




# Science at Mendham Primary School



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*Last week Seedlings class joined Acorns class, over at St Edmunds for a day full of colour and what a great day we had. We began with listening to the story of Elmer before making our junk modelled, patchwork elephants. We then ventured outside to explore colours on the playground, using powder paints. The children had great fun using mops, bubbles and paint to create a variety of colours.*



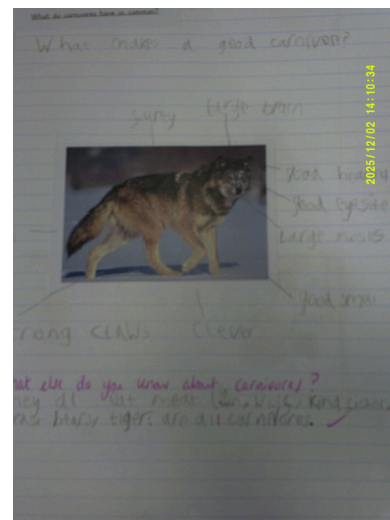
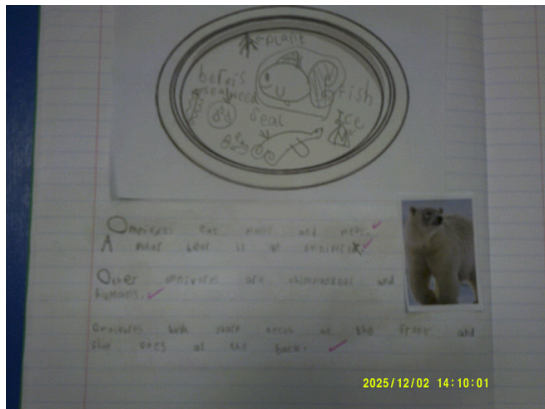
*In the afternoon we welcomed Donna from dramatots, who took the children on a colour journey, using music, dance and our imaginations.*



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In Science lessons Pine Class have been learning all about Carnivores, Herbivores and Omnivores. We started with our fantastic animal experience day meeting and learning about several animals. We have then focused on a different group each week learning what features they have and what they eat. We checked out knowledge this week by classifying animals into their groups.



In subsequent weeks we have focused on carnivores, herbivores and then omnivores learning what features they have and what they eat. The children were very interested in the difference in the animal's teeth! This week we checked our knowledge by classifying animals into their groups.

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*Juniper Class have been creating their own stop motion movies. We created a story board, then made back drops and characters. We then used the I pads to use an onion skinning technique to film our short stories.*



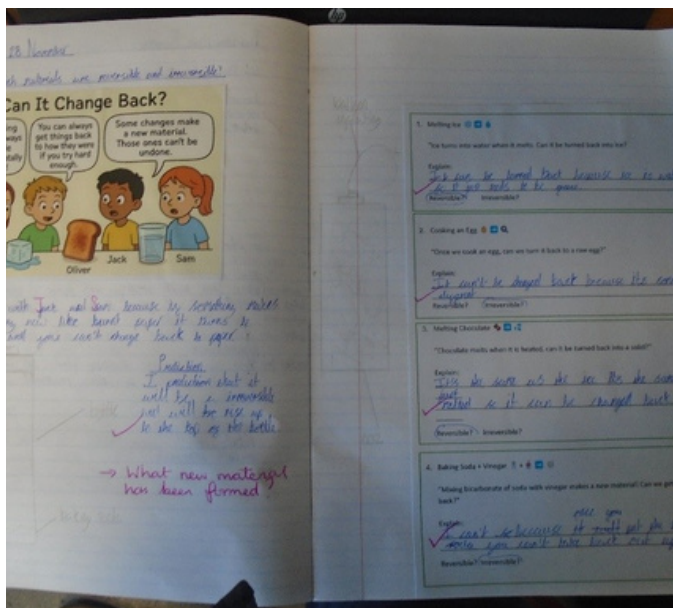
*In Science we have begun to design our diorama's of Thetford forest. We have some excellent ideas that we will craft over the next two weeks. We are going to be using a variety of materials to create scenes, creatures and fauna. We still need a few more shoe boxes or similar for our creations if you have any spare!*



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In science Sycamore class have been exploring and learning all about reversible and irreversible changes in materials. They have been learning that some materials are reversible such as, melting ice or chocolate and others are not. The children looked at what irreversible changes are and as a class we observed what happens when we mix baking powder and vinegar together. The results showed us that this was an irreversible change and a new material was formed in carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)! The children have been using cartoons to help them overcome any misconceptions they may have had about the concept and giving some great verbal explanations!

The science ambassadors have also been busy with their lunchtime boxes and will be now looking at how they can use the 'Physics libraries' to help encourage the learning of physics within the school.



**Our next sharing assembly is 12<sup>th</sup> December at the revised time of 8.45 am at School, look forward to seeing you.**