**Topic Reviews Summer 2019**

**Acorns topic review – Traditional tales and fairy tales**

We have had another busy half term, doing lots of fun activities based around traditional tales and fairy tales. Here are some of the things we have been doing;

* Listening to the story ‘Goldilocks and the three bears’ and then making and tasting porridge.
* Making a chair for the 3 bears using the junk modelling.
* Learning some language of size using props in our Three Bears cottage role play area.
* Making toast for the three bears breakfast
* We have learnt to re-tell the story of ‘Goldilocks and the three bears’ using ‘Talk for writing.’
* Listening to the story ‘Dear Fairy Godmother’ and painting pictures of things we would wish for from the Fairy Godmother.
* Making magic wands for the Fairy Godmother
* Listening to the story ‘the three little pigs’ and making houses for the pigs using junk modelling to go into our small world area.
* Our visit to the farm was a great success that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**Oak Class Summer 2 2019**

This term we have been sharing our favourite Fairy Tales and the things we liked about them. We used Goldilocks and the Three Bears as our Talk for Writing story – we were really good at the actions! After we read the story we made porridge and it was delicious and we ate it all up!

 We have continued to do yoga through stories with Debbie. Our work in Little Movers culminated in a dance festival this term which Fiona organised, we had a go at Zumba and street dancing and it was amazing! Then we had our last session with Fiona where we had a seaside themed party which was absolutely brilliant.

Mrs Miller organised an exciting fishy themed art week for us and we had a great time creating some beautiful art work.

On transition day we went to our new class and met Miss Darlow and we are all looking forward to September. I am sure that we will all continue to work hard in Elm class.

Stem week allowed us to build lots of models with junk. We thought about our Fairy Tales and built cottages, castles, bridges and towers.

Kathy is still making our library visits fun and we have started our Reading Challenge, make sure you keep it up over the holidays and help our school win the Reading Challenge.

**KS1 Elm And Beech Class Summary**

What a great topic to end the year with, we really enjoyed our journeys topic, linking it to places we have been and also our summer holidays. The children have been building on their map skills by recalling the places we have looked at throughout the year on a world map and in year 2 adding other places that they know. In year 1 to support our maths position, direction and movement we took the Beebots on a journey around the large United Kingdom map. Year 2 have been learning about the important journeys made by historical figures such as Captain Cook and created a factual profile about his life and career.

One of the highlights of this term, particularly for year 1, has been the STEM afternoon where we were able to complete our topic on materials. We had a fun time looking at which materials would work best to make a pirate ship by testing them in water. Year 2 got creative with their building skills testing their understanding of strong structures by making the tallest tower out of spaghetti.

In the penultimate week, we had Arts week where the children immersed themselves in everything creative. The week was themed on the inspirational story ‘Only one You’, which focused on fish and being unique. Both classes learnt about different artists, such as Mondrian and Paul Klee, and took inspiration from their art work to create their own using similar ideas and techniques. They used a range of different mediums as well as decorating their own pebble. Year 2 got creative making their own fish tanks and lava lamps while year 1 created a unique self portrait.

**KS2 Chestnut and Beech Class Summary**

What a wonderful way to end the year, we thoroughly enjoyed our Romans topic, finding out about what they wore, how they invaded and where they conquered. The children were great at recreating all things Roman; their Roman Mosaics were fabulous both on the computer and using collage techniques. Their understanding of Roman numerals has been revisited and consolidated and their catapult designing was certainly unusual.

As we expected, the highlight of the term was designing and making their Roman shields, which they used to march like Romans, getting into tortoise formation and protecting themselves from attack. It was also excellent to see how well they engaged with the Battle Cry Literacy unit, they used fantastic language and expression when performing.

In the penultimate week, we embraced Arts week for the first time. The children learnt about different artists and then used specific skills and techniques modelled by these artists to create their own Art work. They used a range of different mediums as well as decorating their own pebble. The week was themed on fish and being unique to match the inspirational story ‘Only one You’.

The summer term ended with our Apprentice week. The products they created were great as always, however it was their pitches, digital adverts and in particular their team raps that were in a different league to previous years. A fabulous end to a fabulous year!