

Let's go fly a kite



At the beginning of the new term team building was really important therefore the children in Woodpeckers took part in a kite workshop. They worked with their Learning partner to make a kite each. The kite expert told them lots of facts about the history of kite flying and all the different kites. Then the fun began when they went outside and watched them fly!



The best bit was we got to take them home.



I had never flown a kite before.



Egyptian tomb break in



It all started with an Egyptian workshop with Andy from the Southampton museums. The children had great fun and learnt lots including some gruesome facts about mummification. After the children had learnt some historical facts about the Ancient Egyptians they were able to break into the tomb. All the children made a great effort in dressing up for the part. They then made Canopic jars and scarab beetles from clay and mummified oranges!



It made history come alive by re-acting Howard Carter finding the tomb. I learnt so many gruesome facts. I don't think I would have liked living in Ancient Egyptian times!



Knots!



For one of the 100 marble treats Woodpeckers used a knot book to learn how to tie different knots. Some worked in pairs whilst others worked independently. They found it both fascinating and frustrating but persevered and were very proud of their knot work. I think they created their own unique knots too!



This was so much fun, I laughed lots.



I first learnt how to tie knots at cub camp.



World book day



World book day is always good fun in class. This year we all dressed up as our favourite book characters. We shared books and chatted lots about books. We even made top trump cards based on our book character.



I am now reading one of his other books.

Reading is so much fun. It's like I'm in the book.

Digestive system



After the children learnt about the digestive system in science they became active learners by creating their own digestive system with a plastic bag, tights, orange juice, crackers and cups to represent the body and food. There was lots of laughter and learning during the session.



It was so messy but such great active learning.

This is my best ever science lesson.

Gardening



Woodpeckers loved gardening, they planted 100s of bulbs in the school grounds and hope to see a carpet of bluebells in the coming years. They planted garlic but due to lockdown they couldn't harvest it themselves. So the key worker children harvested it for them. Then when they returned to school the children had a special treat, they made and ate garlic bread with their very own garlic.



It made me feel calm and relaxed being outside.



It tasted yummy. I'm going to grow garlic at home now as it's so easy.



Act of kindness



Woodpeckers decided to plant bulbs in pots for the local neighbours. They then walked as a class and dropped off the pots on the doorsteps of local houses. In total they gave out more than 50 pots. We received 16 thank you cards and emails from some of the happy neighbours. The children were very proud that they had cheered people up with their good deed.



I liked being kind to others.

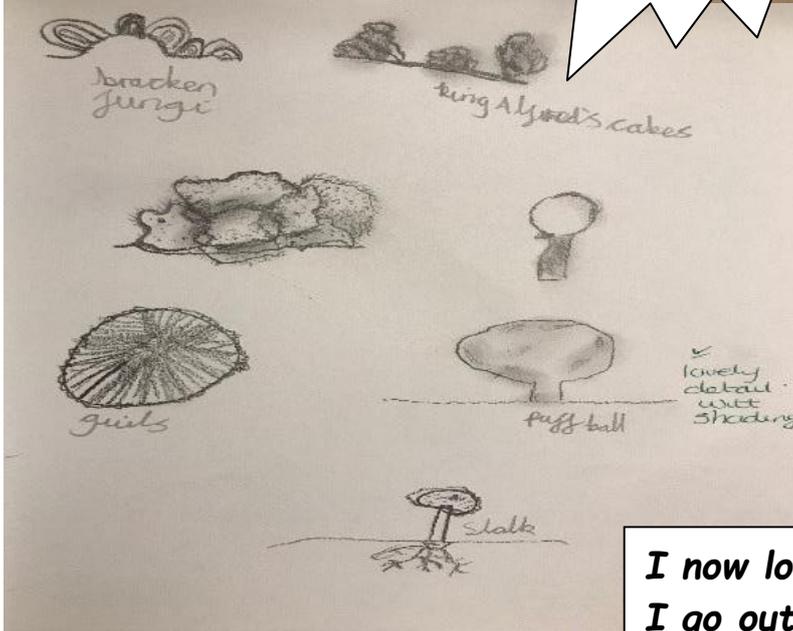


It is a really nice feeling to think we made other people happy.



Fungi hunting

Woodpeckers carried out a science investigation. They wanted to find out what was the most common fungi in the school grounds. Identifying them all was quite tricky but they found some amazing specimens. They even used their statistics to produce some excellent maths. During the week they also sketched fungi and set up their own fungus garden experiment. They tasted different types of fungi bought from shops.



I now look out for different fungi when I go outside, they are fascinating.

