



Hercules Class Newsletter End of Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

This may have been a short term, but what an incredibly busy term we have had!

The children had a great morning at the Abbeyfield 'Dinosaur Egg Hunt' where they played a wide variety of games. A big thank you to the parents who were able to help.

They really enjoyed sharing our VE day celebrations with you all and especially enjoyed the ice-creams and playing with their Red Arrow aeroplanes.

This term the topic has been about 'People Who Help Us'. The children became firefighters, doctors, nursers and vets to name but a few of the people who help us. They have been banaging broken arms and legs in their hospital role play area, caring for injured animals and even rescuing animals stuck on top of buildings in their outdoor area.

The children are becoming more and more confident with their reading and writing. They have particularly enjoyed the story of the Gingerbread Man, using repetitive phrases from the story to write sentences.

We were able to use the story as an opportunity to talk about stranger danger, with the children suggesting ways the Gingerbread Man could stay safe.

The children also discovered they could be engineers like Isambard Kingdom Brunel, by building bridges over the river so the Gingerbread Man would not be eaten by the sly fox.

In maths they have been securing number to 10. They have also been exploring numbers beyond ten to 20. The children are becoming excellent mathematicians and are able to identify, for example, 14 is made of ten and four. They have also explored 'double', recognising, for example, 6 is made of 3 and 3.

In our PE lessons we were focusing on throwing and catching and kicking balls. It has been lovely to watch their co-ordination improve as they learn to master these skills.

Finally, they became budding artists, creating their own works of art in the style of Henri Matisse.

We are still continuing to develop the sensory garden in the early years outdoor area, which the children are loving. We would still welcome donations of small flowering plants and small ornamental grasses.

If you have any small garden ornaments or wind chimes that you no longer need, we would gratefully receive those too!

Next term we are learning about 'Food Glorious Food'. We will continue to build on the skills the children are developing, and start to prepare them for their transition into year 1!

Enjoy half term and we will see you again in Term 6, which we are anticipating will be another very busy term!

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Miss Degville*

