

Learning Journal 11.9.15

This week....

Your children have made a great start to the school year. They have come to school happy and ready to learn and play and are really enjoying seeing their friends again. Our new topic is Countryside, Coast and Castles and we will be looking at our local area and answering the big question 'Why do lots of people visit Northumberland?' In our classroom we have a castle to play in following our visit to Warkworth castle last week. The children love dressing up as knights and princesses and having the most exciting adventures.

We have also been choosing what to play with in our outdoor area and have made a messy area in the playground where we can mix sand and stones and bark, as well as making our play house into a cosy little home. We are all learning to tidy up, as well as get out toys to play with and how to look after our classroom and playground.



Literacy and Phonics
Reception have learned m, a and s sounds this week and are making a really good attempt to write these sounds down. Early years children have been matching letters to the initial sound in their name



Mathematics

In maths, Reception have practised ordering and recognising numbers to 10 and careful counting to 10. The younger children have played counting games and they all love to count how many children are here each day.

Other news.....

We had a lovely trip to Warkworth Beach and Castle last week. I was too busy being a tour guide to take photos in the castle, but the children used their iPads to record the day for themselves. On the beach we got lots of photos of the wonderful sandcastles everyone built. As well as using the iPads the children took paper and pencils and did some sketching. Their pictures were great. All the children were extremely well behaved even though some got really tired!



Help at Home.....

You can help your child by playing I Spy with the letter sounds we are learning, counting out the cutlery for tea or saying the number names as you go up the stairs. Any counting practice is good. Please read as often as you can to your children to support their reading. 5 stories a day is the number to aim for!

Next Week.....we are hoping to

start our 'woodland workshop'. This involves spending time once a week in a special woodland space where we will explore outdoors and learn about the world around us. There will be lots of fun challenges and activities so watch this space!