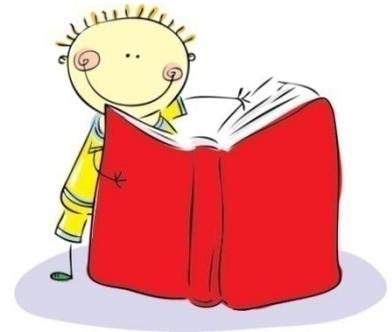


Reception Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2017

In phonics this week the children have learnt a new phoneme: **ph (take a photograph of an elephant)**. The children have also focused on **'oe' as in toe** and looked at words containing other 'oe' sounds such as 'ow' as in blow the snow, 'oa' as in goat in a boat and 'o-e' as in phone home. We have been focusing on Phase 4 HFW and Tricky words this term as it is important to be able to read many of them on sight to help improve children's fluency when reading. The children have played various games this week to support them reading these words.



Thank you for coming in for our Phonics and Stay and Play Sessions over the last few weeks. It has been great having visitors in class, the children absolutely loved it and no tears saying goodbye! ☺ We hope you enjoyed seeing how the children learn and play with their peers.

In our maths sessions this week, the children practised counting in ones, twos, fives and tens. We pretended to be pirates hunting for treasure and had to work together to share the treasure fairly! The children did well finding half of different numbers.

The children had great fun in the woods this week during our Forest School session. They enjoyed pretending to be fawns and escape the hungry fox! They read the story 'Owl Babies' and enjoyed creating nests and making omelettes in the Mud Kitchen.

I must say how proud I am of the children for their fantastic behaviour on our school trip to Godstone Farm on Wednesday. They were brilliantly behaved and respectful to adults on the trip and staff at Godstone Farm.



They enjoyed meeting and stroking some of the animals such as: Biscuit the guinea pig, a hen, a Peking Bantam chick and the softest rabbit in the world! There was a fantastic (and bumpy) tractor ride, spider web weaving and lots of time to play in the large play area. Thank you to all the adults for your help on the trip. It is safe to say the children were suitably worn out after their fun and jam packed day!



The children have enjoyed finding out more about animals that lay eggs and enjoyed watching more video clips. This week we saw Emperor Penguins hatch and grow as well as Bamboo sharks and octopuses. The children enjoyed creating their own non-fiction books again and they are looking great.

I have included some of the websites we have used this week below: -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zdw9wmn>

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/activity/Alien-Pairs-to-10-733>

The children also made me very proud during their class Act of Worship, they were amazing! They have got so confident at speaking in front of an audience and their ability to learn their lines is fantastic! Thank you for coming to see the children today, we hope you enjoyed it.

Thank you very much to parents who have offered to look after our chickens! You won't need to worry about the chicks as they will be spending a week at home with Mrs Robinson! I think the children will miss them, but they will enjoy seeing how much they have grown and changed when they return to school.

Have a lovely half term break!

Miss Dale