

Week 5 11-15th 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 our focus story has been 'Farmer Duck'. The children have enjoyed exploring the story through role-play, discussion and a range of creative activities such as creating their own Farmer Ducks using paper plates and cotton wool. The children have been learning about life on the farm and we talked about what we might see on our upcoming farm visit. We also discussed and explored photographs of old and new farm machinery and identified the differences in farms from the past, and farms now. The children enjoyed making their own tractors using junk modelling, and playing in the farmyard tuff tray. In the water, they went fishing for sounds and made CVC words. During the adult-led literacy activity, children wrote sentences about how Farmer Duck may have been feeling in the story.
Outside the classroom...	The children enjoyed hunting for minibeasts and exploring habitats during forest outdoor learning. They have enjoyed making potions and soup in the mud kitchen and exploring the footsteps and footprints of different animals.
Phonics	This week we have been recapping all the Phase 3 sounds we have learned so far. We are focusing on embedding this knowledge before moving onto the next phase in the new term. We are continuing to work hard on letter formation and encouraging the children to write sentences and captions independently. If the children could continue practising their letter formation at home, that would be greatly appreciated.
Maths	This week in Maths children have explored decomposing and arranging 2D shapes and identifying 2D shapes within 3D shapes. We have continued to practise number bonds to 5 and are now beginning to explore subtraction within 5.
Home learning	Please continue reading and practising your sounds and harder to read and spell words. Please can you write the cvc words, using the sounds at the bottom at the sheet.
Diary dates	Wednesday 20 th May- National Bee Day. Children may come to school dressed as a bee if they wish. Wednesday 20 th May – Sponsored run Thursday 21 st May – Animal encounters day funded by PaFoS Friday 22 nd May – Teacher training day Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May – Half term Monday 1 st June – Back to school Tuesday 2 nd June – Trip to Windmill Farm Park

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

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