



King's Academy Binfield



Dare to be Remarkable

28/01/2022

Head of Primary News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank-you to all of you for your patience and understanding this week whilst a huge number of staff members (9 in total) have been absent from KAB and KAO primary phases. We have had to make some difficult decisions including cancelling after school clubs and closing two of our classes at KAO for 2 or 3 days each. Thank you for being so understanding in your responses to the short notice changes.

The teachers and staff who have been in school have worked tirelessly all week, missing breaks and lunchtimes to support in covering the gaps where they have occurred. Please do thank your child's class teacher and other staff members for this if you get the chance. Our staff members who have been absent due to illness have also been working hard to ensure that children isolating have access to work, for which I am grateful.

We are hoping that our absent staff will return next week and that we will have a more settled few weeks. Please do bring all children to school on Monday (unless they are currently isolating) and assume that clubs are running. We will let you know in advance if there are any changes to the week.

We continue to look forward to a time when all children are in school and able to take part in all of the wonderful learning opportunities we have planned.

Best wishes,

Jacqueline Tate
Head of Primary

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Ruby

Word of the Week:

Last Week: Commotion

This week: Flock

Last week we extended the children's interest in colour mixing and provided lots of opportunities to investigate colour mixing with paint. The children showed brilliant curiosity as they selected which primary colours to mix together and used excellent language to describe what was happening. We developed this at the end of the week by using food colouring and pipettes to mix colours and make patterns on kitchen roll, it was a lot of fun!

We all thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Commotion in the Ocean' and learning about many different sea creatures. The children showed a particular interest in finding out more about clams! The children enjoyed water play and used their imagination as they played with different sea animals with their friends.

This week we have been making collage birds and painting pictures of birds to tie in with the Big School Birdwatch. We have been making bird feeders to hang up in the Nursery Garden to ensure the birds have plenty to eat during the winter and to allow us to do some bird spotting! The children have also shown excellent concentration whilst using their fine motor skills to investigate patterns with the peg boards.



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Emerald

Word of the Week:

Last week: Beloved

This Week: Twitcher

Last week we were very excited to welcome lots of pets into Emerald Class to support our learning about animals. Firstly, we met Mrs Greaves' pet tortoise Walter. Mrs Greaves taught us lots of interesting facts about tortoises! We were also lucky enough to have a visit from two of Freya's seven Chihuahuas (Tiggy and Maddie) and her Guinea Pigs Beau and Sprout and Dhilan's dog Fauji. Emerald Class loved stroking and cuddling these pets and enjoyed finding out where they originated from and finding these countries on Google Earth. On Friday, we had a visit from some more unusual pets- Mrs Baker and her son Jacob brought in a Tarantula, Frog, Stick insects and a Scorpion! I was so impressed with how many children wanted to brave holding the skin of the Tarantula! Thank you so much to everybody who brought their animals into our class- it was so kind of you and a wonderful learning experience for the children.

This week, Emerald Class are being Twitchers! We have been learning all about British Garden birds as we are joining in with the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch. The children have enjoyed learning the names of birds and identifying their bird song. They have made pattern bird kebabs and feeders to give the birds something to feast on and are looking forward to taking part in the Bird Watch on Friday afternoon. We can't wait to see which birds we spot!



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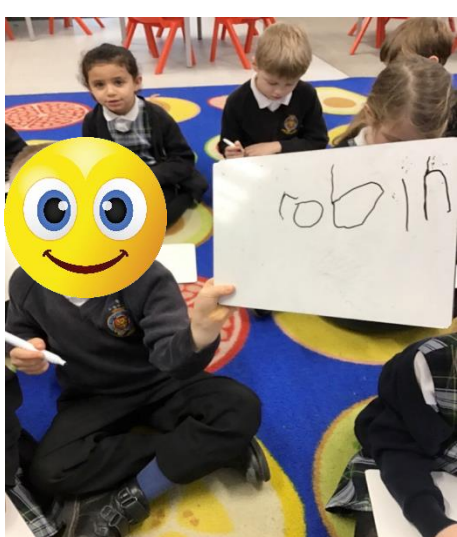
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Opal

Word of the Week:

Last week: outskirts

This week: dense

What a busy couple of weeks Opal class have had! In English, we have been reading lots of books written by Emily Gravett such as; Meerkat Mail, Tidy, Too Much Stuff and Wolves. We have really enjoyed learning about her life and choosing our favourite book to write a book review about. In Maths, the children have been getting to grips with subtraction and I have been so impressed at how they have been succeeding with this!

In Geography over the last two weeks, we have continued to learn about the continents of the world adding Asia and Africa to our bank of knowledge. In Science, we have been exploring different types of animals such as mammals, reptiles and amphibians. We even had some exciting visitors in school over the last couple of weeks! We were visited by Mrs Greaves' pet tortoise called Walter and also some extremely interesting animals including a scorpion, a tarantula and some stick insects which the children just loved to learn about!

In Art over the last two weeks, the children have been researching different habitats and designing their own shoebox habitat which we started this week by painting the background. Everyone is so excited to use different materials that we have been experimenting with to add lots of lovely details to their shoeboxes.



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Topaz

Word of the Week:

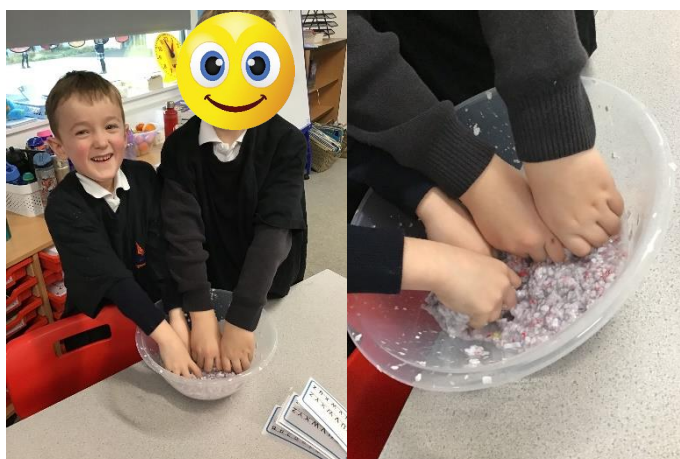
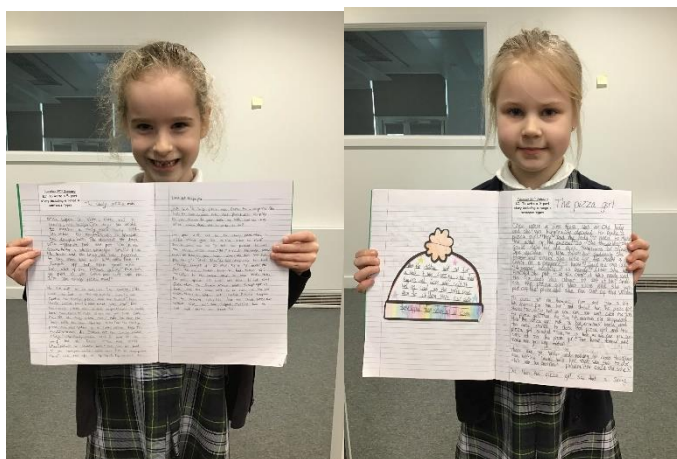
Last week: retrieval

This Week: biome

Topaz class has had another brilliant week! The children have worked hard to write their own fairy tale with a twist using The Gingerbread Man as our starting point. We have some amazing stories such as The Pizza Man who runs away from everyone but is finally eaten by a crocodile while trying to cross the river and The Cookie Dough Girl who is clever enough to cross the river, but finally gets eaten by a passing child (who bears a striking resemblance to some of our own Topaz class children).

In maths, the children have been dividing objects by 2, 5 and 10.

In science, the children have started turning old paper into new paper and learning about why this is worth doing.



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Outside Achievements

Aarya - Opal Class

Well done to Aarya for winning this amazing trophy for her Martial Arts! We are all so proud of you!



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