

Reception Class Learning Blog – Spring Term – Week 8

Friday 3rd March 2023

It *really* has been another busy week for us all in Reception. We returned to our usual timetable after the excitement of the previous week. As we grow more confident, we work towards taking more responsibility for ourselves. This week, we began taking personal responsibility for our school bags. We have been getting into the routine of hanging our bags on our pegs and taking our reading and library books out and placing them in the reading box in the morning when it is our reading day. We are being reminded to do this in the morning and are working towards doing this independently as the term goes on.

We are also continuing to develop our learning environment. This week, we created an outdoor 'Learning through Play Resources Station.' As a class, we identified a range of items that we find useful to support us in our learning. We are responsible for this area and make sure that it is tidy and ready to use every day. As ever, we develop this resource by adding interesting items throughout the week. We also expanded our Atelier this week. We are a creative bunch and reorganised the resources in this area to allow us to choose from a greater selection of items. We have introduced Design Drawers, where we work through the stages of building a box construction model. We learnt that we first need to create a design of what we would like to make. Next, we ask an adult to help us label our design and decide on the resources we need to create it. Then we collect the resources and place them in the drawer, alongside any embellishments we would like to use. Finally, we make the model, adapting it as we need to.

In Maths, we have been learning about measuring time. Specifically, we have been looking at the days of the week. We have learnt that the order stays the same and have been identifying and using the vocabulary – today, yesterday and tomorrow. We have been using our class writing calendar to add information and apply our new vocabulary as we look at the week's events.

This week, saw the introduction to our new theme in Talk4Writing – Helpful Heroes (People who Help Us.) We have recently learnt how to recognise the features of a non-fiction book. We were introduced to a contents page, which showed the type of information the book contains; an index page, where we learnt that we could use this to find specific information; a glossary, to help us find out the meanings of words and we also looked for page numbers. We reorganised our Kinder Box and now have a non-fiction section within it, to help us embed our learning. We have also set ourselves a challenge this week, to see if we can identify our non-fiction reading book and look for the features within it.

As the weather gradually warms up, we have been investigating the signs of Spring by going for a walk around the school grounds with our checklist sheet. We are currently developing an indoor and outdoor display and would welcome any items that can support our learning in this area. Please remember – No pick! No lick! to keep yourselves safe. Please do post your Spring pictures on Tapestry, which we would love to share with the class.

We finished the week with World Book Day, where we dressed up as a range of characters found in the books that we have enjoyed reading. We also got the chance to take part in a carousel of activities across EYFS and KS1, which saw us working with other teachers to share books. We were privileged to have a range of stories read to us throughout the morning and participated in various follow up activities.

We look forward to hearing about the interesting items brought in by Honey Bee group 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:

- ❖ George, for following instructions accurately during a cooking activity.
- ❖ Louie, for having the confidence to take a more active part in class discussions.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Yusuf, for using his phonics independently to write a sentence about his favourite pancake topping.

Well done Reception Class! Have a lovely weekend everybody.

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby