



Newsletter

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As part of our school improvement work , last week we were visited by our **“Challenge Partner”**, Mr Mark Lees. Mark is a registered Ofsted inspector and therefore his scrutiny of the work of the school is always invaluable.

After receiving his report, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate just a couple of the comments he made about our lovely school;



After undertaking a learning walk of the school he said, “The school was calm, focused and hardworking during this learning walk. Leaders and staff have created an immaculate learning environment that provides places for academic study and rooms to support social and emotional behaviours as and when required.”

He added, “This caring and nurturing environment was again observed during this learning walk and the many pupils with EHC plans were well supported.”

He feels that, “There are a large number of pupils with complex and at times challenging needs, during this visit, these pupils were extremely well managed and supported.”

“All pupils are making secure progress from their starting points and pupils are beginning to recover the lost learning from the national school closures. Books are marked and feedback is consistent. There is a notable improvement in presentation, handwriting”

He added that, “Leaders are certainly not resting on their laurels at Heamoor school and following the successful OFSTED inspection are now ready to review, evaluate and further strengthen the school’s curriculum.”

“The care and guidance of staff is apparent, staff know that they can approach leaders with concerns and that they work hard to reduce burdens and workload where they can. The recently introduced supervision scheme will further strengthen this support. “



Red Class



Red class have been enjoying learning about animals that live by the River Nile. We looked at the globe and identified Egypt and the River Nile. Here are a selection of pictures from our learning...



Here are our Nile Crocodiles!
We looked carefully at their shapes and features in order to paint them. Look at the detail!



We spent time making a version of the River Nile outside. We had to use our gross motor skills and strength to dig out the tunnels and then work together to fill it with water.



We enjoyed using small world resources to show our understanding of animal habitats beside the River Nile.

We enjoyed working in small groups to make salt dough. We looked at the Nile Cobra and the unique shape of its head. We then moulded our dough and used tools to make markings. We are looking forward to painting them later on this week.



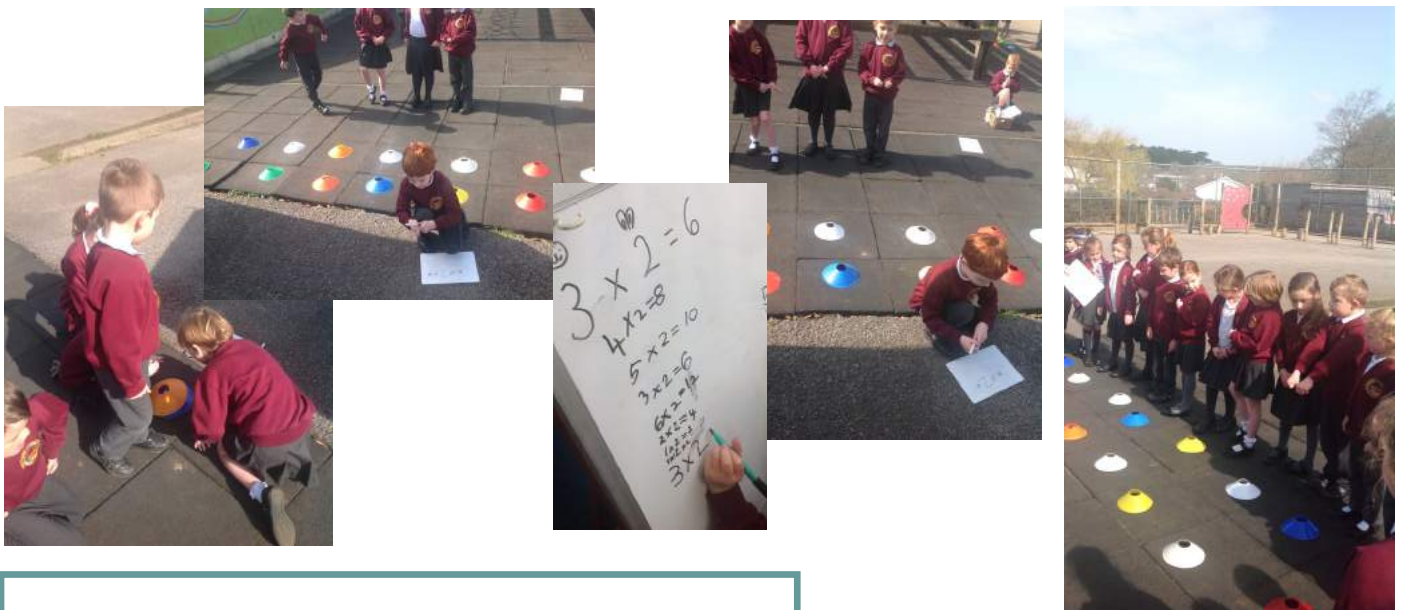


Orange Class



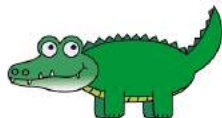
The last couple of weeks have really highlighted to me how much the children have progressed this year. We have started our new Talk 4 Write text, Mr. Big, by Ed Vere and their quality of writing is hugely improving. The story is about friendship and so it has allowed us to explore many personal, social and emotional issues which has been really valuable.

In Maths, the children have been looking at multiplication and arrays. We have made the most of the sunshine and done lots of learning outside. They have already started grasping multiplying by two and five!



The River Nile

In our project work we have been looking at the Nile river. This week we are researching Nile Crocodiles and making our very own fact files. Look at our amazing Nile River!



Phonics

Thank you for coming along to the phonics screening check meeting last week. If any of you didn't get the opportunity to come then please do come and find me and we can chat individually.





Yellow Class



Artist Visit

We had so much fun having an artist come to visit us. We were able to explore painting and mixing colour, creating our own landscape inspired images. We used a range of techniques and skills, including shadow and silhouette.



The Ancient Egyptians



Yellow Class are really enjoying our project looking at Ancient Egypt so far. This week, we took part in a research project, finding out about the River Nile.



Green Class

Fractions in the
sunshine!



These past two weeks, we have been blessed with some glorious weather, and Green Class have been determined to make the most of it! We have taken our learning outside, to help build our understanding whilst also getting some Vitamin D!



Green Class have made some wonderful Mother's Day cards!

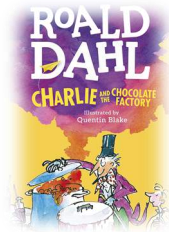
As well as making a mess of the classroom whilst arranging our beautiful Mother's Day flowers!



Blue Class



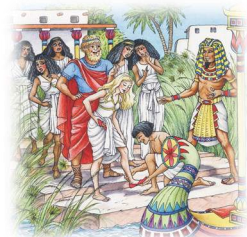
We have enjoyed continuing to read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and sing along with the Oompa Loompa songs.



Working in groups, we have looked at the effectiveness of our writing.



We have loved taking our learning outside over the last couple of weeks. The good weather allowed us to carry on with our Rhodopis work out on the playground.





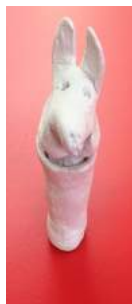
Indigo Class



Ancient Egyptian Project

Indigo Class have been learning about Ancient Egyptian hierarchy. We have discovered that as the Egyptian rulers were considered to be so important, they were immortalised by being mummified (Pharaoh enough, I suppose!) and their organs placed in canopic jars.

The children have sculpted their own canopic jars from clay.





Violet Class

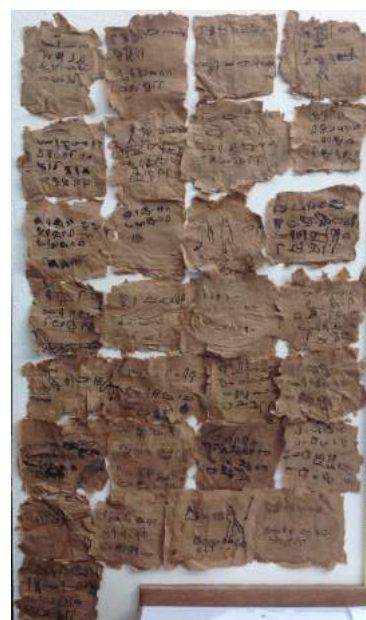


Ancient Egyptians

We have been learning all about Ancient Egyptian society and how important the Pharaoh was.

Violet Class researched and made a brilliant timeline-that now has pride of place on our project wall.

Also on our wall are some ancient papyrus sheets-that surprisingly have everyone's name on them in hieroglyphics-can you spot your?



Once again, thank you for your support for this worthy cause, the children looked fantastic.

I'm looking forward to our Mad Hatter's tea party-bake sale on Friday. It will be great to say hello over a slice cake.





Red Nose Day 2022

Thank you for supporting this worthy charity, together we raised £143.10

