

What a busy fortnight we have had!

The children are trying hard to sit on the carpet when they arrive in the morning. We are practising quick addition of two numbers (like $7 + 2 = ?$ and $5 + 3 = ?$). Each Friday, we try to beat our previous week's score. You might like to practise adding with your child at home. The children have been taught to draw the correct number of dots before counting them to find the total - but if they can hold the first number in their head and count on, they will reach the answer faster.

The children have enjoyed their first Forest Adventure of the Summer Term with Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Breakwell (in the school grounds). The pupils dressed themselves in their outdoor gear so that they could crawl on the ground under the cargo net and move around the field, mimicking different animals. In the log circle, we explored the things that grow and we searched for the largest leaves and sticks so that we could compare their lengths.

We have learnt about mass and the children put their learning to good use when weighing the correct amount of soil to make their grass caterpillar. We watered the seeds and we are hoping to see the grass soon!

In English, we each wrote a story based on 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have continued to revise our knowledge of Stage 2 and Stage 3 sounds and we have enjoyed listening to a range of texts including 'Little Red Hen', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and a non-fiction book about sunflowers. We have shown our understanding of the life-cycle of a sunflower. Super!

After reading about Jack and his beans, we each planted a bean. We hope it grows tall, just like Jack's! We wrote instructions to help other children to understand how to plant beans correctly.

Our garden centre role play is up and running in the classroom and the children use their knowledge of planting and growing when serving 'customers'. It is a delight to watch! Customers write their shopping list before entering the shop and the shop workers write order-forms to replenish their stock. The children use their writing skills for great purpose when playing in the role play area.

Each Friday, we enjoy an exciting Drama session with Miss Rickards. During last week's session, she was extremely impressed with every single child's confidence when performing and she always praises the children's listening and attention skills.

We weren't taught by Mrs Rees last week but we are looking forward to our session with her today.

We enjoyed meeting lots of visitors this Thursday. They all commented on the children's lovely relationships with each other - and they were impressed with our super playing and working skills. We have warmly welcomed Harry to our class and we are all keen to partner up with him during our work and play.

Now that we are approaching half term, the children's 'jobs' are becoming a little trickier in preparation for Chestnut Class. We are praising the children's efforts and we are really proud of both what they are achieving and the perseverance that they are showing.

NOTICES

PE Kits

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON EVERY ITEM OF PE KIT. Our PE sessions will vary depending on the weather so it would be really useful (if possible) if PE kits could be brought into school on Monday morning. They will be sent home each Friday for the weekend (if you would like to take your child's bag home).

Sun Lotion

Thank you for sending lotion in for your child. The children apply their lotion on the carpet so that we can monitor their application. So far, they have done brilliantly and they are really keen to protect their skin from the sun.

Sun Hats

Some children have brought sun hats in for sunny days. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on the label.

Show and Tell

We have had lots of fabulous things arriving in class this week. 'Show and Tell' is really important for developing the children's speaking, listening and attention. We hold our session each Friday but children do not need to bring something every week. It is more meaningful for the children if they bring in something that means a lot to them.

I hope that your child has had a great fortnight. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs. S Breakwell