



Hedgehog class's weekly newsletter



What have we been learning this week?

This week the children have been building on prior taught learning and knowledge from last week. We had a fantastic day in the forest. The children sat around the fire with a hot chocolate and a slice of toast, explored the forest and played a game of hide a seek. The children earned their first few marbles to go in the marble jar, well done Hedgehog's!

English – This week we have been focussing on rhyming words and creating our own rhyming sentences. The children's ideas were used to create a class poem. At the end of the week the children performed our focus poem 'Where teachers keep their pets'. Reception children have been practising writing their new phonic sounds: m, a, s, d, t.

Maths – All children have been representing numbers in different ways. Reception children have been using the provision to demonstrate their knowledge of number. Year 1 and 2 have been using a ten frame, base ten, counters, cubes, place value charts to represent numbers and count on from a given number.

Science – This week the children all discussed what makes them unique, the Year 1 children then labelled a human body with specific body parts and Year 2 children sorted animals between mammals and not mammals. The Year 2 children then explained what a mammal was and what structures they have: a skeleton on the inside, fur, give birth to live young.

History – On Monday we watched a video of lots of different types of transport from different periods of time. The children then labelled and described the types of transport which were in the video. Can any of your children remember the name of some of these types of transport?

Art – On Wednesday the children completed another piece of art work for the Brockley art competition. Reception children printed a picture using shapes, Year 1 children cut out shapes and sticking the shapes down to create a flower picture and Year 2 children used tissue paper to create a 3D picture.

ICT – The children had their first computing lesson this week. They all watched a video about being safe online and discussed how they can remain safe online.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle into school each day.
- Your child now has a reading book and a love of reading book.
- Please read with your child and write this in their reading diary.
- Please ensure your child's reading diary, reading folder is in school every day.
- Mystery reader will begin soon, another letter will be sent out next week.
- Colchester Zoo forms need to be returned, please check your child's book bag for their letter. Thank you for those parents who have already responded.

Miss Burroughs's idea of the week

Writing Focus – To write rhyming words independently.

Encourage your child to think of an object. How many words rhyme with that word. Can they put the rhyming words into a sentence or sentences? Can they use their phonics to write the sentences independently? For example: hat, bat, mat.

I saw a hat and a bat. They were on a bright pink mat.

Maths Focus – Choose a number between 1 – 10. Ask your child to count on from that number all the way to 10 or 20. For example: 5. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Due to the country being in national mourning, there was no celebration assembly this week. Celebration assembly will resume next Friday. Remember no school on Monday as it is the Queen's funeral.