

The Chestnut Chronicle

Chestnut class has had a wonderful half-term. As always, they have continued to thrive with their learning through Forest Schools. This enables them to develop their in-class learning in the natural world.



A particular highlight was the Gymnastics Festival at Test Valley School. Every child had an amazing time. They listened and attended brilliantly and took to every activity with a

courageous attitude. All of Chestnuts performed their routine with ease and made sure to give the judges a big smile at the end. Well done!

In English this half-term, we have been exploring different texts by Alexis Deacon. It has been so nice to hear the children referencing Beegu throughout the day. They have learnt to incorporate even more language techniques into their writing and retelling of stories. They also completed their big write by writing to Beegu and encouraging her to visit again. The children loved the idea that they could become part of the story. We then moved onto reading 'I am Henry Finch'. The class became very quickly acquainted with Henry and enjoyed listening to how he learnt to think and how he saved all his friends from the scary Beast. We developed our writing techniques to include similes and conjunctions in our sentences. To develop our understanding



of the story, we created leaflets focused on Henry Finch and how he can stay calm.



Our Maths lessons started by continuing to develop and deepen our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. They applied this knowledge through a Maths Scavenger Hunt which led them on a trail on maths problems through the class and into the outdoor area. We then incorporated measurement into our lessons; learning about time, fractions and mass. It was lovely to watch the children independently recognising the time on the clock in class.

Our focus this half-term has been History and 'Transport through the Ages'. It has allowed us to apply a range of historical skills and introduced the children to how transport has vastly changed in the last 100 years. Everyone is so excited for our trip to Beaulieu and to extend our knowledge and reasoning to the exhibitions and cars there.

Finally, our concept in RE this term was 'Remembering', where we explored the event of Passover in the Jewish faith. The children listened to the story of Passover, being particularly fascinated by the ten plagues, and recalled it remarkably well. We spoke about what remembering means and why it is important to remember special events and special people in our own lives. We then discussed why it is important for Jewish people to remember Passover and created connections through this.