

Fen Rivers Academy School News

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Our School Improvement Focus this week: Behaviour

This has been another very busy week, crammed full of learning and it has been really enjoyable visiting the classrooms and observing the great practice going on within.

The Catch 22 Lead Health and Safety Officer, Liz Cole, visited on Monday and worked with staff, leading training on health and safety as well as spending the day on site. We are looking forward to working ever more closely with Liz as the Fen Rivers Phase 2 begins as the secondary site begins development in the new year.

Children in Dolphins class made sock puppets during Motional time this week and used them to talk through how certain things made us feel, exploring feelings and emotions.



This tied in with work in Art where children studied some of the work of artist Francis Bacon. One of the pupils also drew a medieval castle, linked to work in history and was very excited to share this with us.



Children in the Hedgehogs class have been busy practising their reading this week and all of the children have been enjoying making full use of the library during timetabled sessions. We have been investigating new reading material for the

library based on 'children's choices' and the School Council chair has been collecting ideas from the children about favourite authors so we can spend our library budget.



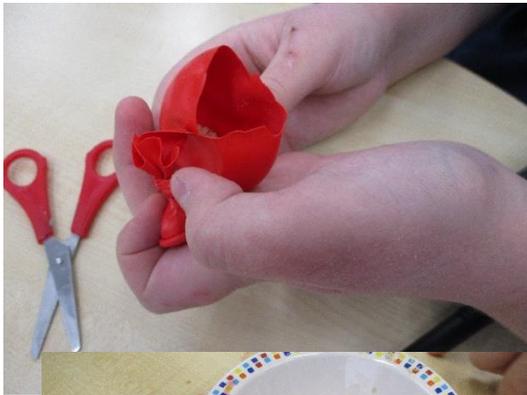
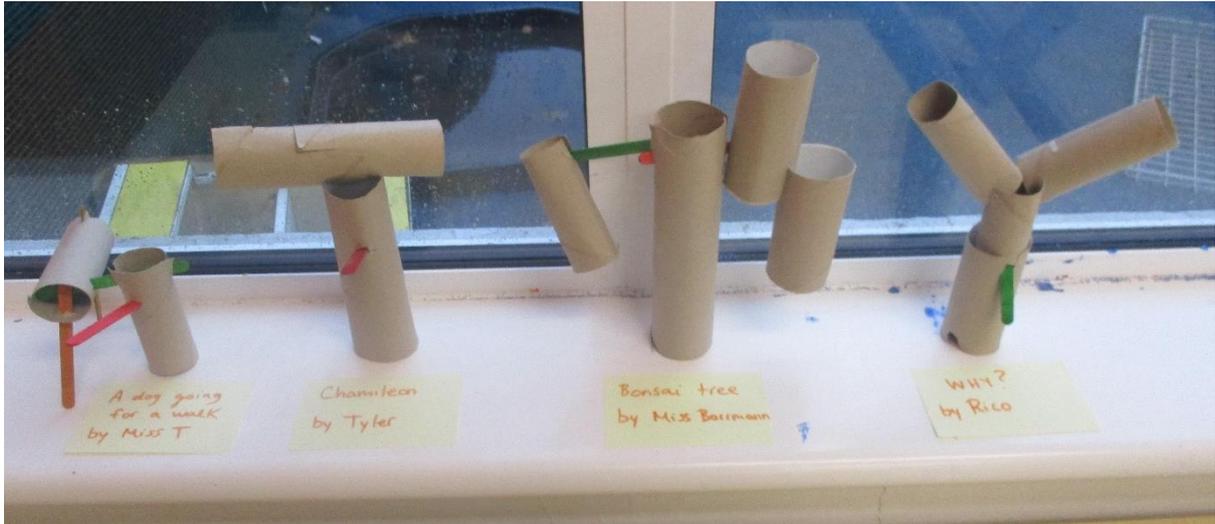
Hedgehogs made 3D models in art this week using paper plates.



They also designed boats to see the difference weight made to an object when it came to floating or sinking in science lessons and made abstract art sculptures using cardboard tubes.

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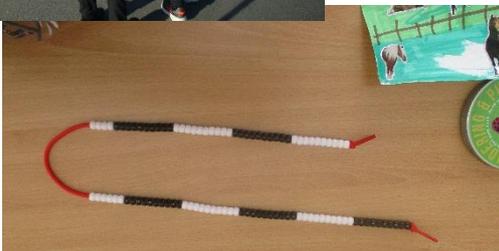
Dolphins have also been looking at diffusion in Science. Mrs K filled balloons with food ingredients and we had to guess what they were. We learnt that only liquids and gases can diffuse. Solids can't diffuse. This is because of the structure of the particles being fixed.



In the Polar Bears class pupils have had an extremely busy week investigating a giant spider's web in the Forest School whilst they were climbing through it developing their team building skills; made 100 bead strings to use in maths sessions; in the PE lessons pupils focused on being purposeful and listening to instructions as well as hand / eye coordination and team work and in motional sessions turn taking was the name of the game.



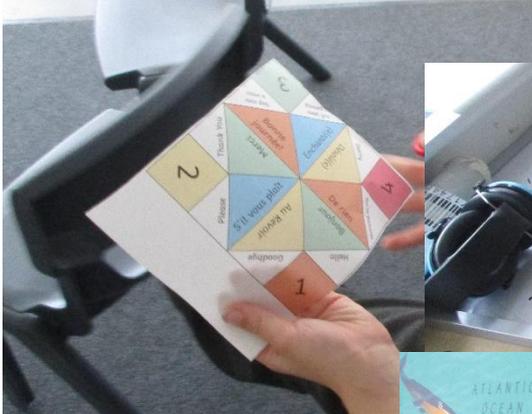
In Tigers class this week the children have been learning simple greetings in French, making their own art out of natural found objects, using their hands and fingers to explore the sensory textures of paint whilst hand printing and reminding ourselves where London is on a map. Miss Hill says, "The children have really enjoyed learning about the Black Death (The



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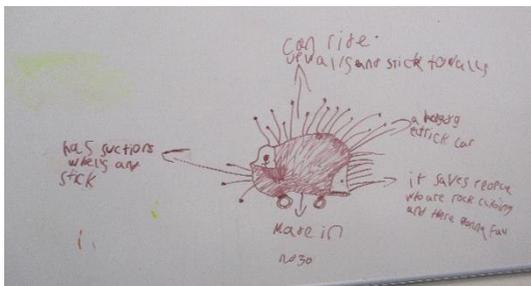
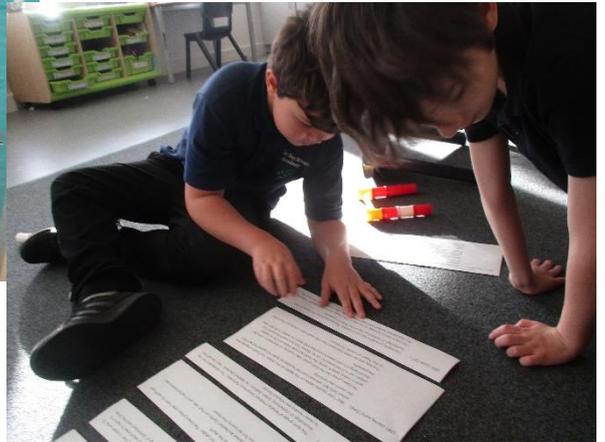
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Plague) and how this spread so quickly in London. Here are some photos of the work from Tigers this week to enjoy:



Tigers pupils learned about the Peasants Revolt of 1381 in history and ordered a timeline of events leading up to it.

Tigers also designed environmentally cars of the future.



Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.
Mrs Fewkes

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