

Week 6 18th - 22nd 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 Bumble Bear. The children have enjoyed exploring the story and thinking carefully about why Bumble Bear said sorry, which has linked closely to our literacy activities. The children have produced some beautiful writing and have been working hard on their letter formation, sentence structure and thinking about feelings and emotions within the story. The children have been putting the correct number of bees into the honeycomb in our fine motor area and washing the babies in the water area. At the playdough table, the children have enjoyed making their own bees and flowers, while in the creative area they have painted pictures of bees and flowers. The children also explored making vehicle tracks in paint using different sized wheels and vehicles to create patterns across the paper. Other activities this week have included bee cutting activities, writing shopping lists for a farmer and exploring patterns and number bonds to 5 at the maths table. On Wednesday, we celebrated National Bee Day by learning about why bees are important and why we need them. The children also enjoyed honey on toast for snack and agreed that it was delicious! On Thursday, we enjoyed the animal experience funded by PaFoS.
Outside the classroom...	Outside, the children have enjoyed playing with dinosaurs and building in the sand. On Wednesday they took part in a sponsored run and did particularly well, with many children managing two or three laps of the playground. Please remember to return sponsor forms and any money raised if you have not already done so.
Phonics	This week has been another review week where we have been recapping all of our Phase 3 sounds. The children have had lots of practice writing sentences independently, focusing carefully on punctuation and grammar, including full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, and discussing why we use them. We are continuing to focus on correct letter formation and taking care with our handwriting. Please continue to practise the sounds over the half term.
Maths	In Maths this week, the children have explored grouping, sharing, odd and even numbers and doubles. We have taken part in lots of practical activities to support the children's understanding. We have also continued to practise number bonds to 5 and 10, paying attention to how we form our numbers correctly.
Home learning	Please have a great half term holiday, please continue reading and practising your harder to read and spell words and sounds.
Diary dates	Friday 22nd May- Teacher training day Tuesday 2nd June- Trip to Windmill Farm Park.

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

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