

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 2

Friday 28th April 2023

It has been a very busy week this week, as we have been preparing our classroom and ourselves for King Charles III's forthcoming coronation.

During Talk4Writing this week, we have been learning how to write a letter. It was the wish of the children to write a letter to the King to congratulate him in his new role. We began the week by finding the address of Buckingham Palace on the internet and addressing our envelopes. We learnt about the letter greetings 'To' and 'Dear' and selected to use 'Dear' to start our letter, because King Charles III is a very important person. Next, we explained why we were writing the letter and included the qualities we thought were needed to be a good King. Finally, we shared how we will be celebrating the coronation and ended our letter with 'Yours sincerely.'

The coronation theme spilled over into Maths this week also. We revisited our previous learning about 3D shapes by recapping their names and added to this information by learning about 3D shape properties. We transferred and linked this knowledge by looking at the coronation route King Charles III will be taking and identified the buildings enroute. We used wooden bricks to build these structures and practised naming the 3D shapes we had used, as well as looking closely at photographs of these landmarks to identify the properties of the building themselves.

We have worked hard throughout the week on preparing our learning areas both indoors and outdoors, so that they are 'coronation ready.' We have been exercising our imagination by using everyday school-based items to develop our learning areas. We have been hosting royal dinner parties indoors at our newly laid dining table, complete with champagne glasses and a range of tasty treats. We have also established a 'beautification area', where we can dress in our finest attire and adorn ourselves in the finest jewels ready for a feast with royalty! Outdoors, we have fashioned a golden coronation carriage using fabrics, complete with lacrosse stick horses, skipping rope reins and chairs for the footmen. We look forward to expanding and developing these areas next week.

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

Date	Group
Mo 15-05-2023	Honey Bees
Mo 22-05-2023	Orchids
Mo 12-06-2023	Red Kites
Mo 19-06-2023	Woodpeckers
Mo 26-06-2023	Butterflies
Mo 03-07-2023	Honey Bees
Mo 10-07-2023	Orchids
Mo 17-07-2023	Red Kites
Tu 18-07-2023	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:

- ❖ Marley, for working in partnership with another child, listening to ideas and solving problems.
- ❖ Nathan, for working in partnership with another child, listening to ideas and solving problems.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Navika, for making a coronation flag and writing a message to the King and Queen.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you refreshed and raring to go next week.

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby