

## Learning Journal 26.6.14

This week has been very hard working with reception practising some written maths, adding numbers with a total of 5,6 or 7 and practising their doubles to 10. We have also done lots of storytelling and story writing and have been looking at how stories are made. The early years children told their undersea stories on the storytelling chair and have been counting with their fingers to 5 and 10. We have also made under sea worlds inside shoe boxes and have practised our sports skills for sports day. Phew!!!



Making octopus biscuits was really good fun. We couldn't give them 8 legs though! It was too tricky.

Outside we enjoyed the big building bricks to make a balancing track to walk along.



This activity builds upper arm strength as preparation for writing as well as developing children's balance to help them run, play and move around with control and co-ordination. They are exceptionally good at working as a team and planning and negotiating together while they are building.

In our playhouse our baby swallows are now quite big and the parents are looking a bit worn out. We have a look regularly to see how much they have grown and we love it when they open their big beaks to say hello.



At home try giving reception children a number to 10 to double. They are getting good at these now, but may need some counters or milk bottle tops to work out the bigger numbers. Early years children should be able to show you a number to 5 on their fingers.

Next week we are out at the beach on Wednesday. Please can children wear wellies and their school jumper to make them easy to spot. A rain coat would also be handy and a bottle with a drink in it. If you have children's fishing nets and a bucket and spade please bring those too and if possible name them so we don't get mixed up. Sun cream is vital at the beach and every day as we spend a lot of time outside.

Following this there will be a meeting for parents whose children are starting reception next year. This will be an informal opportunity for you to ask questions and complete the necessary paperwork for your child to start reception. We would really appreciate your attendance and look forward to discussing this big step in your child's education with you.