



# Burford Primary School

'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'

## Learning Log 31st March 2023

### Warwick Class

As we come to the end of our Dinosaur topic I would like to say a huge well done to Warwick Class and a big thank you for everything they have taught me about dinosaurs, they really were the experts!  
We finished our topic looking at fossils and even created our very own ammonite from salt dough, I'm sure you'll agree the results were amazing.



In maths we have been measuring using non standard units using unifix cubes and blocks in our classroom.



As there was a little bit of sunshine we snuck outside for a picnic snack.



We would like to wish you all a lovely relaxing Easter break and we can't wait to start our new topic Big Wide World next term.



## Windrush Class—31st March 2023

In Windrush Class this week we have been learning about the Easter story and have been making different mechanisms in DT.

We learnt about the Easter story through guided reading sessions this week. We read texts about the different days in the Holy week and answered a variety of questions, based on what we had read. We carried on the Easter theme during our DT lessons, by making Easter egg lever mechanisms with a hidden surprise.



In Maths we have begun to explore money. We began with learning the different values of the coins and then practiced counting in 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. We then moved on to making amounts using different coins. Year 2s then used their 2-digit subtraction skills to find out how much change you would receive if you paid with 50p.

Our DT topic this term 'Push and Pull' has focused on exploring and making different mechanisms. We began our unit making slider mechanisms. We used this technique to make Mother's day cards. We then explored lever mechanisms. We made a design that had a person kicking a football and another that was a person waving. Our final mechanism was a linkage mechanism. We made some moving jack-in-the boxes and a moving owl head



We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Clark for everything he has done during his time here at Burford Primary School. We will really miss him, but wish him well for the future.



## Tolsey Class—31st March 2023

Over the last two weeks, in Maths, we have been learning about money. We have thought about how much coins and notes are worth, using them to create different values in a variety of ways. We then revised our addition skills by adding different amounts of money together.

In English, the children wrote brilliant poems in which they described a dragon. I was really impressed with the language they used and how they used the apostrophe for possession correctly. Some of my favourite lines included:

My dragon's sharp teeth are dipped in blood.  
My dragon's eyes are frosty blue like delicate fairy wings.  
My dragon's red eyes gleam like blood.

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed learning dance routines with Ms Johnson. They listened carefully to the instructions and then worked hard to repeat the movements shown. Thank you Ms Johnson!!



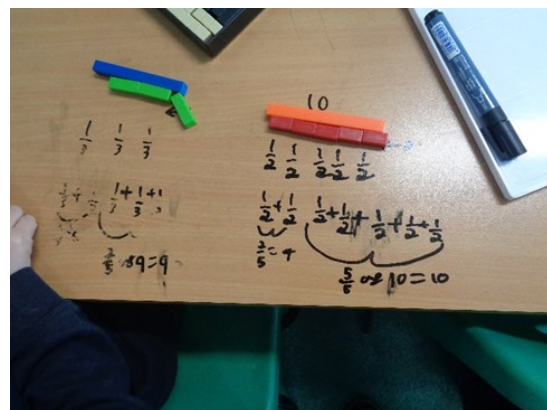
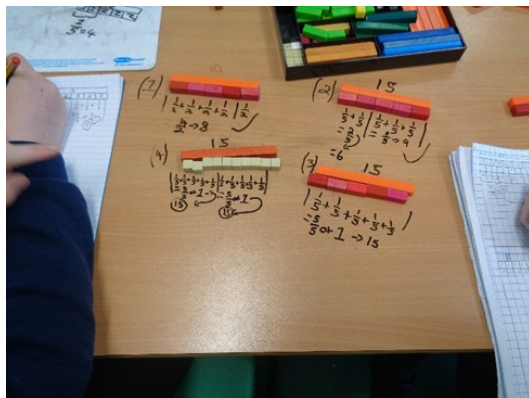


## Wysdom Class—31st March 2023

I have been so proud of Wysdom class this term: their attitude to learning is so positive and they are keen to support each other too. They have produced some fantastic work in all areas of the curriculum and as I write this, they are preparing to share their work in our Easter assembly.

In particular, I would like to mention the Titanic newspapers that the children have been writing: they have used different types of evidence to record the events of the disaster and have used their computing skills to present their work. These are fantastic examples of an extended write and they will be available to view in the children's topic books next term.

In maths, the children have been working on fractions of quantities and exploring different representations to show their working. Their work shows a really good understanding of the subject and they have been exploring how to apply this maths into problem-solving.



Finally, I would like to share that the children are really excited about our new topic of Ancient Greece – I have sent our new knowledge organiser home with them to read. A reminder that our first day back is our trip to the Ashmolean Museum – a really exciting start to the topic. I hope you all have a lovely Easter!



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## Priory Class—31st March 2023

Happy Easter all! Priory have knuckled down and focused the last two weeks given the impending NCTs on the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>, but more about that later.

To begin with, in English the children have been really focused on developing their writing capabilities. We have been looking at various forms of writing, most notably narrative work incorporating elements such as subordinating clauses. Everyone has really challenged themselves with this, seeking to build on their writing skills and have been able to reflect on what they need to do to improve. I have seen some incredible pieces of work that tell the story of Ernest Shackleton's departure aboard the Endurance, weaving in narrative and dialogue.

In maths, we have been looking at various concepts centred around fractions. This has involved adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, as well as finding fractions of amounts. More recently, we have been looking at how we can use our knowledge to problem-solve. Whilst this certainly has not come without its difficulties, I have been thoroughly impressed with the progress that everyone has made in recent weeks.

In areas such as science, the year 5s have been looking at materials and the year 6s have been focused on working scientifically. This has led to great (and messy) discoveries that have taught us all about how we go about conducting an experiment.

I would of course be remiss if I did not discuss the impending NCTs. These will be taking place next term on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May. The tests will be: grammar and punctuation, spellings, reading comprehension, and three maths papers (paper 1: arithmetic, paper 2: reasoning, paper 3: reasoning). To help best prepare the children for this, work will be sent home to be completed over the holidays so that when they come back, they are ready to hit the ground running.

Finally, we would like to say a goodbye to Mr Clark whose last day is today. I know that I speak for everyone in team Priory in saying that he will be sorely missed and that we wish him the best in all of his (many) future adventures.