

Chaffinch Brook News

January 2021

Together towards success!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. This is not the start to the year we had hoped for and we know how hard the current restrictions are on everyone.

We have been so impressed with how the children are managing through this difficult time and we are amazed at all of the fantastic work submitted each day. This is also down to the support you are giving at home so thank you! Staff are in contact daily so please do speak to them if there is anything you are concerned about or just need a chat.

Next week is children's mental health week so we will be sharing some activities to help us all stay physically and mentally fit and well.

Movement breaks and fresh air!

Spending time in green space or bringing nature into your everyday life can benefit both your mental and physical wellbeing. Regular movement breaks throughout the day can also help our children to self-regulate and aid concentration, helping them to feel 'just right'. If you would like some support with movement breaks or activities to do outside, please ask the staff and we will be happy to provide you with suggestions.

We do lots of movement breaks at school!



Miss Tina and Amari dancing before one of their lessons!



For your
Calendar

Children's mental health
week- 1st-7th February

Friday 12th February-
end of half term

Monday 22nd February-
start of half term

Hedgehog Class

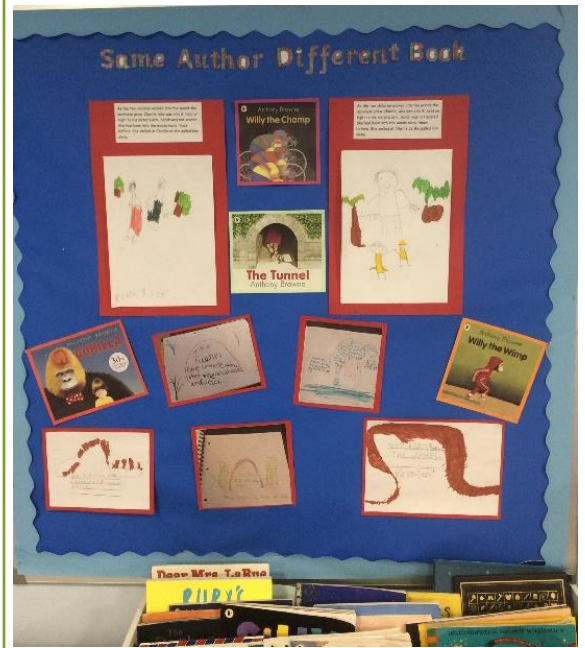
Despite lockdown, Hedgehog Class have been steaming ahead with their learning!

We started this term by looking at the author Anthony Browne and the story The Tunnel. We had some outstanding work and I was able to create an amazing classroom display!

We also explored Roger Hargreaves the author of the Mr Men books. The children worked really hard to described and created their own Mr Men characters. We were all blown away by all the effort the children made.

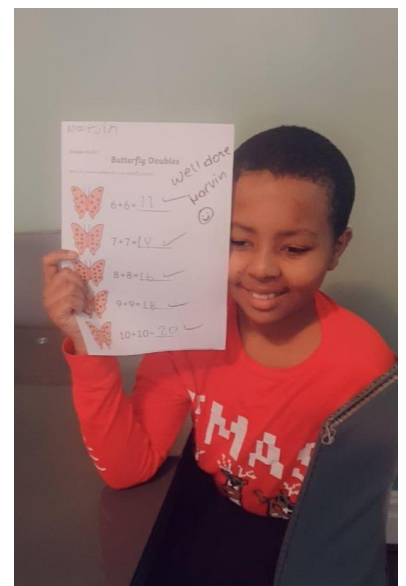
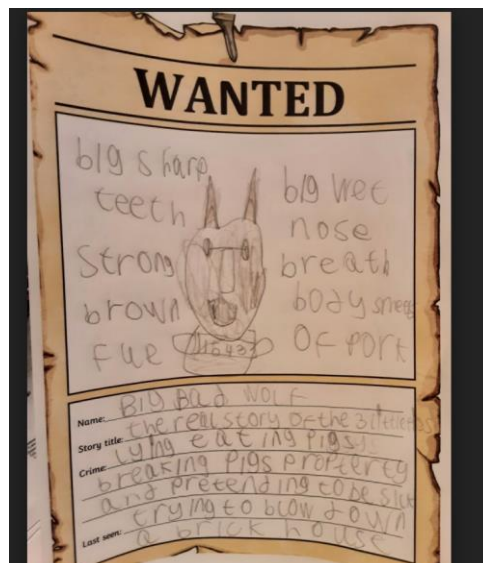
In maths, we began this term by exploring different types of measurements. We also investigated 3D shapes. The children complete 3D shape hunts and created some fantastic 3D monsters using household objects.

Every day at 10:30, Hedgehog Class hold their Google Meet sessions. These sessions provide the children with a chance to engage with their peers whilst practicing their listening and attention skills. We are always so amazed by the maturity and engagement of all the pupils online.



Badger Class

This half term has been super tricky for everyone, but Badger class has adapted well to the changes. We have covered a wide range of topics with particular focus on The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We had some great work produced, for example adjective work and some great character descriptions. Badger's have really enjoyed our Science topic this term which has been Separating Mixtures, and they have worked hard doing some experiments. Our Google Meet sessions are the highlight to everyone's day. We particularly enjoy watching Miss Dayna and staff attempt the PE sessions!! Keep up the good work Badger class!



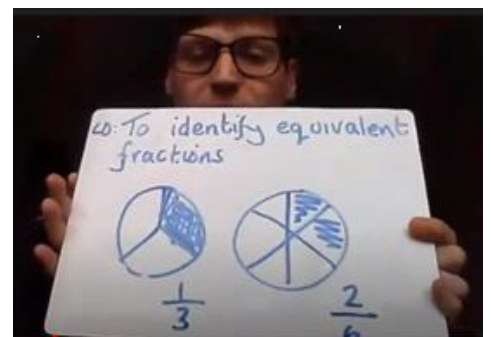
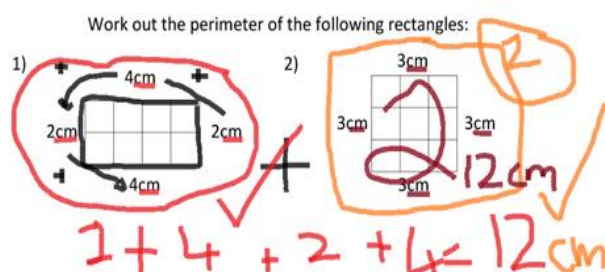
Butterfly Class

Butterfly Class got off to a great start with their online learning and google meets. Butterfly class have been taking part in daily google meet sessions. During our English lessons, some of us have been participating in group reading of Fantastic Mr Fox and we are so impressed with the independent reading skills we are seeing, From this the children have been completing comprehension tasks, wanted posters, newspaper reports, debates, adverts, for and against arguments and many more. Our other English group have been putting their phonic knowledge to the test, they have taken part in loads of phonic games on google meet, and completing some fun activities at home. Miss Deanna has been leading social skills sessions on google meet every Tuesday, Butterfly Class have really enjoyed playing games like, Miss Deanna says, being animals and the anything shop. PE with Miss Jaye-Leigh has been happening every Thursday, I think this is a firm favourite in Butterfly Class. They have been doing Just Dance, and busting their best dance moves whilst getting their heart rate up, the children have also been doing to HIIT training, with some squats, star jumps, planks to get their body warmed up and moving. Let's not forget that Butterfly Class have been taking part in at home science experiments and fun history activities



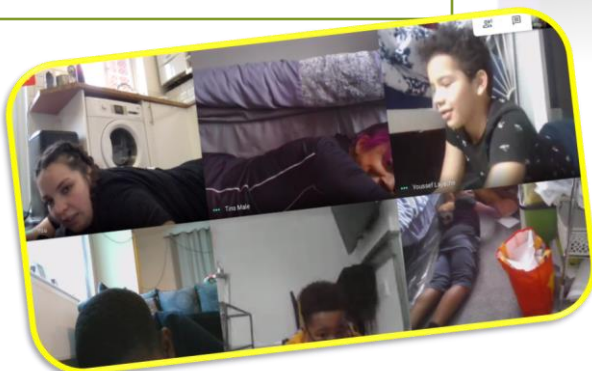
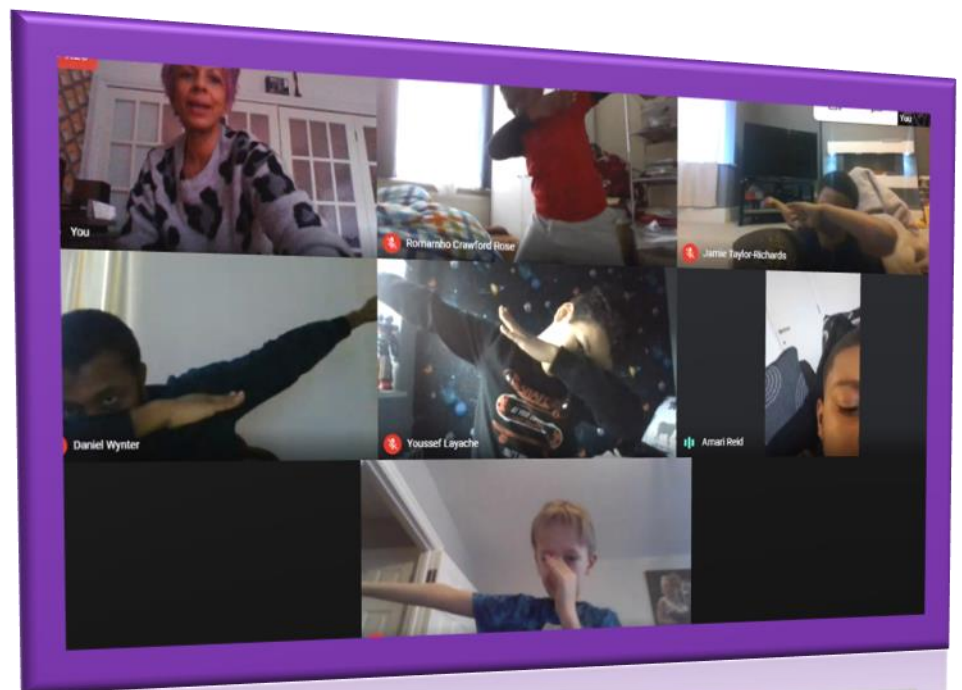
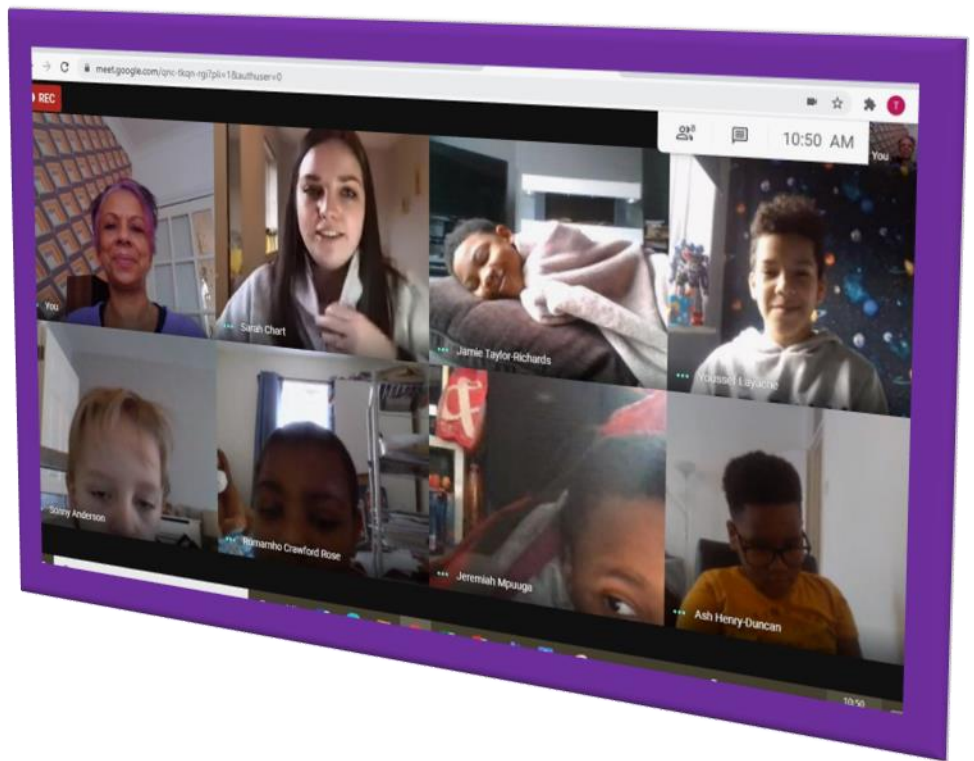
Beaver Class

This half term has been rather challenging; however, we are extremely proud of the children and their grownups for settling so well to online learning and completing some amazing work! The children have really made all of us in Beaver class very proud with their participation in English lessons, where we have been looking at Zoos and persuasive writing. The children have also been participating very well in live Maths lessons, completing some challenging decimals, fractions and perimeter work, well done! Our highlights of this half term have been Mr Georges PE workout lessons and Miss Becky's nurture games, the children really seem to enjoy them and always have a smile on their face!



Otter Class

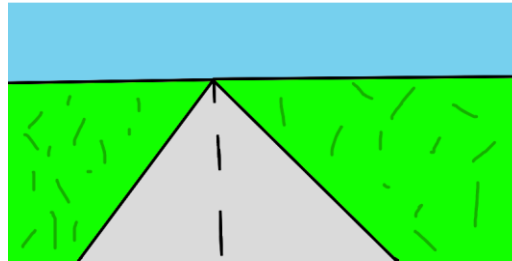
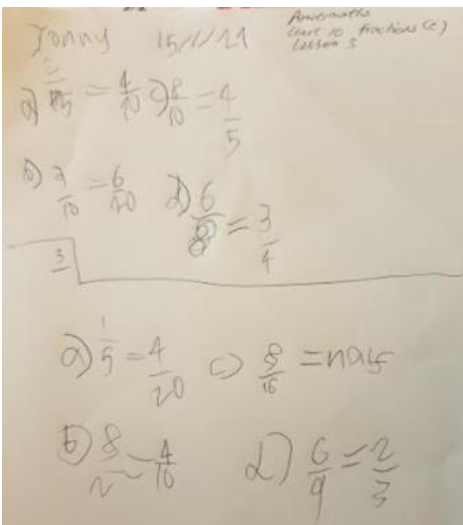
Otter Class have had a good start to online learning. We have indulged ourselves in a poem written by Michael Rosen called This is the Hand. The pupils have been focusing on chapter books too, by listening to a chapter a day read by Miss Sarah from the Midnight Gang. We have used Purple Mash to explore other stories and a weekly comprehension Google Meet reading Fantastic Mr Fox. Every Thursday, we have been putting our scientist hats on and completing an experiment on Google Meet, our favourite was the skittles and m&m experiment! Let's not forget our weekly PE lessons and challenges. Otter Class know how important it is to keep fit and exercise so they have been testing their ability in online PE lessons and engaging in daily PE challenges which include squats, star jumps and ski jumps! Keep up the hard work everyone :) We are really enjoying seeing all of your work!



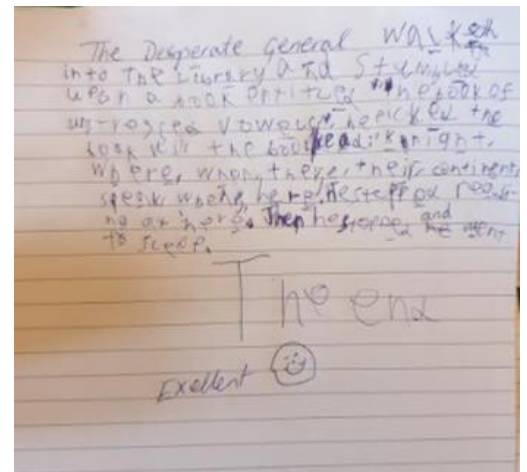
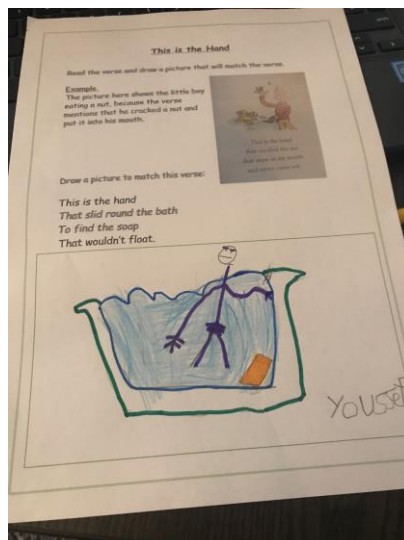


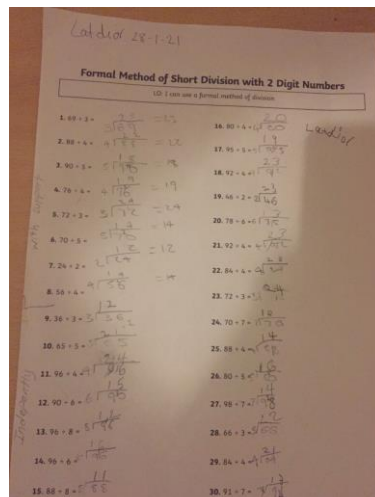
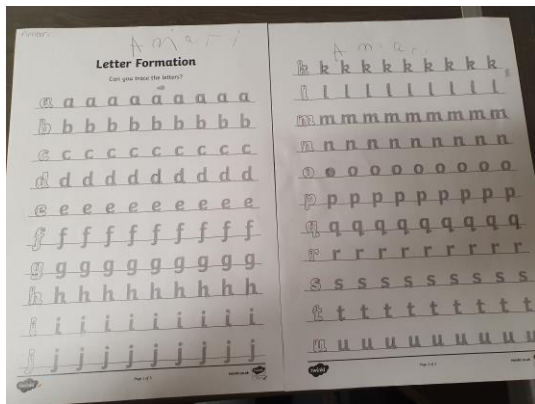
Fox Class

In English, we have been reading 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom' each day. We discussed the difficulties the main characters have and how they can overcome these. In maths we have been practising our timetables, learning about coordinates and working on methods for division. Our science lessons have been based around classifying weird and wonderful animals and learning about their environments. We have focused on happiness and created some poetry as well as drawing our own self-portraits. We continue to learn about internet safety and coding as well as lots of art activities which the children find relaxing.



Wonderful
Work!





Happiness is when you read a very funny book.

Happiness is when you learn how to be a very good cook.

Happiness is a very nice song

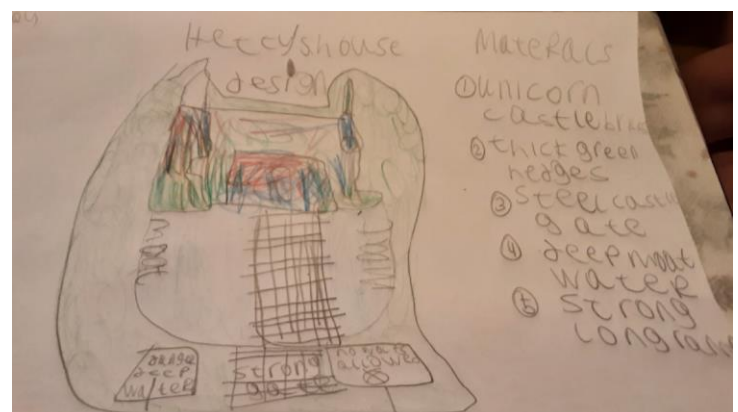
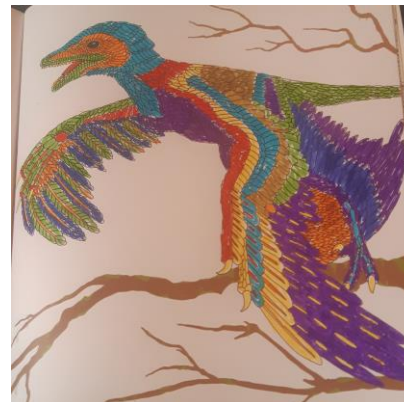
Happiness is watching king kong.

Happiness is a very cool game

Happiness is when your going up in fame.

Happiness is eating ice cream

Happiness is hearing a meme.



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