

Learning Journal 16.1.15

This has been a very hard working week! We have all done lots of number work. The youngest children worked on recognising and ordering numbers to 10, playing a Postman Pat game with Mrs Crane and singing number songs with Mrs Hammond. Reception are still working on numbers to 100 and have been estimating how many objects they can see before counting them. This is a really important skill as it enables children to know if a number is roughly correct and thus to identify their own mistakes later in their school career.

In phonics we continue to practise the sounds ch, th, sh, qu, ng and nk. We have tried to blend sounds in our heads when reading instead of saying them out loud. When you read with your child this weekend ask them to try doing 'Fred in their Head' and see if they can do it.

We have made lovely collages with lots of different textures and learned lots of new vocabulary.



We described our fabrics as rough, smooth, bumpy, scratchy, shiny and lots of other wonderfully descriptive words.

We decorated biscuits and counted how many spots they had on them to help with our counting and with our small motor skills. Some of us could fit a lot of decorations onto one biscuit.



We also have a new mood board to help your children tell us how they feel. They can put their name on the picture which best matches how they feel.



Dressing up is still hilarious fun, thanks to Mrs Cummins' kind loan of a clothes rail and hanging equipment. Here is the photographic evidence!



Just to clarify last weeks' notice, PE with Mr Jackson takes place on a Tuesday afternoon, so if children are not staying for afternoons they do not need a full outdoor kit. However we do lots of physical development all week and sometimes change the children. It is really helpful if every child has a PE bag to keep on their peg with a school PE kit so that we can use it whenever necessary. Thank you.

On Friday next week we are going for a walk across the fields, so good footwear and warm clothes are very important.

Your children play out every day and it can be freezing on our school yard. Please make sure they have a warm hat, gloves, scarf and a warm waterproof coat for playtime. It is also really important to name everything your child wears for school. We are still finding clothes with no names and they are not being claimed. We don't want you to spend money on lovely school uniform, just to lose it.