



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children have been learning about minibeasts! We started by discussing what we already knew, as well as encouraging the children to ask questions about things they were curious about. We used non-fiction books and information videos to find out more and enjoyed playing a game based around guessing the minibeasts from the clues I had given. It was great to use some of the interesting facts the children have learnt to guess some of the common minibeasts we have seen around school. They 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 did some beautiful writing, using their phonic knowledge to create sentences which they read to their friends. The children took their time and added beautiful drawings of their chosen minibeast, 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 will go on display for anyone who visits our class to enjoy.

In our maths meetings we have been playing more maths games linked to what we have been learning and we have found them to be a fantastic way to consolidate what we have been doing in school. This week, the children played a double game which we first played as a class during one of our daily maths meetings. The children used 2 dice to throw and find the total and then gave themselves a point using a tally mark if they got a double. They are getting so fast at subitising amounts and finding the total as well as thinking about 'what is in a number'. We combined our maths and minibeast learning and used tally marks to record the number of minibeast we found in one afternoon. We talked about how useful tally marks can be when we are constantly adding to an amount, rather than writing and crossing out a numeral. The children really enjoyed exploring this way to record amounts.

Next week, we are being visited by a mobile farm! We have arranged the visit as an exciting end to our 'Growth and Change' topic. The children will have the opportunity to talk with an expert about the animals he brings, as well as apply their own learning from the last few months. If you wish for your child to take part, please ensure you have given consent by making payment via parent pay. Thank you in advance for this.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- Please see Google Classroom for your child's next phonics video. Their video is tailored to them and will be aimed at supporting any gaps they have in their phonic knowledge.
- The children love to make and create using junk modelling. Please bring in any clean yoghurt pots, boxes, cartons and any other recycling for the children to use in school. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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