

This week....we welcomed two new children into our class and have enjoyed getting to know them. It has taken a few days to get back into a routine but we are flying now. Despite the rain, hail and snow we have watched the progress on our new building with great interest and excitement and we now have a floor! Everyone looked very tired by the end of the week but we have done all sorts of hard work and are ready for the long weekend.

### Literacy and Phonics

A massive well done to everyone who practised tricky words at home during the holidays. We still practise in school as well and are becoming more confident all the time. We wrote diaries about our holidays this week and have been reading a huge range of books, as well as reading books. Some reception children are getting very good at reading 'real' books with some help.

### Mathematics

We have done 'big measuring' this week using metre sticks. The challenge was to estimate before measuring and our estimates were wild at first but after a bit of practice some children could make good estimates. We thought about whole and half metres, and the reception children used the 10cm markings on the rulers to count in tens. We have also looked at hundred squares to investigate numbers to 100.



We measured lots of things in the churchyard and wrote the measurements in chalk. We made sure we cleaned it all off before we left though.



Counting to 100 with beads and a 100 square.

Other news.....After our measuring we had a really fun time in our big den and in the climbing trees where we are getting very good at climbing. Some children enjoyed making pictures and patterns in the leaf litter under the trees. We did have a lot of the woods in our wellies when we got back to school!





Help at Home.....get your child to estimate numbers, lengths, height. This is really good practice and although they will be way out to begin with they should be able to change their estimate with experience. Also if you are measuring for any reason...new curtains, DIY etc. get your child to help by holding the tape measure and explain how you are measuring. Metres and centimetres -please to avoid confusion.

When reading at night if you can get your child to read a bit to you. If it is a familiar story they can remember the words and older children will now be able to read lots of words. Take turns with a page each and add in any words your child doesn't know as they go.

Here are some pictures of your children enjoying their learning this week. It has been lovely to have them back at school again.



Next Week.....Monday is a bank holiday so we get a long weekend and return to school on Tuesday. Please make sure your children bring coats every day and wear suitable warm clothing. Our playground is chilly most of the time. On Thursdays children need long trousers, even in the sun as there are nettles in the woods. We hope to avoid the midges next week though!