

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 11

Friday 7th July 2023

This is our penultimate blog. It has been a fantastic week this week. The children were excellent ambassadors for Reception as they moved up to Year 1 for the morning to meet their new teacher, Miss Grimaldi. When they returned, they were all full of glee, eager to share what they had learnt. Their behaviour and love of learning must be commended. We have a group of children so very ready for the next stage in their learning journey and highly excited about it too!

During T4W we have continued to develop our story map. After choosing alternative adjectives the previous week, we selected new corresponding wild animals and retold our newly invented Dear Zoo story. We have continued to identify adjectives in preparation for writing our poems next week and were supported to use a thesaurus to extend our vocabulary and improve the quality of our writing.

During Maths this week, we continued to work on consolidating our sharing knowledge from the previous week. We practised using manipulatives, which we shared into equal groups and talked about our methods and reasoning and learnt how to communicate this information using the words: equal groups, methodical and system when we organised the objects.

We continued to write about nocturnal animals this week and were supported to select interesting words from the thesaurus to include in our writing, as well as using the technical words we had learnt from our previous research, such as: echo location, talons, plumage and sett. We were so proud of our work that we have created a display in our classroom.

We are very excited about the Summer Fete this weekend and our EAD focus this week, was to create Hawaiian inspired bunting for the class stall. We began by discussing images of Hawaii and locating it on a World Map. We noticed that almost all the images we looked at featured a sunset. We therefore decided to use this as the background to our bunting and revisited our colour mixing knowledge to create orange, by mixing red and yellow together. Next, we were introduced to a technique called dabbing, where we gently stabbed the paint brush onto our paper to create a textured surface. This reminded us of an erupting volcano, which we later learnt is called an active volcano and that there is an eruption currently occurring on the island of Hawaii. We looked at some of the recurring themes in our photos and selected to include a palm tree, surfer, a hibiscus flower and a flamingo image on our bunting. We cut out the outlines of these images, which were printed in black. This is called a silhouette. See if you can spot our bunting at the fete!

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

Date	Group
Mo 10-07-2023	Red Kites and Woodpeckers

We look forward to hearing about the interesting items brought in by Red Kites and Woodpeckers 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:

- ❖ Aydin, for being wonderfully polite and showing much confidence.
- ❖ Jenson, for showing resilience by coming in by himself in the morning.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Sebastian, for using newly learnt vocabulary in his writing.

If you are going to the fete this weekend, do have a splendid time, we hope that the weather holds out for the duration.

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

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby