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Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - Class & Y6 Leavers photos

Thursday 4th June - Sunflower Class - Tag Fest

Monday 8th June - Whole school visit - The Priory

Thursday 18th June - The Priory visit - Choir

Friday 3rd July - Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July - Rose & Sunflower Class Summer Production

This half term's value is

Love

Sunflower Class - Science

Sunflowers had great fun measuring and weighing out vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create a gas to demonstrate irreversible change. Many requested to take bottles and balloons home so that they can repeat the learning at home. Great teamwork Sunflowers!











Stars of the week

Daisy Class - Bertie

Buttercup Class - Whole Class

Bluebell Class - Year 2

Rose Class - Sonny & Rita-Mai

Sunflower Class - Jenny & Jasper M

Attendance Award

Bluebell Class - Luana

Rose Class - Niamh

Our Attendance bear 'John' will be spending this week in Daisy Class as they received this weeks highest attendance

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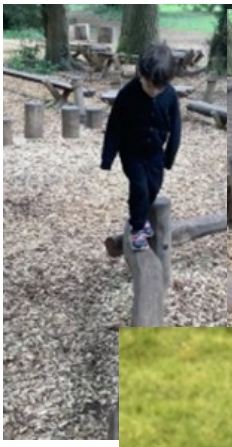
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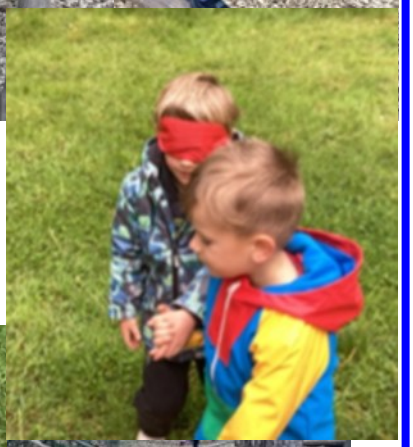
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Buttercup's Westonbirt Adventure!









We had a fantastic time following the "Room on the Broom" story trail through the forest. Along the way, we discovered different characters and made predictions about who we might find next. Everyone was especially excited when we finally spotted the dragon!









As we followed the trail, we explored the forest in a variety of ways. We used colour swatches to identify and match different colours found in nature, and we also worked together in pairs, taking turns to wear blindfolds and carefully guide each other to different trees to feel and compare their textures. Of course, we also enjoyed plenty of opportunities to climb trees and explore our surroundings.

After a lovely lunch, we spent time in the woodland play area where we balanced on equipment, became pirates on adventures, and created magical potions using petals and leaves in a giant tree stump.

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Bluebell's Westonbirt Adventure!

Bluebell Class had an absolutely magical time during our school visit to Westonbirt Arboretum earlier this week.

Excited, engaged and enthusiastic from the outset, all of the children immersed themselves in the opportunities to explore the wonders of nature. This included using fallen materials found in the many flowering areas to create an array of meals, gardens, and artwork to entice the woodland fairies out of hiding! This was followed by some amazingly agile, co-ordinated and courageous movements as we climbed, slid, balanced and hid around the wooded area! Where once again, the children were reluctant to leave. So much so, we all decided that this would be the perfect area to have lunch!

We ended our day with a walk along the treetop bridge, where we got to explore the woodland from a bird's eye perspective. We loved moving along the bridge and climbing up into the observation tower!

It was a joy and a pleasure to share in this experience with the children and to hear their sharing of ideas and excitement throughout every moment! A truly wonderful and memorable day had by all.



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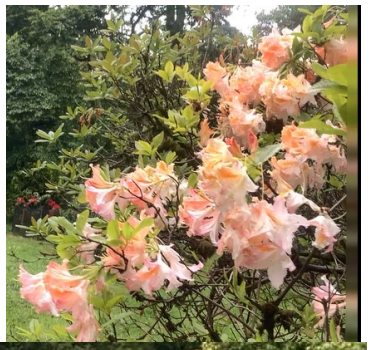
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Rose Class Westonbirt Adventure!



Rose Class had a wonderful time at Westonbirt Arboretum. After half term, we will be exploring living things and their habitats, so the food chains workshop linked perfectly with our upcoming Science topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities and learning more about how animals and plants depend on one another. They also had the opportunity to explore the play areas and enjoy spending time outdoors in the beautiful surroundings.







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Sunflower's Westonbirt Adventure!

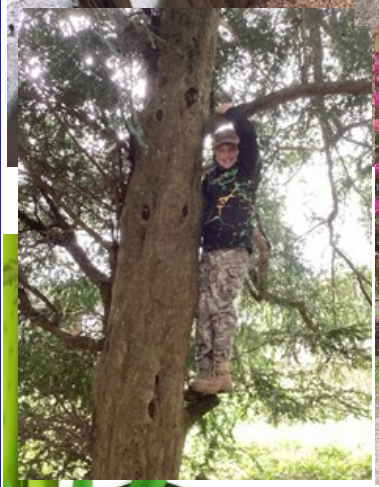
Sunflowers had a most fun-filled day exploring, playing and learning at Westonbirt Arboretum. We started by visiting the old arboretum, where we climbed, crawled and scrambled through tyres and up trees. Next, we balanced, clambered and enjoyed a lively game of hide and seek.

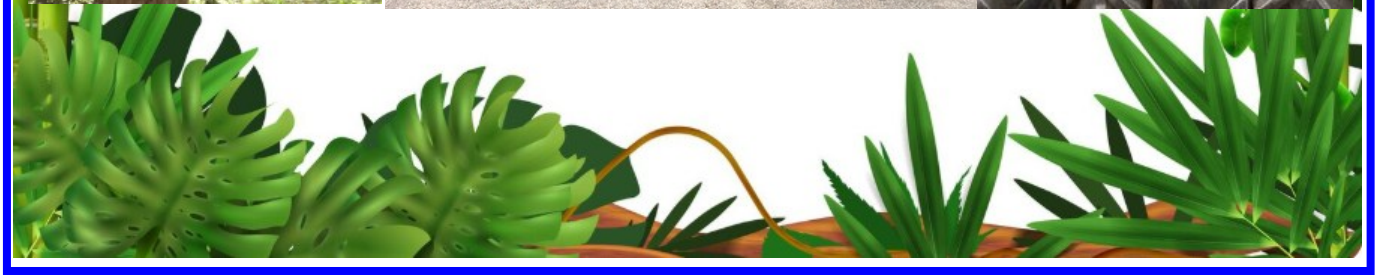
On the final part of our adventure, we crossed a troll bridge and, at Holford Hollow, we walked along planks and explored the beautiful surroundings. After lunch, we used our knowledge to classify plants, animals and fungi into different groups. Finally, we collected insects and invertebrates to create our own branching databases.

It was a brilliant day full of curiosity, teamwork and outdoor learning.







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Golden Trophy

Congratulations to the children that represented our school at the Golden Trophy last Saturday. Miss Powell was incredibly proud of the team and delighted that they won the 'Plate' competition.



Cake of the week

Congratulations to Helen in Rose Class for winning these yummy cakes made by Mrs Merrick.





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