

## **Reception Class Learning Blog – Spring Term – Week 3**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The children are now firmly in their routine and although tired from working so hard, are learning happily and continuing to form strong friendship bonds.

As we continue with our focus story, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* this week, we were introduced to the genre of non-fiction books. We learnt that these books do not have to be read in order. They include a contents and index page and have page numbers in the corner. We looked at a book called *Bears* this week and used the index page to identify information about brown bears.

In Talk 4 Writing this week, we have also been practising using our phonics knowledge to write sentences. We have learnt that a sentence starts with a capital letter, ends with a full stop and contains finger spaces between each word. We have learnt to check that we have included these features in our writing.

We have also been learning about different types of houses during Talk for Writing and identified that the house in our focus story is a detached house, because it stands on its own. We identified the kinds of houses that we live in and some of us had a go at writing a sentence about our house.

During our Maths sessions, we have been learning to use the language a measurement. This week, we have been using non-standard measures such as cubes. We learnt that we need to measure from a baseline, so that every measurement starts from the same position to make it fair. We used cubes to measure the length of dinosaur footprints and the height of Teddy Bear Towers. We were also introduced to a meter stick and discovered that 1 meter equals 100cm. We are beginning to find items around the school that equal this measurement.

To continue our interest about fossils and dinosaurs, we learnt that we can classify dinosaurs according to their diet. We learnt the vocabulary herbivore, omnivore and carnivore and learnt that herbivores didn't run as fast as other dinosaurs because they had less energy. Dinosaurs that were omnivores had a beaked mouth for picking at food and carnivores had very sharp teeth for ripping meat. They were also very fast runners.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ Teddy for his perseverance in his creative skills to create his crocodile model with many parts
- ❖ Oliver for his enthusiastic reading and story telling

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Sophia, for writing sentences about her house and making sure that she used a capital letter, a full stop and finger spaces.

Well done Reception Class! We look forward to developing our knowledge, skills and learning next week

Have a good weekend everyone!

With every best wish,  
Mrs Dowling & Mrs Butler