

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 10

Friday 30th June 2023

What an exciting week! The children's excitement from our visit to Whipsnade Zoo spilled over into this week and they have been story telling in the small world jungle by taking on the role of zoo keepers to look after the animals. It has been wonderful to see the first-hand knowledge the children received during our educational visit now firmly placed in their learning. The children are certainly looking forward to their visit to Year 1 next week to meet their new teacher, Mis Grimaldi.

During T4W this week, we have been working on inventing new aspects of the Dear Zoo story in preparation to making it our own in the forthcoming week. This week, we focused on adjectives and recapped that these words help to describe and object, person or place. We were also introduced to a thesaurus to help us broaden our vocabulary and change the adjectives in the story. This week, we also began planning our poems about our favourite animals from the zoo. With support, we continued to use the thesaurus to help us make our writing more interesting.

During Maths this week, we completed our doubles learning and began focusing on halving and sharing. We learnt that when we halve objects, they make up two equal groups. We learnt to do this by helping our Greedy Monsters select their own party food and shared out the items equally by first offering it to one monster and then the other, until all our objects had been used up.

Our UW focus centred around nocturnal animals. The children chose which animal they would like to write about and worked in a small group with the adults to use books, film clips and their own current knowledge to write information about the animal. The children were introduced to using a word bank and are becoming increasingly independent in their writing skills.

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

Date	Group
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 Honey Bees and Orchids on Tuesday 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:

- ❖ Sebastian, for helping to wash up, dry and organise the mud kitchen resources for the new Reception children.
- ❖ Olivia-Lily, for helping to wash up, dry and organise the mud kitchen resources for the new Reception children.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Nico, for demonstrating excellent phonic knowledge when writing facts about bats.

Our children are growing up very fast and they are particularly excited about moving up to Year 1 for the morning next week. It would be really helpful if you could begin encouraging the children to come into school by themselves from the gate and via the side door, as this is what they will be doing in Year 1.

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

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby