

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 9

Friday 23rd June 2023

The children have worked extremely hard this week. It has been a particularly challenging week for us in Reception, as we have had a taster of working in a more structured way through a learning carousel. We were very impressed in how the children approached their learning and how conscientious they were in finishing their activities, particularly as they were working on a much more independent level.

During T4W this week, we started our new focus book, *Dear Zoo*. The children identified the characters and labelled them during their learning activities. We identified the repeated phrases, “So, they sent me a...” and “I sent him back..” and used these to retell the story accurately following a story map. We revisited our knowledge of adjectives and identified these in the story. During our learning carousel, we began our guided reading tasks, where we focused on developing our comprehension skills, by answering questions about what we have read. We will continue to practise this in the coming weeks and invite you to also support the children in this venture by working through the ‘After Reading’ page at the back of the Little Wandle reading books.

During Maths this week, we have been learning about doubling numbers. We identified that a double number means that the same number is used again. We discussed that when a number is doubled, it becomes twice as big, enabling us to recap our addition knowledge and vocabulary. This week, we learnt to use the words: total and altogether. We continued to practise our addition sentence reading skills and used our number formation knowledge to complete written calculations.

Our UW and EAD focus has been centred around wild animals and the zoo. This week, we studied a map of Whipsnade Zoo and identified the meanings of the symbols. We learnt that the legend helps us to understand the symbols on the map. We worked independently using a grapheme mat, to write a list of the animals that we would all like to see at the Zoo this Friday when we visit.

We have also been collecting resources for our new role play area. Over the next few weeks, we will be developing a Safari jeep, where we will be able to go out and spot our favourite wild animals. Of course, we wouldn’t be able to do this without a pair of state of the art binoculars. We busied ourselves this week with making our own box construction binoculars. To make sure that we were camouflaged, we decorated them with animal print paper.

Our Summer Term Show & Tell Group Rota is as follows:

Date	Group
Mo 26-06-2023	Butterflies
Tu 04-07-2023	Honey Bees and Orchids
Mo 10-07-2023	Red Kites and Woodpeckers

We look forward to hearing about the interesting items brought in by Butterflies on Monday afternoon during Show and Tell. These will be housed in the Show & Tell box to keep them safe throughout the day.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ Louie, for making a real effort with his reading.
- ❖ Navika, for building up confidence to answer questions in class.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Jenson, for writing a sentence about each zoo animal using his phonic knowledge.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parent volunteers, who accompanied us to the Zoo today. We hope you had a lovely day and enjoyed learning about the animals just as much as we did.

Well done for all your hard work. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby