

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 4

Friday 12th May 2023

This week began with excited chatter about King Charles III Coronation. The children spent the end of last week re-enacting the late HM Queen Elizabeth's II Coronation after watching a film clip. They were equally delighted to talk about what they had seen on television on Saturday and deepening their knowledge.

During Talk4Writing this week, we have continued to learn about *Jack and the Beanstalk*. After creating our story maps the previous week, we began the task of 'boxing up.' During our shared writing session, the children took each part of the story in turn and devised a sentence to describe what was happening in the illustration. We learnt how to write a sentence using the, 'Think it. Say it. Write it. Check it.' method. Without being able to think of a sentence, we would not know where to put the capital letter or full stop. Without saying the sentence, we would not be able to check if the words are in the correct order. Now that we know where our sentence starts and ends and that the words make sense, we are able to write it. We created some magnificent sentences with interesting phrases. We even began editing our work together as a class!

Our Jack and the Beanstalk theme spilled over into our Maths sessions this week. We revisited our measuring knowledge, first by using non-standard units of measure, where we compared objects against the Giant's footprint to practise our vocabulary skills. We sorted a range of everyday objects into groups using the vocabulary long, short, longer, shorter, longest, shortest and equal. We learnt that we had to do this in stages, otherwise we would not have been able to identify the shortest and longest items. Next, we measured the footprint using cubes and discovered that twenty cubes were of equal length. We now understood that we could measure objects more accurately because each individual cube was of equal length. We moved this understanding forward by investigating rulers. We learnt that the measurement used was centimetres (cm) and that we had to start our measuring at 1cm and measure to the end of the object. We used our estimating skills to make a judgement before measuring the item. Finally, we found the difference between two items by identifying them using measuring vocabulary first and then revisiting our subtraction skills. We will continue to develop this next week.

We have continued to revisit our life cycle knowledge of broad beans and have planted our beans also. We learnt that it was important to plant two bean seeds, as this gave a greater chance of a plant developing. We learnt that plants need sunlight and water to grow, so we have placed our plant pots on trays near the window. We will take it in turns to water our plants and wait excitedly until we see the first shoots peeping through the soil. We look forward to Science Week after half term, as we will be learning more about how to support plants to grow.

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 Honey Bees 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:

- ❖ Vincent, who is now attending some full days and working very hard to take part in all his learning.
- ❖ Arthur, for always approaching his work with gusto and finding ways to overcome challenges.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Oliver, for improving our sentences during shared writing to make them much more interesting.

Well done for all your hard work this week Reception. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby