

Week 2 – 27th April – 1st May

Welcome to our home school communication! Each week you will get an overview of the class learning and will be set some home tasks too. Home school communication books should be returned to school on a **Wednesday**.

Please remember you have access to reading books on the Oxford Owl website. These are books that we have shared during our guided reading sessions.

Forest outdoor learning will be on Monday and PE will be on a Friday.

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	This week the children have continued to enjoy our topic, Amazing Animals. Our focus story is "the Little Red Hen" and we worked hard to mill our own flour using a pestle and mortar. It was very hard work! We made a loaf of bread and shared it in class with our friends. We have been observing the caterpillars – they are getting very big and we think nearly ready to go into their chrysalis. We have been learning lots of animal facts and we wrote animal fact files. We put this into a book and we all became authors! We started to practise our assembly and we thought about what we have learnt ready to share with everyone next Friday! In P.E. we have been practising different races with Nursery ready for Sports day on Tuesday 30 th June in the morning as well as practising our ball skills.
Outside the classroom...	The children have enjoyed spending time outside in the sunshine! They have had fun riding the bikes and scooters. In their outdoor learning session at forest school, the children made a minibeast habitat and are going to observe what lives in there over time.
Phonics	The children have been revisiting the sounds ure , er and ow . We have continued writing short sentences and the children are becoming more independent, beginning to think about what they would like to write before writing it. We have been reading and using our phonics to segment (sound out) and blend to read new words. We read "Test it" and then tested out the different experiments and made telephone cups and investigated what floats and what sinks? We have also been focusing on writing harder to read and spell words such as ball and tall .
Maths	The children have been adding and subtracting. We have been answering maths problems – for example Jack had 10 shells and he took some away. He now has 5 shells. How many shells did he take away? The children have been using ten frames and counters and have worked hard to answer all the problems.
Home learning	Please continue reading and practising your sounds and harder to read and spell words. Please can you practise your words for our assembly.
Diary dates	Monday 4 th May – Bank holiday Tuesday 5 th May – Reception visit to the library – if you are available in the morning, we would love some volunteers as we walk to the library, please let us know. Thank you Please see the letter from the library to sign up for a card. Friday 8 th May – Reception class assembly and stay and play session afterwards.

Please remember to visit the school website for the photos. [Reception class page](#)

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