

## Learning Journal 13.1.17

Happy New Year!

It has been a very busy start to the term as we settled back into school life, welcomed new children to the school and got back to work. We have started a new topic called Visual Variety. This is an arts topic with lots of creative activities both indoors and out. We began making snowflakes as we watched a few flakes drift past in the wind. The details of the curriculum for this topic are on the school website and your child should come home with a sticker each week with their learning objectives on. This is to help you support them at home, so please let us know if they do any fabulous activities with you, or if they seem to be struggling with those objectives.

### Literacy and Phonics

Reception sounds this week are ee, oo, igh, ay and ow.

Early Years are working on u,p,g,j.

We have written letters this week and shopping lists to go to our class shop.

### Mathematics

Last week we worked on money and learning the value of different coins. This week we have been learning about division, by sharing counting equipment between two people and making pizza which we halved and quartered.

We have also been painting pictures, threading and lacing, reading stories, singing nursery rhymes, being detectives and playing outside.



Other news.....we have had a very exciting time at woodland workshop, where we have built fantastic dens from old branches lying under the trees. We also had a mystery to solve as five of our big logs went missing and we didn't have enough seats to sit on. We made posters to put up and went on a hunt for clues. Some of us even wrote to the police to get them to help us. We have been imagining who might want our logs and what they could be doing with them. Maybe you could ask your child what they think happened to them. We have had some very exciting theories.



Help at Home.....using money is an important skill and if your child can handle coins it will help them become more familiar with them. A little bit of pocket money to spend each week made up of different coins is helpful. Cooking and serving food is a great way to learn about sharing. Ask your child to share out grapes or raisins to make sure everyone has the same, or get them to half a piece of fruit with a friend.

Next Week.....swimming on Thursday for Reception children. Woodland workshop is on Thursday as normal and PE is on Tuesday for everyone. Hats, gloves and warm coats are essential as the weather gets colder. Please name everything.  
Thank you.