



## Spring Grove Primary School

### Reception Homework and News

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some children this week have been reading a guess the animal clue book during their Read Write Inc sessions, which involved reading some descriptive sentences and trying to guess the animal they are describing before the animal is finally revealed towards the end of the book. The children loved trying to deduce what animal was being described, so we used the idea from the book and the children tried to guess a minibeast that we had found previously in the school grounds reading some clues that I shared. The children did a great job and managed to guess all of them, learning some new information too! We then challenged the children to choose their own minibeast and come up with a selection of clues for their friends. The children produced some beautiful writing, using their phonic knowledge to create sentences which they read aloud to their friends. The children took their time and added some beautiful drawings of their chosen minibeast to their work, using photographs to look at to make sure they had included all the relevant details. They then covered the picture with a flap and encouraged their friends to guess their minibeast! These lovely pieces of work are now on display for anyone who visits our class to enjoy.

The children love to play maths games linked to what we have been learning and we have found them to be a fantastic way to consolidate the children's mathematical understanding. This week, the children played a doubles game which we first played as a class during one of our daily maths meetings. The children began by rolling two dice and then calculating the total that they made, if they rolled a double they were able to give themselves a point and were encouraged to record their points using tally marks.

After spending a lot of time describing the appearance of different minibests, for example: how many legs, eyes and wings they have may have, as well as their size and colour, we asked the children to have a go at creating their favourite minibeast using dough. We encouraged the children to take their time when moulding and the results are wonderful! The children added paint and showed their friends their work, explaining their creative choices.

This week, we did something a little different for our computing lesson, rather than visiting the ICT suite as we normally do we used the school iPads to explore the White Rose 1 minute Maths app- the children loved solving the addition and subtraction questions! As you are aware, we have been encouraging the use of this app at home in previous newsletters and have set it a few times for maths homework. The app displays a maths equation in a number of ways and really develops a child's confidence in relation to the composition of number. If you have not yet had the chance to download it have a look over the weekend!

Ideas to support your child's learning at home:

- Next week, we will be writing our own stories in class! In preparation, this weekend, you could discuss the stories you have read at home and encourage your child to retell a few of them to you.
- Please log onto our Google Classroom and watch the Read Write Inc video with your child to help consolidate the phonics we have taught in school this week.

Reception are on the look out for a till for our role play shop! If you have one at home that your child no longer uses or know of anyone with one they would be happy to donate, please let us know! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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