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Willow Class Newsletter

Anti Bullying Week

We have had a good two weeks back at school. Apologies for the lack of newsletter last week.

The children have enjoyed a slight adaptation to our timetable to incorporate more practical activities and continuous and enhanced provision into our Maths sessions inline with how our English sessions have been running. This structure gives the TAs and me more focussed group time with each of the children and allows group work to be set at a level appropriate to each group. Last week in English the children enjoyed creating marble runs to get a huge dragon egg down a mountain in one piece. We used guttering, bamboo poles and cardboard tubes to create a collaborative outdoor run and in the classroom the children worked together to create smaller versions. During this time all children also wrote instructions for teaching Professor Klunk's dragon Hubert how to fly – all inspired by the picture book – The Egg.

In maths we consolidated addition using 2-digit number skills both in focussed teacher led groups and in practical resource-based activities and a number hunt outside.

In Science we are starting to look at Materials and last week investigated which material was the most absorbent. This was great fun. This week we are going to continue the egg theme by seeing which materials will protect an egg!

The children enjoyed an afternoon play session in Mike's Meadow and in PE we are learning throwing, hitting and fielding skills and starting to look at gymnastics. PE is now Tuesday as before, but our second session is now Friday.

The next new initiative we are introducing into Year 2 (along with the rest of KS1) is Play Projects. I will be starting one or two sessions a week of play based learning inspired by Greg Botterill (Drawing Club and Curious Quests). Some sessions are structured around a topic such as science or history. Others are more child led and based on their interests. However, to run these sessions well we are going to need access to some junk modelling resources. If you have any cardboard boxes, tubes or other 'junk' available before recycling day – we could make good use of it!

We are also looking at Anti Bullying this week with Anti Bullying Week being a whole school focus.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Alison, Beth, Julia and Natalie

Teacher's Awards

Last week

Caspian and Agnes

were awarded the Teacher's Awards

Homework

Reading - we will send home a decodable book on Monday and Thursday. Please read these with your child focussing on their use of sounding words they do not know. Remember to record in the reading record book when you read with your child. Times Table Rockstars is a great way to practise times tables so do log in and have a go with your child. Please help your child to learn the lines they have in the Christmas play if applicable. I have given them the full scripts so that they can also see what is said before their lines, so they know when to say them!

Dates:-
Monday – Mike's Meadow playtime and Science
Friday and Tuesday – PE