Blossom Nursery's Learning Week



This week in Blossom, we started our new story, I Can Do It Too! By Karen Baicker. The story follows a little girl who loves joining in and showing that she can do things too! It has been lovely encouraging our children to have a go at new experiences and discover what they can do for themselves.
The children enjoyed exploring bolts and screws, twisting and turning them to see how they work. We also got creative with Lego painting, using the bricks to make different prints and patterns.

Our colour of the week is blue, so we made blue playdough! We also had great fun exploring corn flour! The children loved getting their hands stuck in, squeezing, squishing and watching how the mixture changed from runny to firm as they played. There were lots of curious little faces as they experimented with this unusual texture! We heard lots of lovely comments such as "It's sticky!", "It's dripping!", "It's runny!", "Look!" and "More!" This was a lovely way to explore through our senses, discover cause and effect and learn new describing words.

Just like the little girl in our story, we're learning that it's good to have a go, try something new and be proud of what we can do. Every little achievement deserves a cheer!

Catkin Nursery's Learning Week

This week the children have been learning lots about autumn. We used the book 'Leaf Man' as inspiration for creating our own leaf people using many different coloured leaves from the garden.

We also created a giant collage using leaves and even had a go at threading leaves together to make some decorations! We thought about things we see and feel in autumn, including nuts and seeds, the wind and rain, the cold and the darkness.

We started to talk about what animals get up to in the autumn, but more on that next week!



Reception's Learning Week



This week in Reception, we transformed our role play area into a castle! The children helped by painting cardboard grey to make the castle walls and creating stained glass windows with water colours. They enjoyed dressing up as royalty and knights and acting out scenes from our story *George and the Dragon* by Chris Wormell.

We looked at photos of some of the castles in England and talked about the fact that they were built hundreds of years ago by Kings and Queens and other noblemen. The especially enjoyed learning about knights and were keen to make their own swords and design a coat of arms for their shield.

In phonics, we learned the new sounds z, qu and ch and practised reading plural words ending in s (cats, runs).
In maths, we focused on counting and then subitising the numbers 4 and 5. The children are learning to recognise different arrangements of these small amounts without counting.

Year One's Learning Week

Art: Plasticine Printing

This week, we became printmakers! We pressed leaves into plasticine to create impressions, then used ink to transfer our designs onto paper.

We discovered that making a clear print takes just the right amount of ink, a little pressure and a steady hand. After some trial and error, we all managed to produce one perfect and rather beautiful leaf print!

Apologies for the rather inky hands that came home! A certain adult managed to get even messier than the children. I've since discovered that a little baby oil can help remove stubborn ink. Useful information I wish I'd had *before* the lesson!



Year Two's Learning Week











What a week it has been in Year 2!

This week, the children took part in their very first assessment week, and the Year 2 team could not be prouder! We have been so impressed by the amount of hard work, dedication and determination everyone has shown. The children have been practising and completing their very own grown-up Year 2 reading comprehension and maths papers, sitting quietly, concentrating carefully and showing just how much they have learnt. They have really risen to the challenge, and we are incredibly proud of them!

Of course, all that hard work means there has also been plenty of time for fun! Alongside practising for our Christmas show, we have enjoyed lots of extra choosing time, creative activities, games and opportunities to play together.

It has been lovely to see the children balancing their learning with all the excitement of the festive season. They have shown us how grown up, independent and resilient they are becoming.

Well done, Year 2! You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Year Three's Learning Week

This week, Year 3 have been hard at work. In **English**, they have planned and written a character description of the villainous **Raven Queen**, using lots of prepositions and exciting vocabulary. In **Maths**, they have been subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers with **exchange** and even solving some tricky word problems.

In **Computing**, we have continued with our learning on **Scratch**, a coding website, and we have had loads of fun programming different sprite movements and sounds.

Spellings for next week →





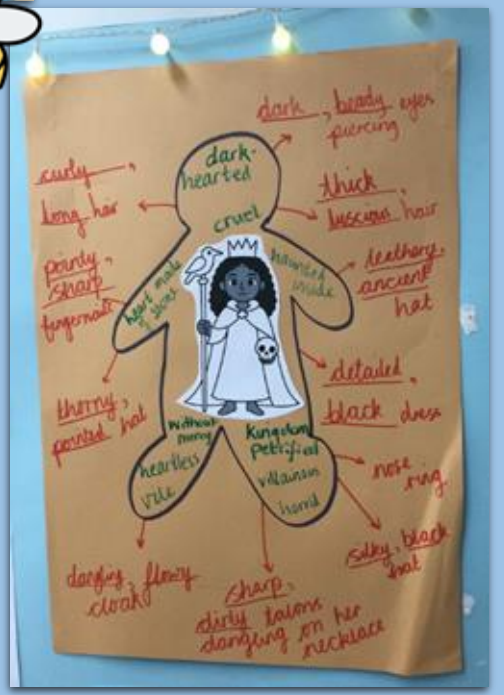




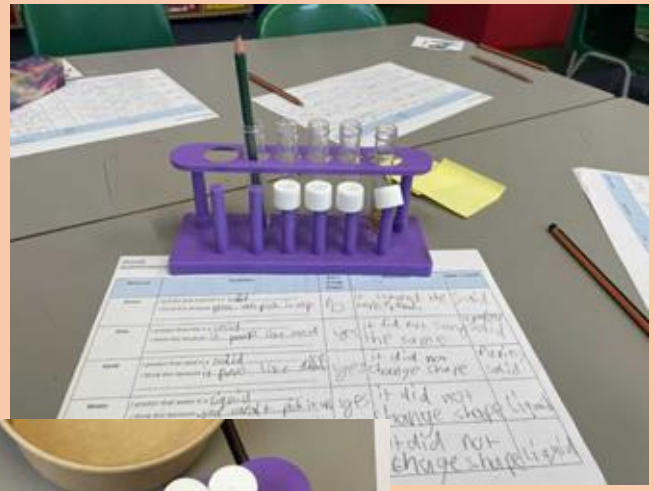








Year Four's Learning Week





This week in Year 4, the children have worked even harder than usual, and have now completed their assessments for the Autumn term. We are so proud of them, and they should be very pleased with themselves.

In English, the children have been focussing on the difference between similes and metaphors, and used this knowledge to plan and write poems about a terrible storm which takes place during *Julius Caesar.*

In Science, Year 4 have been learning about states of matter, and both classes conducted an experiment: **Is everything that pours a liquid?** The children carefully poured both liquids and pouring solids from test tubes, and made observations about what they saw. Please do ask your child what they discovered!

Year Five's Learning Week

This week in Year 5 the children wrote some fantastic jungle setting descriptions. In maths, we have been exploring improper fractions and mixed numbers, applying our understanding to challenge questions. In history, the children have been enjoying learning about the Maya civilisation. We explored their farming methods and diet and the children showed lots of curiosity, asking interesting questions. Did you know that the ancient Maya used cacao beans to make bitter chocolate and also used the beans as a form of money? In art, the children have been exploring monotype printing techniques and the artist Kevork Mourad.







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possible	dependable	terrible	enjoyable	comfortable

Year Six's Learning Week





This week, the children have taken part in a workshop called ‘Money Ready’ whose purpose is to build a financially fluent population where everyone can understand and manage their money with confidence.

This meant the children learnt about investments, pension and inflation all the while playing in a trading game. The children learnt about some of the risks associated with investments and how local and global events can affect the prices of products and stocks.

In art, we have been learning about Frank Shepard Fairey, an activism artist. We have been creating the background to some of our art in coming weeks using printed paper and symbols.