

Summer Term Newsletter

31st May 2012



Hazel

This has been another busy and hugely enjoyable half term with the children in Class Hazel. The enrichment curriculum has been filled with many Olympic based activities which have really engaged the children. It promises to be equally busy next half term.

We look forward to seeing you all back and ready to go on Monday 11th June 2012.

Mrs Seymour and Mrs Daniels ☺



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Jubilee Week



The children have had a fun filled Jubilee themed week with a range of activities. They have created their own Jubilee hats and ties for our garden tea party, designed their own Jubilee stamp as well as writing Jubilee poetry. The children also enjoyed some Royal Maths based on the book 'The Queens Knickers'.



RE - Judaism



Making a challot - the bread presented on the Shabbat table

Our focus in RE this term has been on the Jewish faith. The children have been very respectful when talking about other people's beliefs and have enjoyed finding out about particular aspects of this religion. The children were able to tackle some of the questions the children asked comparing Jewish traditions with those of the Christian faith.

Literacy

In literacy the children have enjoyed writing their own creative stories based on the story 'Katie goes to London'. The children adapted the story, changing the characters and places that were visited using a story plan. They then went on to write their own stories using this as a guide. We have been very impressed with the high quality of writing the children have produced. Another creative writing activity that the children enjoyed was to continue a story about a special fossil. The children were asked to imagine they had found an interesting looking stone in the woods that they thought may be a fossil. They then had to write about a change that happened either to them, the fossil or the place they were in. It was lovely to read so many unique and interesting ideas.

Numeracy



Sorting objects collected by set criteria

We have continued to develop the children's numeracy skills in all areas of mathematics. The children have worked particularly hard on identifying the operations needed to work out answers to word problems. We have been reinforcing to the children the importance of showing their workings when attempting to solve word problems. They are now much better at doing so and as a result have been answering questions more accurately.

Olympic



Topic



Pendleton

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Keatings

Adlington

We started the summer term with a very exciting opening ceremony organised by Mrs Field, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. As you can see in the photos above, the children all designed a flag and paraded around the field with other children who were in the same team from all of the year groups.



Children showing change of pitch on a range of instruments.

We have continued to research more aspects of the Olympics with the children using our geography skills to find countries on the map that have hosted previous Olympics. We have also composed music to represent an Olympic sport. The children have focused on the ways in which they demonstrate the Olympic and Paralympic values in school and many children have been excited to receive merits to celebrate these values. The children will be watching the scores very closely to see which team has the most points by the end of term.

Homework

Thank you so much for your support with homework this half term.

The fantastic Olympic mascots have now been safely returned home after being displayed in the classroom and main entrance.

Our recent Jubilee-themed art activities are currently decorating the classroom.

 Thank you also for your hard work testing your child's mental maths skills this half term. Karen works very hard to test the children on Thursday afternoons and is always impressed with how hard the children try. They are all doing extremely well and have lots of stamps and stickers in their books!

Notices

- Please ensure your child brings their PE kit and a pair of trainers/plimsolls back into school after half term ready for PE sessions.
- Now the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has a sun hat and you apply sun cream before they come to school each day to ensure they are well protected from the sun.
- Water bottles are also essential to have in school in this hot weather. Please ensure your child's bottle is clearly named and contains water only.

Have a lovely half term!