written instructions about how to make them.



Irwell 6 In art this term Irwell 6 are exploring Surrealism and what it is. To help us understand what Surrealism means, Irwell 6 explored silly sentences and created their own silly sentences.



Literacy and Numeracy Groups

This week has been very busy. Yusuf is trying really hard with his reading and seems to be having lots of fun in the process! He enjoyed all the mixed-up sounds that could be found on "Muddle Farm". Daylan is making brilliant progress differentiating between 2 switches to request his favourite car. Andrew has been using his voice to join in with his favourite number rhyme and count up to 4. Well done to all the super stars this week.



Strike Action

As you will already have heard, there is planned strike action on Wednesday 26 March by the National Union of Teachers. In the past when strike action has been taken, we have not been able to stay open because of the number of teachers who are members of the NUT and the impact this has on safe levels of staffing. It is likely that this will be the case on 26 March. I will be carrying out a risk assessment and confirming the position with the Resources committee of the governing body on Monday 10 March. I will let you know in next week's newsletter by the latest what the definite position is ie will we be open, partially closed or fully closed - but I thought you would like a 'heads-up' this week.

Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher