

Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 1st April 2022

On Tuesday the children were able to "get close" to an owl, a kestrel and a hawk. as expected, behaviour was excellent as the children listened to the information given about each bird and followed instructions as not to frighten them. This was a different experience from the Acorn Farm visit as children were not able to touch the birds. This linked well with our learning about nocturnal animals and we found out some very interesting information, such as not all owls are nocturnal and their eye colour helps identify this.



Children were very hands on and eager to help clean Sonic and Sandy's tank. They used a very soft bristle toothbrush and warm water to clean their shells so as not to hurt them. We introduced some new fruit for them to try, strawberries and watermelon. Children observed how "Sandy is the smaller one but eats all of the food." Observing Sonic and Sandy was very interesting and this was our writing focus this week, writing what we have learnt about our pet snails so far.

In maths our focus has been on composition of numbers to 10 and numberbonds to 10. Using a tens frame supported this along with subitising and counting (on) the different colour counters e.g "Three orange counters and seven green counters makes ten." Confidence is also growing at saying how they see a number is made up. One of our activities involved 'magic beans'. Children had to firstly say how many beans they could see altogether and how they could see it e.g "I can see five beans, I can see is as three silver beans and two gold beans." We are creating confident mathematicians in Reception.

Our Phonics Lead, Miss Sargent completed half termly phonic assessments this week and she was very impressed with the progress children are making. Children will go into new phonic groups next week ensuring their next steps are met..

It was an exciting week in Judo. Coach Dale allowed children to wear special blue Judo jackets. Children learnt a new technique holding the jackets to pull and move their partner to the floor.

Thank you for your donation today. It felt very much like Spring time in our classroom with all of the spring colours, just slightly colder outside.

Have a lovely weekend