

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 12

Friday 14th July 2023

We've done it Reception! We have completed our Early Years' experience and will be moving into Year 1 – Key Stage 1 in a few short weeks' time. Although it is the last few weeks of the academic year, we still continue to work at full pelt to complete our curriculum and showcase all our hard work, which we have completed throughout the year. What a wonderful year it has been. Our children have grown in confidence and maturity as the year has progressed and all should be commended for their sheer resilience and love of learning. Well done everyone!

During T4W we have moved onto the poetry writing phase of the writing process. The children have worked together to produce a shared poem about their favourite animals in Dear Zoo and have replicated this model for their own poems about their favourite zoo animals from their visit to Whipsnade. The children have all been supported to extend their vocabulary by selecting words from a thesaurus to improve both their spoken and written language.

During Maths this week we have been learning to combine groups of 2, 5 and 10. We have been discussing the number patterns made by these groups and used a hundred square to illustrate this. The children have also been using Numicon and number lines to identify the missing number in an addition sentence. They identified the answer first by laying down the Numicon number tile and then selected the given number, which they explained as the total that had already been used. Finally, they counted the remaining dots to find the corresponding number, which was inserted into the number sentence. We focused on making sure that our numbers were formed correctly.

This week, we learnt about natural and manufactured materials and sorted these into groups. We identified natural materials that come from living things, such as animals and plants and human-made materials as those that were created by people. We had a lengthy discussion about silk and paint because these are made from natural sources, so we decided to create an extra group in the middle, where we decided that the material was natural but the product it made was manufactured. The discussion was electric, with children very willing and able to provide reasons and justifications for their ideas.

We were very lucky that the rain held off for Sport's Day on Tuesday. We had a splendid time. The children tried their very hardest and were determined to finish every race they ran, even though some proved a little challenging. It was wonderful seeing everybody have a go and also showing great sporting behaviour by cheering on their team mates and congratulating the other teams. Well done to Pankhurst house, who won the Sport's Day trophy.

We were also treated to a magnificent music concert, where we had the opportunity to hear the recorder groups and other instruments, such as the piano and violin being played. This was a particularly useful event for our children, as they too will be learning the recorder in Year 1 and no doubt staging a marvellous concert in the future.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ Yusuf, for being a very helpful member of the class, particularly at tidy up time.
- ❖ George, for showing good sportsmanship during Sport's Day.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Charlie, for using a tripod grip to hold his pencil to write his letters.

As this is our last blog, we would like to thank you for all your help, cooperation and unfailing support in everything that we have done. Working together in this way has ensured that our children have had the best start to their school journey – the only way is up from here.

We would like to wish each and every one of you a restful and enjoyable Summer break and the very best of luck in Year 1.

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby