



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have continued to learn about minibeasts. We have built on our learning around symmetry, moving onto discussing shapes and objects that are symmetrical. We reminded the children that symmetrical objects must be the same on both sides and explained that these objects have a line of symmetry. We used mirrors to investigate objects around the classroom to decide if they were symmetrical or not and found that many shapes and toys, as well as minibeasts are symmetrical! The children used paint to create a pattern on one side of a butterfly, folded it down the line of symmetry in the centre and saw how pressing it together created a mirror image on the other wing. These look beautiful and are a great addition to our classroom displays!

The children also explored the artwork 'The Snail' by Henri Matisse. We talked a little bit about the artist and what he was famous for. We talked about how the picture had been made by using brightly coloured paper to collage the shape of the snail's body and shell on a canvas. The children enjoyed looking for the shape and discussing their feelings about the art. They then made their own minibeast collages inspired by Matisse.

The children have also spent a lot of time learning about the life cycle of a ladybird and thinking about how they change over time. They enjoyed hearing the story of **The Bad Tempered Ladybird** by **Eric Carle** and noticed that there was a clock in the corner of each page. The book is about the adventures of the ladybird as he tries to fight with a larger and larger animal each hour. We talked about how the different clocks showed different times as each hour passed, and practised reading some o'clock times together. The children then went on to use the mini teaching clocks to show o'clock times, and did a great job! We challenged some children to have a go at half past times as well, explaining that the big hand is on the 6 because it is half way around the clock.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- Can you challenge your child to tell you o'clock times throughout the day? We have really enjoyed looking at the clock as it shows familiar times this week. We have also been talking about the different times of day that we do various things, for example eat lunch and get ready for bed. What times can your child recognise?
- Next week we are starting our final topic in Reception class, Pirates! What does your child know about pirates? What would they like to find out? We would love to hear.
- Children throughout Spring Grove have been invited to take part in our school talent competition 'Spring Grove's Got Talent' run by the school council. If your child has a talent (singing, dancing, magic tricks or anything else) please practise it at home ready to show the class next week. The winner from each class will compete against the rest of the school.

We are very sad to have spent our last day with Mrs Kotcheca as she is leaving Spring Grove to pursue a new challenge. We have been so lucky to have her in our class supporting the children. She will be greatly missed by staff and children alike and we hope that she stays in touch!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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