



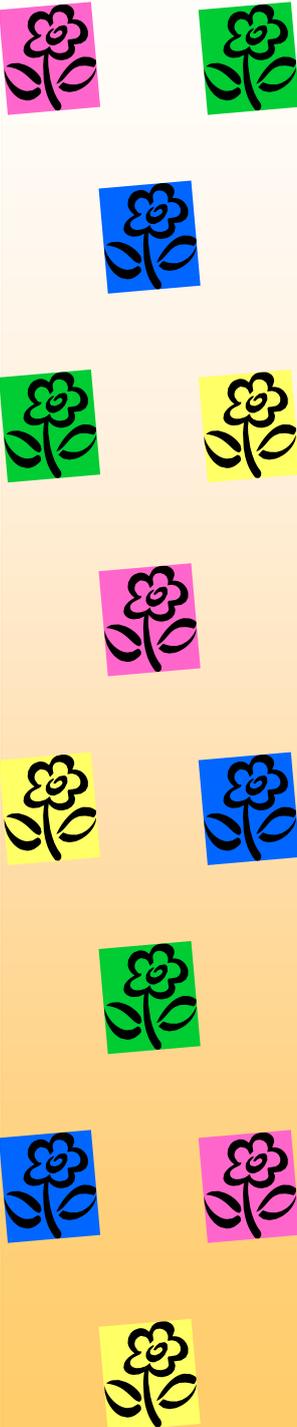
Carlton Digby



Maths Week at Carlton Digby School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2019



Welcome to the spring newsletter



As usual, we have had a busy term in school. You will see from the class pages that there has been a lot going on. We have had activity weeks in science and mathematics and a number of themed charity days (which caused fancy dress and fun across the school). Having the chicks in school was exciting for everyone and some of us were lucky enough to see the chicks hatching. 🐣🐣🐣

We have three new pupils who started in school this term: welcome, Ruby, Jake and Lilly. We have said, 'goodbye, good luck and thank you' to Laura who left school at half term.

Thank you for all your contributions and donations to school and other charities, we really appreciate them.

We have bought a defibrillator for school from one donation and with support from Carlton Digby Friends- Thank you. Carlton Digby Friends continues to provide fun activities and fundraisers for school and there will be another evening family disco before the end of term. If you have an interest in joining our fundraising group, please contact Rachel Eyre at school.

We have received donations of Easter eggs for each child from QMC Circle who are also fundraising for our sensory room, which is in need of replacement.

School have bought a range of new PE equipment to support learning and physical activity, which I am sure everyone will be eager to use.

As the weather begins to change and the nights are getting lighter, I hope you enjoy the Easter break. Thanks, as always, for your continued support.



Janet Spratt-Burch

Owl Class



Our chosen story for World Book Day was 'Be Brave, Little Penguin'.

The children had a fun packed day based around the story; exploring habitats, food, sounds and smells. We also made our own penguins.



Owl class really enjoyed going to see the chicks when they were in school and we named our chick 'Pip Pip'. Chicks are so eggciting!!!!!!



Kestrel Class

Welcome back, Brett. This half term has been very busy. We have continued our topic about food. We really enjoyed taking part in both science week and maths week this half term. We had a fun day dressing up for World Book Day.

I liked going into the back of the police van when they visited school.



During science week we took part in lots of exploration and experiments. We visited the chicks throughout the week. Can you find one of the chicks in the photographs?



We have been doing lots of role-play in class and have been learning the rhyme '5 Currant Buns'.

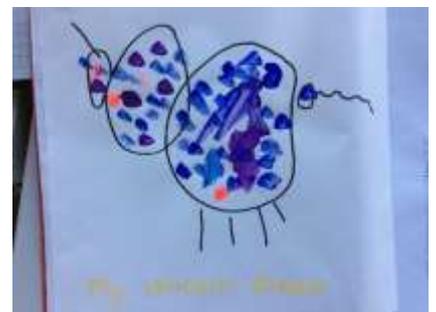
Peacock Class



We loved joining in with a drumming workshop



In science, we have been investigating keeping healthy and how animals grow. We enjoyed visiting the chicks, watching them grow and keeping a record of their journey



We made chocolate brownies for Fair Trade week

We have been ice skating and taking part in Titan travel training too.

Grace painted a beautiful picture of a unicorn she remembered from a dream.

Flamingo Class

In January, we welcomed Ruby to the class.



Our topic this term has been 'Romans'.



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English

In our English lessons, we have read stories that have been set during the Roman times. We went to Conkers for a Roman themed day.



Maths

In mathematics, we have been creating patterns and measuring length, capacity and weights.



Our science topic has made us investigate keeping healthy and how animals grow. We really enjoyed watching the eggs hatch and caring for the chicks



Science



We have been swimming, to Forest Schools, TITAN travel training and enjoyed celebrating our friend's birthday!



Dove Class

In Dove class, we have taken part in lots of fun activities and some workshops too. Our topic has been about the Romans and we made our own shields in design technology. We have been writing stories for our English work and thoroughly enjoyed making some sensory shape books during maths week.

Seeing the chicks hatch and grow in science week was very exciting (and we only got pooped on once or twice). We have been making boats and testing how many cubes they would hold and building bridges to test their strength to earn our science Crest award.



Our Roman day at 'Conkers' was fabulous and we were able to pretend to be Roman soldiers in battle! We made mosaics and even met Boudicca!

We experimented with newspapers to make structures that we could sit in! It was hard work and involved getting our hands dirty but we used our knowledge of shapes to help us build big, strong structures.



Our class focused on the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' for World Book Day and we made our very own Gerald the Giraffe! Gerald came to life with the fantastic creativity and teamwork from all of Dove class.

Hawk Class



In Hawk class this term, we have enjoyed maths week and science week. We enjoyed creating giant bubbles and creating our own fun bubble snakes.



It has been good to visit the chicks in school and watch them grow.



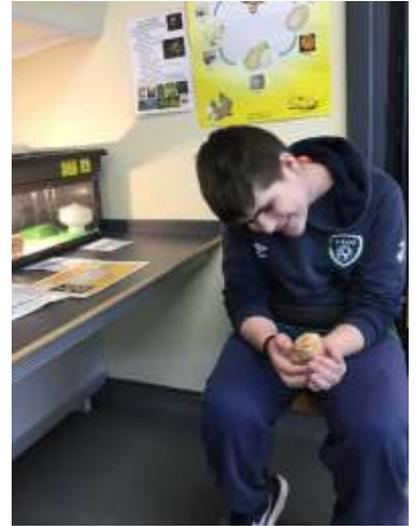
We were lucky to have a brilliant drumming session by Beatfeet drumming, and were all able to take part.



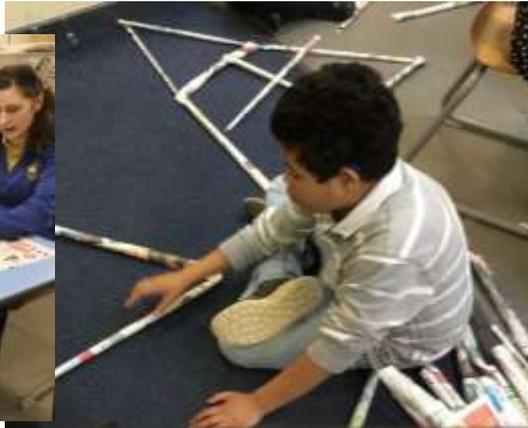
Sparrow Class



It was so good having the chicks in school for science week. We even got to see some hatching from their eggs!



The whole class got stuck in for science week and constructed a pyramid using only newspaper and tape. It was big enough to sit inside - which we all had to have a go at in the end!



For Fair Trade Week- we explored a variety of fair trade products. Unfortunately, a certain staff member burnt the chocolate we were meant to melt and cook with - oh no! 😞



Eagle Class

We've been busy in science week; making slime, investigating how far a sneeze travels and debating the use of plastics.



We've been looking at angles, multiplication and construction in maths week.



Our enterprise project and careers related learning are going well. We sold forty-seven pancakes and are preparing for the Easter sale.



Art and Design Technology

In lower primary our art topic has been about Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Pupils have enjoyed making prints on paper using paint and fruit, colouring pictures and a sensory story where they have had the opportunity to explore fruit whilst going shopping.



In design technology this term some pupils have made Roman shields. They learned about the features of a traditional Roman shield then designed and made their own.



In upper primary the topic has been Cath Kidston. Pupils have explored the work of Cath Kidston and created prints in many different ways, including prints on paper using stampers, flower printing and clay printing.



The topic in upper school was 3D art. Pupils have explored 3D art and have enjoyed making 3D flower pictures and pop up cards.



Play and Learn Spring term 2019



School based Early Years Group

Term time Monday afternoon

1.20pm-3.00pm

And Friday morning 9.30am-11.30am

Everyone welcome!

Contact Julie Witham on

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Governor Contribution to Newsletter Spring 2019

It was a pleasure to meet a number of you again at Parents' Evening and to hear such lovely comments about the school and how well your children are responding! I am pleased to inform you that Kevin Harrison is your new parent governor and I look forward to welcoming him to our next meeting. All governors have to undergo induction training and I hope that Kevin will be able to do this during the summer term.

The governors have met formally on two occasions this term to discuss the business of the school. We received a very positive termly report from the head teacher and were able to question her about a number of matters. From answers provided, the governors felt confident that the children were making good progress and that their needs were being carefully considered. We believe that Carlton Digby has a good, hardworking staff who work as a team in the best interests of the children.

The staff team is well respected and a number of staff have been asked to provide training and support for other schools using their expertise. In the last Ofsted inspection, a year ago, one of the targets was to become more outward facing in this way. The school benefits from this as staff always come back with ideas to further develop the school too.

As usual, governors have visited the school individually to carry out their roles. To give you a flavour of some of the visits since Christmas, I can report that there has been a health and safety inspection, which John Hodgson and Loretta Ryland completed with the head teacher. Nikki Wright met with the head teacher again regarding health provision and there is continuing discussion with the Local Authority to raise awareness of the issues. Special schools in the area work together on this major priority. The governors continue to monitor the school budget and John Hodgson has met with Loretta Ryland, our business manager to discuss the budget. Loretta reports regularly to the full governing body. Teresa Stead visited school to discuss Transitions with Tricia Lebetter and the governors received a report on the core subjects.

Following the parent survey in the summer, it was brought to our attention that some parents were unclear about homework. I understand from Naomi Boulter that this matter is in hand and is being addressed by the staff.

As usual, please do get in touch with me or any of the other governors if you have any matters you wish to discuss. You also have a new parent governor, Kevin, as well as Dani Kane who regularly attends school functions.

Finally, do keep your eye on the school website. Governor roles and responsibilities are posted there.



Best wishes,
Judith Lee
Chair of Governors

Carlton Digby's Fundraising during the Spring Term 2019

Christmas Jumper Day	£44.20
Red Nose Day	£89.00 (to date)

Donations Received during the Spring Term 2019

Christmas Market	£47.62
Christmas Concert/Nativity	£126.50
Danceathon	£45.00
Donation	£10.00
Donation from Parent (Mrs Whitlam)	£5.00
Donation from Parents (Mr and Mrs Stocks)	£200.00
H Tempest (Photographer)	£106.79
Donation received in kind re funeral for Frank Edward Lewis	£313.40

Events Diary

Date	Title	Details
23.04.19	Pupils Return to School (Tuesday)	
03.05.19	Inset Day (Friday)	school closed
06.05.19	Bank Holiday Monday	school closed
08.05.19	NHS Drop-in Coffee morning	9.30
13.05.19- 17.05.19	DT Challenges Week	
17.05.19	Dress as a Country Non Uniform Day	
20.05.19- 24.05.19	DT Challenges Week	
23.05.19	Dance and Wiggle	
27.05.19- 31.05.19	Half Term	school closed
03.06.19- 07.06.19	Tile Painting Week	
24.06.19- 28.06.19	Sports Week	
26.06.19	NHS Drop-in Coffee morning	9.30
08.07.19- 12.07.19	Working Life Week	
16.07.19	Sports Day	PM
19.07.19	School Show	
22.07.19	Communication Day	
23.07.19	Big Write Day	
24.07.19	End of Term Fun Day Leavers Assembly	2PM
25.07.19	Summer Holidays Start	school closed