



Hedgehog class's weekly newsletter



What have we been learning this week?

On Thursday, we all dressed up as rock stars to celebrate Times Table Rockstar day. We were all very impressed with how much effort you all put in to enable your child to take part in this day. Thank you! We ended our week by visiting Colchester Zoo. All of the children were extremely well behaved and represented the school excellently. We saw lots of different animals and even went for a ride on the train. The children also took part in an educational session; the children had the opportunity to feel a real snow leopard fur, tortoise shell, snake skin, turtle shell and many more different animals. The children then described how the different items felt.

English – This week we have continued our learning about poems. The children have completed their own counting poem. Mrs Woolmer was very impressed with the quality of independent writing. Well done Hedgehogs! Year 1 and 2 parents as your child if they can explain what a verb is and give an example of some verb words. Reception children have been practising writing their new phonic sounds: p, g and o. Reception children have also begun blending words which contain the sounds: m, a, s, d, t. For example: sat, mat, at.

Maths – All children have been comparing amounts. Reception children have been using the provision to represent the number 1 and have started to discuss what items we may need in our number 1 house. Year 1 and 2 have been comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to symbols: $>$ $<$ $=$.

History – This week the children continued their transport topic with looking at how cars have changed over the years. We created a timetable and compared how cars have changed since they were first invented until the present day. Ask your child how cars have changed since they were first invented.

ICT – In ICT this week, the children continued their learning on technology. The children discussed different parts of a computer with their learning partner and labelled them as a class.

P.E. – We continued our games topic in P.E. this week. The children practised their throwing and rolling skills this week. They had to watch the ball when it was coming towards them and control the ball when it was rolled towards them.

Reminders

- Please ensure all of your child's belongings are named.
- Please read with your child and write this in their reading diary. Your child has a phonics/reading book and a love of reading book. Both books need to be read throughout the week.
- Please ensure your child's reading diary, reading folder is in school every day.
- Monday 3rd October to begin at 2pm – Harvest church service. All parents/carers welcome.
- Tuesday 4th October phonic parent event at 1:45. (More details to follow in a separate email)
- Please send in any WOW moments with pictures.

Miss Burroughs's idea of the week

History – Can your child research about cars? How have they changed? Can they create a poster comparing how cars have changed?

Maths – Year 1 and 2 - Can your child demonstrate their knowledge of greater than, less than or equal to? Ask them to write two numbers and then place the symbol in between the numbers. Reception – Can your child go on a number hunt at home? How many different numbers can they find? (please take photos and send them in)

Writing – Can your child write about or draw their favourite part of the zoo trip? Encourage them to use their phonics when trying to write different words.

No certificates this week as we were at Colchester Zoo, our certificates will be celebrated next week.