



Fabulous Food!

This Term Key stage 2/3 have made various recipes. Including Pizza Scones, Victoria Sponge, Macaroni Cheese, Banana Crumble muffins and Flap jacks. The children have really enjoyed making these and have gained a lot of confidence in the kitchen.

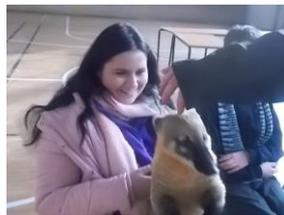


Wildness at Wisbech!

This half term, carrying on with our topic on Rainforests, Puffins class have studied the Maya people who lived in rainforests in Central America. We then got scientific and began looking at animal classification and life cycles (of plants too). We had a great time when we were visited by an exotic animal show; we met an array of creatures from snakes, meerkats and skunks to name but a few.

Our writing has progressed really well. We have written fantastic narratives based on a short film called “The Dream Giver” – our imaginations were stretched to the maximum. We also wrote a scientific explanation all about the wonderful water cycle that keeps the planet alive. Finishing the term we tried our hand at poetry – with great success.

Progress in Maths has also been excellent where we have covered such areas as division, negative numbers, time and fractions. We are all experts on fractions now!



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, Sessions House celebrated Children in Need. We found out what the celebration is all about and why it is so important to raise money for this cause, the children were invited to wear their own clothes, watch some interesting videos and take part in a range of activities to celebrate the day. Some of the children made a donation to Children in Need after learning about what they do. We raised £40!



English

This term’s reading topic has been the novel by Michael Morpurgo – Private Peaceful. The story is set in WW1 and is a tale about family, bravery, cowardice, freedom and hope. Students have completed a variety of tasks including; making predications, writing to argue and persuade and turning a narrative into a newspaper article. The quality of work has been fantastic and students have been able to read from the novel and watch the film adaptation. At the end of the term, students referred back to the predictions they made to see if they were close to what happened.



KS3/4 Reward Trips and Educational Visits

This term has seen a great range of reward and educational trips and students and staff have shared many laughs and some sombre moments. There have been very muddy faces following a recent motor biking trip to Gauntlet Auto Project due to the heavy rain! A relaxing and enjoyable time at the cinema watching a new Christmas film and for many, a first attempt at ice-skating. Students also enjoyed foot golf where they had to navigate not only a wet, slippery course – but also the dykes that went through the course! Some students have been lucky enough to undertake work experience at Petals Tearoom in Dersingham, as such, a small group joined them for afternoon tea where lovely interactions with tea room staff and customers took place and students were a real credit to the school. To finish off the English and Humanities topic of WW1, we were lucky enough to visit Duxford Air Museum. This was a fantastic day and students were amazed by the range of planes and exhibitions that not only signified the First and Second World Wars, but also more recent conflicts such as The Cold War, Iraq, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the events of 9/11. Students have conducted themselves wonderfully on our trips and staff have been very proud to see them representing themselves and the school in such a great way.



ASDAN

This term the students have been working hard on various activities as part of the ASDAN Employability, Personal and Social Development and Certificate of Personal Effectiveness qualifications. Students in employability have been acting as ‘Mystery Shoppers’ as part of their Customer Service module and visited various shops in March to assess the service they received. As part of the CoPE qualification, students have been looking at Independent Living – finding out about Gas, Electricity and Water safety, and the costs involved in purchasing the items required to furnish a flat. There were a few surprises when researching the cost of items, but also some great cost saving ideas.

In PSD, students have been learning about managing their own money as well as starting a new module, Managing Social Relationships. Here they looked at positive and negative social interactions and the various social situations they may find themselves in.

Meerkats



During this half term, Meerkats class have been looking at the topic of Earth and Space in their academic sessions. Here they have learned about the layers of the Earth and planets in our solar system by making models. They also really enjoyed working on ICT skills when using Google Earth. As well as the academic work, pupils have continued to extend their learning whilst enjoying forest school, farm studies, pony care sessions, cooking and Dance in PE.

Smarties' PE

The children have been focussing on ball skills this half term. Each week we have been linking the skills learned in our lessons to a specific sport. The children have done extremely well this half term and have shown a real interest in all of the different sports. The children are showing great progress in PE so far and we look forward to another good half term after Christmas.



Perfect Poetry

Last half term, Smarties class told of their class reading book and how much they were enjoying reading it. This half term, Smarties class have been looking at narrative poetry and have decided to base their poems on that book (*Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo). The children have thought very carefully about their language choices and tried hard to use a range of poetic features to make their poems interesting.



Humanities

This term we have been studying WW1, to compliment the English topic. Students looked at the causes of the war and the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. They then went on to learn about trench warfare, the role of women in the war, the Christmas Truce (which involved studying war poetry) and the issue of censorship which required them to write a letter from the trenches, in the role of a WW1 soldier. They had to review and censor their letter as it would have been at the time. To complement their studies, students visited the war memorial in Wisbech to commemorate Armistice Day, as well as visiting a local graveyard where we found the graves of local soldiers who died in the war. Overall, students have engaged brilliantly, producing work to a high standard.



Christmas Lunch and Celebrations

On Wednesday 18th December, Sessions House had their Christmas dinner and celebration assembly. Kerry and Tracey worked tirelessly in the Kitchen to provide a fantastic dinner for 41 people! The children all sat very nicely at the beautifully laid tables, as dinner was served. They ate the delicious food, chatted with friends and told lots of jokes that they found in their Christmas crackers. Once dinner was over, the children helped to clear up and then we prepared for assembly. The children all sat so beautifully through assembly and listened very carefully. It was wonderful to see them all congratulating each other on their achievements and seeing the pride they had for themselves and the work they have done.



