

Year 1
Larch Class



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Islands and Coasts



We continued to find out more about Islands by visiting Brownsea Island . We had to travel on a ferry to get there because an island is a piece of land surrounded by water. When we arrived we did two activities, a treasure hunt to **find Old Harry's Treasure** and a squirrel hunt. Brownsea Island is one of the only places where red squirrels live in England. Did you know that red squirrels can jump 3 metres !



It was very windy on the ferry but the sun was out. It seemed like quite a long time on the ferry but no one felt sea sick!

The grown ups sat by the edge so that we were safe **and didn't fall in!**

There were only a few houses and a church on the island.



Red Squirrels Fact Box

- they have very sharp teeth
- They use their tail to balance
- They are very rare
- They can jump 3m
- They like the heaviest and juiciest nuts the best

We had a squirrel walk and looked for pretend squirrels in the trees. Some of us found 10 squirrels!! Then we looked for pine seeds which had been nibbled by the squirrels.



On our walk we practised balancing like a squirrel on a log. We used our arms to help us. Squirrels can jump 3 metres so we played a game where we had to jump between the hoops to see if we were as good as a squirrel.



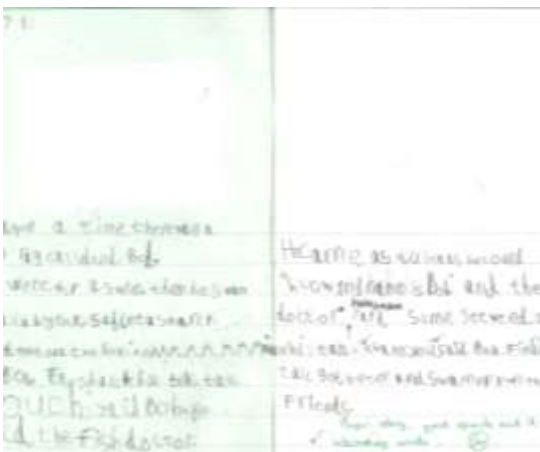
Fantasy Stories



In our Literacy we have been thinking about Fantasy stories, their settings and characters.

We have done lots of designing of fantasy settings through drawings, models and drama.

We then chose our own setting and a character and worked out a story plan which we chose for them



We had to choose a fantasy setting for our story. I chose under water. Then we had to describe our character, mine was a mermaid. I worked out what was going to happen in my story by drawing a story map.

Then we had to write the story trying to use exciting words and following our story maps.

Bastille Day



We had a French breakfast. We had croissants and pain au chocolat which we dipped into chocolat chaud just like French children do. It was delicious.



We celebrated Bastille Day at school. As part of the day we sang French songs, played games with French objects and also learnt how to play the French game of petanque. The year 6 children taught the rest of the school how to play.



Science- Growing Plants



Our science topic was to look at different types of plants and see what they need to grow. We decided on an investigation to try out our predictions on what we thought seeds need to grow strong. Some of us grew seeds with no water, seeds in the dark, seeds in the fridge, seeds without air, seeds indoors and seeds outdoors.

EXPERIMENT

Date: 11-07-11

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We discovered that seeds will grow in the dark but they are very yellow as they have no chlorophyll. Also that seeds can have too much rain outside which drowns them and **then they won't grow.** The best conditions for growing seeds were indoors as it was warm and we could control the water.

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What happened to the seeds? The indoors one grow the best. The one in the dark grow quite well. The one that was outdoors did not grow at all. The one with the water grow quite well.

Why did I get these results? It is because the indoors one had the most water. The outdoors one did not grow well because it had too much rain. It needed to be watered.

In order to grow well seeds need to have water, sunlight and air.

I was surprised that the **outside seeds didn't grow** the best. It rained too much and they drowned!!

Maths Parents Workshop

For our parent workshop this term we decided to have a maths morning. As we had been learning about shape we continued this theme with our parents.

We looked for shapes, made symmetrical patterns, made 3D models and used mathematical language to describe the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

I played a game with my mum where I built a 3D shape out of multilink then described it to my mum to see if she could build the same shape without peeking at mine!



Mum and I are hunting in the school grounds to see if we can find some shapes. Some shapes were easy to find but others were quite tricky like a



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