

Dolphins Class
Spring Half Term

Newsletter



What's is all about?

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019! This edition is brought to you by Dolphins class. This half term we would like to share with you all that we have been learning in our class. There has also been lots of other fantastic learning happening across the school. Want to know more? Read on...



What have Dolphins been learning this half term?

What is Olaf's home like?

This half term we have been asking the question 'Where would Olaf like to live?' We investigated the geography of Arendelle, the fictional place used for the film Frozen, based on the landscapes of Norway.

We then hopped on board our cruise ship and travelled down the Sognefjord. We looked out of the port holes and could see snow and ice, waterfalls, mountains and even the Northern lights! We discovered that Olaf would like to live anywhere very north or very south of the Earth as that is where the temperature is the coldest.





We have been using Google Earth to help us locate our home and cold places such as Norway and the Antarctic. Turtles class were experts in using Google Earth, so they helped us find what we were looking for. We also watched lots of videos on Espresso. We particularly enjoyed the news story about China's Ice festival. Check out Dolphins class page on the school website to take a look.



Active learning with Mr Dailey

Mr Dailey has been into school every Tuesday for our 'Active Learning' sessions. So far, we have been extreme reading, using Kung Fu Punctuation, practising our spellings and counting in 2s 5s and 10s. All of our activities involve moving our bodies, raising the heart rate and team work. We all have great fun!



Hi eeeee!

Ha!



Superhero day

We dressed as Superheroes for the day! We made Superheroes top trumps and played with cards. We also wrote facts about Superheroes and thought what super powers we would like to have and what we would do if they had those powers. Check out our superhero costumes.



Brrr...it's cold outside!

This half term we had some snow at school! Mrs Andrews thought we might like a cup of hot chocolate to help keep us warm.

It was delicious!



Science



In science, we are learning about how and why the length of days changes over the year. We are taking photos to record our evidence. We investigated shadows as well.

Art

Take a look at our artwork. We have been mixing primary colours to make secondary colours. We created our own colour wheels. We have also been looking at the work of Kandinsky and Mondrian.



Maths and Literacy



This term in maths we have been learning about place value of tens and ones and identifying number patterns. In literacy, we have created poems in partners, written questions to ask Goldilocks about her break in to the three bears house and we have recited a poem, nursery rhyme or song of our choice to the rest of the class.



What else has been going on in school?

Whales come to Milborne!

If you peeped through the door into the hall on Thursday 10th January, you would have been surprised to see a dolphin and porpoise relaxing on the floor. I know all of the pupils were very surprised when they were invited in to whale workshops throughout the day... luckily the two cetaceans were life size plastic models!



The workshops were led by Anna from Orca (a group that work to protect whales and dolphins and their environments.) We all learnt a lot of interesting facts about these beautiful and varied creatures. Children were able to handle and investigate the model jaws and found out a lot about the teeth and feeding habits of the many different species.



"It feels like fingernails!"

Models of teeth and touching a baleen plate.

Year 1 investigating the jaw of a dolphin.

Year 2s were most impressed by the fact that a blue whale would be the same length as all 22 pupils and 2 adults lying head to toe! (33m.) We fitted around 3 sides of the hall!

We found out about the dangers that whales and dolphins face from mankind. Oil spills, noise pollution, over fishing and pollution. Over 80% of the litter in the ocean is plastic, that does not break down.



Children were so concerned about this that they immediately (and independently) organised a playtime litter club to collect any litter at school before it could be blown or washed into the stream. How wonderful to see such commitment to a cause that they took action in whatever way they could immediately.

Seahorses Class

Seahorses read the book 'Stick Man' by Miss Wittman's favourite author, Julia Donaldson. This gave us an idea.... We went on a walk around the school grounds to find a stick friend before heading into the wildlife area. We used string to create hair, by tying knots. What a tricky task but we persevered and created our own paintbrush. Next step mud painting!



Turtles Class

Turtles have been working really hard in literacy and writing some 2A sentences. (Sentences using two adjectives). Here are some examples:

'Emma turned into a brave, caring superhero!' By Darcie

'My beautiful, quiet cat has escaped.' By Martha S

'They found a sparkling, glistening gem.' By Jemima.

'By midnight, she was a brave, intelligent superhero!' By Reuben.

In RE, Dolphins and Turtles have been learning about Muslim prayer.

Did you know that Muslims pray five times a day? They wash themselves before they pray and everywhere has to be very clean. They have a special prayer mat. We have been learning the different parts of the Salat Prayer Ritual.

Puffins Class



We have been making our own smoothies in puffins Class. We conducted our own market research, designed our own brand and then created our own smoothies!



An interview with Mrs. Gough

This term we are very happy to welcome back Mrs. Gough to Turtles Class. As we have been learning how to write questions in our literacy lessons, we decided to ask Mrs Gough some questions.

1. How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 11 years.

2. What days do you teach at school?

I teach on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

3. What lessons do you enjoy teaching the most?

I enjoy teaching literacy the most.

4. What is your favourite food?

Roast dinner with Yorkshire pudding! Mmmmm.

5. Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy running and watching films with my family.

6. What is your favourite colour?

My favourite colour is purple.

7. Do you have any children?

Yes, I have two children, their names are Poppy and Thomas.



Thank you for answering our questions Mrs Gough.

Fun Run



We have rebranded our 'Walk and Talk' sessions. We now call it the Fun Run. We complete the Fun Run three times a week before we start our lessons. It helps us feel ready and energised for our day. We try and run around the playground as many times as we can, trying not to stop!



Thank you for reading our half term newsletter.

We hope you all have a fun half term break.