

Week 2 8th-12th

June

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 we have started our exciting new topic, 'Under the Sea'. Our focus story has been 'A House for Hermit Crab'. The children have enjoyed exploring themes of growing, change and moving forward. We have linked this to our journey through Reception to Year 1. During our Literacy activity, the children designed their own shell for the hermit crab, carefully labelling and describing their creation. We have also been reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and discussing friendship, kindness and how we can be a good friend to others. In the water area, the children have enjoyed catching fish and starfish, as well as creating playdough sea creatures on the malleable table. We have also been making some beautiful jellyfish and sea collages for our class display. The children enjoyed making starfish sandwiches with ham and cheese. Photographs are uploaded onto the website.
Outside the classroom...	The children enjoyed their forest outdoor learning this week, building dens, creating obstacle courses and exploring different habitats. They have also enjoyed playing in the sand and practising their ball skills. The weather has been a little unpredictable and we have experienced both sunshine and hail. The children were fascinated by the hail and enjoyed observing it closely, discussing the sound it made as it fell.
Phonics	This week, we have been learning about adding the suffix -ed to words and exploring how this changes the meaning of a word. We have been reading both real and alien words and continuing to write sentences independently in Phonics books. Next week, we will begin exploring our Phase 5 sounds. There is a Phonics section on our school website which contains all of the sounds and the order in which they are taught through the Essential Letters and Sounds scheme.
Maths	In Maths this week, we have been learning about maps, and positional language. Working in groups, the children listened carefully to instructions and placed farmyard animals in the correct position on the farm, using prepositional language such as 'The horse is in front of the fence'. The children demonstrated a good understanding and enjoyed the practical activities. During our adult-led Maths activity, children drew a map of the classroom, talking about where things are positioned.

Home learning	Complete the Bear subtraction worksheet. Encourage children to cross off the bears as they count. 
Diary dates	Sports Day 30 th June

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

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