

Reception Class Learning Blog – Spring Term – Week 7

Friday 24th February 2023

We welcome Miss Ingleby to the team. We hope you have lots of fun learning with us!

This week, we welcomed back the class to our Enrichment week, #We are all musicians. We focused on the Trepak from the Nutcracker Suite. Throughout the week, we have been learning about recognising and keeping in time to a rhythm, what a rest looks like in music and that it means to briefly pause. We have also been using body percussion and untuned instruments to play the rhythm of the Trepak – 1/ rest/ 3 and 4.

We had the privilege of working with Fred, the Samba musician who spoke to us about Brazil and the carnival in Rio de Janeiro. We learnt that the Brazilian flag is made of colours linked to nature – green for the Amazon forest, yellow to represent the sandy beaches and blue for the sea and the sky. We also got to try playing the samba drums, shakers and tambours. Do look out for this on Tapestry next week.

When we got back to class, we recreated our own carnival using the untuned instruments and dancing scarves.

The week culminated with the class performing a scarf dance to the whole school based on our focus piece of music. They had learnt this during their music lesson with Mrs Craven.

In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes. We learnt that 3D shapes are solid and stand up by themselves. We learnt the shapes names – cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, sphere, prism and square based pyramid. We also discussed the properties of the shapes and used 2D shapes words and our new vocabulary, ‘faces’ to describe what we could see. We also identified everyday objects that looked like the shapes and explained why.

Our Show and Tell arrangements have changed for this term. To ensure that all children get quality time to share their items and information, each group will have a designated day to present. The dates for this half term are as follows:

Monday 27th February: Butterflies

Monday 6th March: Honey Bees

Monday 13th March: Orchids

Monday 20th March: Red Kites

Monday 27th March: Woodpeckers

This will give the children an opportunity to practise their speaking and listening skills, as well as building their confidence to speak in front of an audience and asking further questions.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ Aydin, for always making a real effort with his listening in class.
- ❖ Jenson, for his excellent listening skills in phonics.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Imogen, for working hard on her writing at home.

Well done Reception Class! Have a lovely weekend everybody.

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby