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Swimbridge News

Welcome to our second school update. Over the past few weeks the children have been exploring the whole school theme of 'Variety Of Life'. In each class the children's learning has focussed around a specific class theme. The children have been creating a range of fantastic learning to display and celebrate their outcomes and achievements. We would love to share our learning with you and especially our learning environment, which gives you an opportunity to virtually see inside the school building, until such times that we welcome you back inside.

Adventurers and Discoverers.

The children in lower school have been exploring the theme 'Marvellous Me'.

The Adventurers have been learning about Marvellous Me. They have been discovering similarities and differences between themselves and others using observational skills and through asking each other questions. They have been using the thinking routine 'I see, I think, I wonder' when looking at baby photos and revealing who is who as we discussed how the children have changed over time. The children have been thinking about both physical changes and changes in their abilities. We have also been learning about autumn. We have again used our observational skills to notice changes in the world around us and incorporated this into our writing and art work. One of our main focusses this term has been on speaking and listening skills and it has been lovely to hear the children expressing themselves more confidently with each other.

Discoverers have shared lots about themselves and why they are amazing, to start our Marvellous Me topic this term. This then morphed into Marvellous Me and My Marvellous Body; which we have focussed on in Science and Art and Design. The children are getting to know body parts and linking them to their senses well. We have represented our bodies and ourselves in many forms (salt dough, abstract art, fruit and vegetables, to name a few!) The children have also created impressive and varied art portraits, showing great improvement in colour, form and shape with our sketching and painting. Discoverers are showing that they have remembered their learning behaviours and come back to school with a super growth mindset, building on good collaboration skills and working hard to improve in their learning.

Explorers

Explorers have been enjoying learning about the rainforest. They have looked at and identified where in the world Rainforests can be found and what the climate is like. They have been debating facts about the positive and negative effects of deforestation and ways they personally can help to protect the rainforest. In science, the children have dissected flowers, learning the scientific names of the parts. They have investigated how water moves through the stem. In art we have explored some influential artists of South America, making clay monkeys inspired by Frida Kahlo and watercolour rainforests with toucan inspired by Henry Rousseau. Finally they have loved getting muddy and exploring safety in our very own 'Rainy Forest School!'

Inventors

The inventors theme for this term is 'Traders and Raiders' exploring the life and impact of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings on Britain. Children have been celebrating our literacy heritage by reading Beowulf, an Anglo-Saxon surviving text and creating their own

Year 6 children

Just a reminder that there are just over 2 weeks to go before the closing date (31st October) for secondary school applications. Please apply online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline, if you have any questions regarding the

Our school vision is to embrace the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of all.
We strive for educational excellence by supporting and developing the following values:

