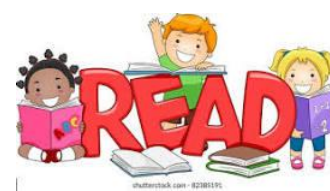


Week 5 29th September - 3rd October

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**.

Next week, we will be starting PE – this will be on a Friday (not Thursday as planned) the children can come to school in their PE kits – white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and plain black hoodie or the school hoodie or normal school jumper and plain black trainers. Thank you

Please find below the summary of our week in school.	
In the Classroom...	The children have loved watching and holding the chicks. The chicks have moved to their new home. The children have loved exploring activities linked to our chick theme. They have been making chicks with playdough, strengthening their fine motor skills by using cups and lollipop sticks to help teddies move from one side to the other, and catching fish and ducks in the water tray. They also enjoyed using plastic forks to create beautiful chick paintings. Our literacy activity focused on sequencing the life cycle of a chick, helping the children to understand and retell this process in order. We have talked about our favourite fruits and tried some different fruits including pomegranate, plums, mango and kiwis. We have thought about our private parts in our protective behaviours sessions and places we like and places we don't like to be touched.
Outside the classroom...	The children took part in their first forest school session of the term. They had so much fun climbing, digging and creating 'delicious' soups using mud recipes! We will be going to forest school every Monday, the children can come to school in jogging bottoms or leggings. Please can they bring in a pair of wellies, thank you. We have also been making regular visits to the chicks, following their journey from eggs to fluffy little birds who have gone to their new homes. The children have been so kind and caring towards them, and were even lucky enough to have a little hold!
Phonics	This week has been a review week. We have revisited the sounds <i>s,a,t,p,l,n,m</i> and <i>d</i> . Alongside this, we have been practising our tricky words <i>l, no, the put</i> and <i>a</i> every day. The children are beginning to hear sounds in words and are practising segmenting (sounding out) and blending CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words using their 'robot arms'.
Maths	We have been learning about creating and recognising patterns. Using objects such as leaves and pinecones, the children explored visual patterns, as well as sound patterns like click, clap, click, clap. They have been encouraged to use language such as <i>before</i> and <i>next</i> to explain their reasoning. We created our own repeating pattern pictures.
Home learning	Please read the books and talk about the characters and what happens in the story. Please write our new sounds – <i>i, n, m</i> and <i>d</i> – We have included a guide on how to write the letters. Thank you



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