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VALENTINE'S DAY

Happy Valentine's Day!

NEW DUTY OFFICER - PREMISES

We are delighted to appoint Danny Lamb to the permanent post of Duty Officer for the school.

GOVERNING BODY

Thanks to the governors who attended the meeting on Tuesday 7 February. Next meeting to review skills matrix will take place on Tuesday 21 March. Please see website for most recent information on the governors and the latest governing body report for spring 2017.

WEBSITE

We have taken down a couple of areas including Classes and Links as they were very out-of-date. If you have any comments about the website please do let me know.



MUTUAL RESPECT

I am very proud to say that, at Millwood, we all value and respect each other. We promote democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and those without faith.



STARS OF THE WEEK



FS/KS1



Max G - For making "wonderful waves" by joining in with a write dance session independently for the first time this half term.



KS1/2



Lochlann R for sheer determination in everything he does.

Nursery 1 This week Nursery 1 have been exploring the outdoor area. We collected some herbs to explore and smell and we made some amazing flower pictures back in class. As part of our topic Over the Rainbow we created some beautiful messy rainbow artwork with our friends in Nursery 2. We have also been



enjoying stories about "Elmer the Elephant" and his friends.



Nursery 2 This week we have enjoyed exploring the great outdoors looking for things that

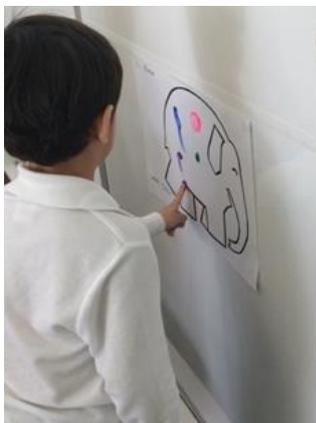
are green. We have been counting frogs jumping into the water and writing sentences using Clicker to go with the story "Brown Bear Brown Bear".



Whitelow 1 This week in Whitelow 1 we have been exploring the artist Keith Haring and painting pictures using his artistic style. We have enjoyed mixing colours and spinning them around to make a swirly world pattern. We placed photographs of our friends around our Whitelow 1 world.



Whitelow 2 In Whitelow 2 this week we are still really enjoying all our "Elmer " activities, including using PECS symbols to ask for and use the colours that we want to finger paint our elephants. In Music we listened to the different rhythms in our names and made loud and quiet noises. In Write Dance the children have all been making wonderful writing shapes that match the words in the Write Dance songs.



Another lovely week boys, well done.



Redvales 1 have been extremely busy this week. We have made delicious scones for afternoon tea to continue with our "Mary Poppins" theme. In Art we made lion masks then had a parade to show off our masks. We have thoroughly enjoyed finding insects in gloop during our Write Dance lesson. For our Geography this week we have made a sensory map of our favourite places in school.



Redvales 2 We have had a fun week making weather sounds! We explored lots of instruments to try and make "rain" and "thunder" sounds.



We found the boom whackers were great for the loud cracks of thunder. We also had fun making our own

"rain tubes" using tubes, rice and decorating them.



Redvales 3 This week we have been practising our archery skills in P.E. lessons. We had a great time. We all demonstrated the importance of safety and good listening skills. Our teachers were really proud of how well we behaved.



Redvales 4 This week in maths we have been learning to sequence and match socks, wellies and bears! We have become authors in English, writing our own farmyard book and excelled in our SALT targets. Here is Ayaan working really hard on his fine motor and concentration skills. *GO AYAAN!*



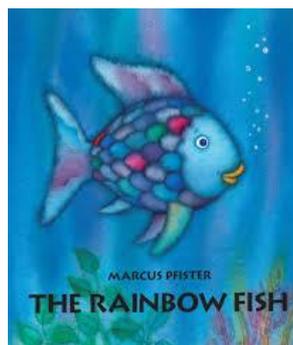
Redvales 5 We have had a fantastic week in English, looking at the story "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly". We have even turned into authors and created our very own sensory books! We have also had a great time in PSHE learning about doing jobs and earning our own money. We have been so sensible and helpful around the classroom completing jobs and gaining a reward, ready to go to the shop.



Redvales 6 have had another wonderful week! In Science we undertook an explorative walk around school looking at different materials and their properties. Alexandra particularly enjoyed the sound of the tin! In maths we had lots of fun exploring a range of tactile objects and looked at ways of placing them in and out of different containers, for example using our hands, funnels and jugs.



Irwell 1 This week we have been looking at the story of "The Rainbow Fish". We learned how happy the Rainbow Fish was when he shared with his friends so we all took turns to give out some treats to our friends before we had a treat for ourselves.



Irwell 2 This week in Irwell 2 we have been working on geography looking at Arctic animals. We enjoyed dressing up to see what being warm and having fur was like for them.



Irwell 3 In our Topic work this week we have been doing History and learning about the Ancient Greeks. We learnt where Greece was and a bit about their building and clothes. We made an Ancient Greek vase out of clay, made a laurel wreath hat and dressed up in a toga. We also buried for Greek treasure in the sand! It was so much fun!



Irwell 5 have been really busy this week. We have been learning about capacity and volume in maths. In science we have been learning more about light through experimenting in the light room.



Irwell 4 Over the last week we have made a mermaid's tail for our mythical creature, set up a water cycle experiment, written about "The boy who cried wolf" and looked at the materials the "Three Little Pigs" made their houses from. We used shredded paper instead of straw and we blew the houses down! Once we finished our lesson we chose to play with the paper as our reward ... it was a really fun time!

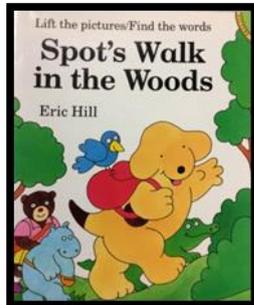


Irwell 6 share our Art work Here is Simon and Lewis with their completed 3D art work! What do you think?

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LITERACY AND NUMERACY FUN



Redvales 2 have been using the story "Spot's Walk in the Woods" as a basis for their Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Saif and Mia loved getting wet as Spot approached the river and Steven identified a bird from the sound it makes.

Lenny and Daniel have been using Clicker to extend their writing by joining sentences and ideas together. Both boys recalled the main events from "A Day Out" and then independently tried to retell the story on the iPad.



Best wishes
Helen Chadwick
Headteacher

