

# Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 18th March 2022

We came across two new words and added them to our 'book vocabulary' list this week—*nocturnal* and *co-coon*. We have enjoyed a range of fiction and non-fiction books about nocturnal animals and 'daytime' animals. This linked well with the EYFS curriculum area 'Understanding the World'—what we see, hear and feel when outside. We spoke about what animals we might see during the day time on our way to school, if we visit a farm or a zoo. Then, if we were out very late at night what animals would we expect to see from the information we have learnt when reading non-fiction books.

'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' is an all time favourite story book. We read this during story time and it prompted lots of discussions such as - healthy and unhealthy foods the caterpillar ate, what a 'cocoon' is and what it would have been like inside the cocoon. Then, we looked carefully at the picture of the butterfly and all its beautiful bright colours. Some children also noticed how the butterfly was the same on both sides (symmetrical). This led to our creative area being very busy, caterpillars were being made using bottle tops and felt material, butterflies were coloured in to complete the symmetrical pattern. We then designed our own butterflies using 'chubby paint pens', encouraging children to think about symmetry.

A focus for maths this half term is recalling number bonds 0-5. This week we have focused this. We have used a Jack Hartman song on YouTube –number bonds to 5, that includes actions to support learning. Multi-link cubes, numicon and our fingers were used to carry out number investigations to make 5.

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day 2022. A video clip 'Teddy's Story' was shown that told us how money raised on Red Nose Day supports the people who need it.

A couple of reminders—

- Easter Raffle tickets are still on sale, £1 a strip.
- Easter Disco tickets are still on sale, permission slip and £10 to be returned to school by Monday 28th March.
- Reception Family Assembly— Wednesday 23rd March at 10:00 a.m. Due to it being held in school we ask that face masks are worn. It will be recorded and the link emailed to you like the Christmas Nativity Performance.

Have a lovely weekend

Reception Staff