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Reception Summer 2 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy half term! It has been lovely to see the children outside enjoying the lovely learning opportunities in our outdoor area and the school grounds. We have had lots of achievements in physical development this term with lots of children developing their bat and ball skills and many learning to ride their bikes without stabilisers! Well done everyone! The arrival of the chicks and tadpoles created great excitement and the children observed the life cycles of both. They also learnt to care for them too. Bikeability has been amazing! I would recommend you to try your children without stabilisers now as many of them are ready to ride on their own!



The children have worked hard in language and literacy particularly their writing. We have been practising writing in sentences and using finger spaces and full stops. The children are now reading independently and can often be seen in the reading corner sharing books.

The children have really enjoyed learning about the Sword in the Stone. I didn't realise we had so many knights and princesses in reception! The children made story maps and thought about the characters. Minibeasts has been a great hit, I think we have lots of budding David Attenboroughs!!

The children have found bugs in the most unusual places including on our sailing ship. The children have drawn and written about their findings.

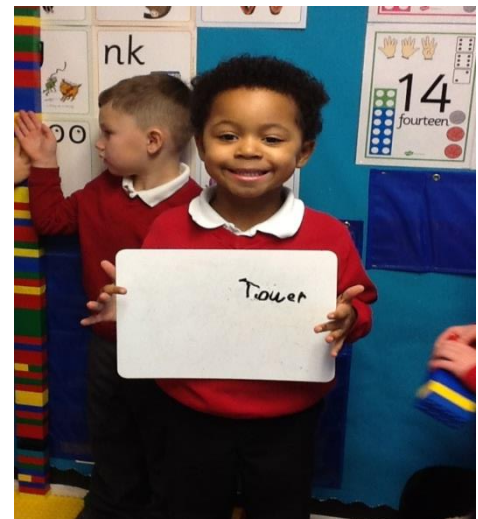
In maths we have been doubling and halving and lots of children have applied this when looking at ladybirds. I often heard the comment "Look

Mrs Hainsworth it's a double ladybird, the same spots on each side, 3 and 3 make 6!" We have also been handling money and learning about the 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coin. We have been practising our counting in 2's and 10's and the children are now beginning to apply this when counting objects.

Next term we are beginning with farm animals and will then move onto wild animals and creatures under the sea.

Here are the targets we are working towards next term:

- To read and write using words that contain '2 letters 1 sound' e.g. sh, ch, ck, ss, ll
- To learn words we cannot sound out e.g. the, I, said, of, my
- To count in 2's, 5's and 10's
- To collect data
- To estimate and count objects reliable to 20
- Addition and subtraction to 20
- To practise retelling stories of their making



- Reading at home
- Writing in different styles e.g. lists, factfiles, stories



If you feel your child has already achieved these you could support us by:

- Number sentences with missing numbers e.g. $? + ? = 10$ or
- $? + 3 = 15$ or $? + ? + ? = 12$, or $7 = ? - 9$
- Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers practically
- Count in steps of 3
- Writing sentences using full stops and finger spaces

Useful websites

<http://www.ngkids.co.uk/#>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/animals.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/collections/p00xfvq>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zx676sg>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase4Menu.htm>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37&AgeGroup=1>

Can I remind parents that the children need PE kit in school all week.

We have quite a few children without kit. Finally it has been lovely to see parents commenting on tapestry now. Look out for the comment box. You can also add your own observations too should you so wish.

Thank you for all your support.

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