

Cedar Weekly Review

Week Ending 6th March

NOTES FROM THE TEACHER

The children have been exposed to a fabulous array of musical experiences and activities this week, with workshops run by visitors every day as well as the opportunity to learn about different instruments and create their own using our accumulated junk. Even my tuba made it into school and the children had a go and playing some brass instruments – I hope Class Rosewood will forgive us soon! We have all had a great time, and it has been lovely to see the children so enthused and learning so much about music.

Parent consultations will be taking place this half term and I hope you have received a letter for choosing times. I look forward to discussing your child's progress with you then.

Mr Edwards

English

In English this week the children have been learning, preparing, performing and writing poetry. We thought about how poetry is similar to music with its rhythms and rhymes and the children listened and described the rhythmical structure of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* before performing it themselves in groups to the class. We next went on to look at a few other poems, analysing the patterns in the numbers of syllables on each line and thinking about their rhyme structure. The children then used their newly-made junk percussion instruments to add interesting rhythms to the poem. Finally, we read and reflected on the poem *Yes*, by Adrian Mitchell, before heading out to the Nature Reserve to create our own versions. I have been very impressed by the creativity and sensitivity of the children's poetry this week.

Maths

The children have been applying their calculation skills this week to different problems. They have practised using written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication, using the inverse operation to help them check their answers and revising different vocabulary and phrasing of calculation questions. The children then used their skills to tackle tricky problems involving more than one step using different mathematical operations.

Science

We have begun our new Science unit of Light by learning about the Earth and Sun, and why it is that we can see daylight during the day but not at night. We also looked at a model to observe why eclipses happen when the Earth is in the Moon's shadow and the children learned how light travels in straight lines from a source.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BSA Film Afternoon – 3rd March
Cedar Class Assembly – 6th March
Parent Consultations – 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th March
Class Trip – 11th March
Mother's Day Gift Shop – 12th March
Easter Activity Morning – 26th March
Easter Assembly – 27th March

HOMEWORK

MATHS: Children are learning to solve word problems and use the inverse operation to check their calculations.

ENGLISH: Children practised comprehension skills and learned about the orchestra.

Spellings: Prefixes anti- and ex-.

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