



Hedgehog class's weekly newsletter



What have we been learning this week?

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Coronation picnic' last week. The weather wasn't on our side but it was still special event. Thank you to those who joined us.

English – This week the Year 1 and 2 children have started a new topic of narrative writing with a predictable pattern. The children have been focussing on the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt'. They finished the week drafting their own adapted story. I'm really looking forward to reading the finished pieces of writing. Reception children have been focussing on writing in sentences. They have been encouraged to use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and their phonics.

Maths – This week the Year 1 and 2 children have started a new topic of fractions. Year 1 children have been recognising and finding half. The Year 2 children have been recognising and finding halves and quarters. "A half is two equal parts of a whole". Reception children have been focussing on the number 10. They have been using manipulatives to secure their knowledge of bonds to 10.

Geography – On Tuesday, we continued our learning of 'Oceans and seas'. The children learnt about the 5 five oceans. They were asked to identify them on a map and write their own facts about one ocean. How many ocean names can they remember?

Science – We continued our learning about 'Plants' this week. The children observed flowering plants. They were asked to identify the structure of various flowering plants and compare them with each other. The children found lots of different flowering plants on the school grounds.

Art – This week the children started their new topic of 'collage'. They learnt about Henri Matisse and his artwork 'The Snail.' The children then recreated this piece of artwork and created their own individual piece of artwork.

Music – On Friday morning, we were joined by the Year 5 children. The children were encouraged to use the boom whackers to play different sounds. In the afternoon, all Hedgehog children participated and worked well together. We discussed the length of the boom whacker and how each pole made a different sound. Some sounds were higher pitch and others lower. Some sounds were a longer sound while others were shorter.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings in their **library book every Thursday**. Some children haven't been bringing in their library book and therefore the books haven't been changed for 2 or 3 weeks.
- Please ensure your child arrives at school **before 8:40**. We have had a few children arriving late and coming in through the office. We are now marking children who are late on the register.
- As the weather is getting warmer, it is vital that your child brings a **water bottle** into school every day.
- **KS1 SATs week – WB 22nd May 2023**
- **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – WB 12th June 2023**

Miss Burroughs's idea of the week

Maths – Year 2 – Can you find a half and quarter of different quantities?

Year 1 – Can you help cut your dinner or lunch up into halves? Can you represent halves using everyday objects? Half a cup of water, half an apple, half of a picture.

Reception – Can you remember any number bonds to 10? 10 and 0, 9 and 1 etc.

Geography – Choose an ocean and research about it? Can you create a fact file or a poster? What new information can you find out?

Certificates this week were awarded to:

Isla – Pupil of the week. Jemima – Blue achievement certificate.