



WINHILLS

Reception

Newsletter

Busy learning

Over the last two weeks, the children have focused their learning on houses. They have looked at the houses that are close to us at school and then houses from around the world. They have been on a walk around the school grounds to look at the different types of houses we can see from school and have learnt the names of these houses, such as bungalow, terraced houses, detached houses and flats. Lots of photos have been closely observed and the children have loved discussing what their houses look like and what landmarks they can see from their houses.

This week, the children have looked further afield and have learnt about houses from around the world. They have built houses made from leaves and sticks to represent jungle houses, houses made from sticks and fabric to represent desert houses and houses with stilts to stay dry over the ocean. They have shared what is the same and what is different about these houses.

Outside, the children have loved building obstacle courses and have really concentrated on their balancing skills and staying safe. They have also continued to practice their pedaling and scooting skills around their larger track. The children have been focused on being safe and helping their friends make safe choices around the track and crossing the road.

Mathematics

The children have been working hard on their teens numbers. They have made houses use ten and a bit with numicon, using the ten as the house and the bit (such as three) as the roof. They have then found the total brilliantly, practicing "ten and three is thirteen". They have made for sale signs to show their numicon houses and written the total to show the value of the house. They have also used part-part-whole models to show the different ways they can make a number. For example, five can be three and two or four and one, as well as five takeaway two is three.

In the mornings, Reception have continued quick maths. They have revisited subitizing—knowing the quantity of something without even counting it and are very speedy at this!

English

The children have loved using clipboards over the last two weeks and taking their writing on tour round the classroom! They have used their clipboards to write lists about what people have eaten for lunch and record answers about people's houses. They have been incredibly independent with their writing and have used their phonic knowledge excellently.

In phonics, the children have continued learning their sounds and practicing handwriting. They have continued with the digraphs, learning 'ai' and 'ee'. They have found these a bit more tricky and have been practising them with resilience to improve and spot them in words. When blending words, they have begun to read words with consonant blends, such as frog and flag. These have been a bit of a challenge too. We are so proud of how hard they have been working on these.

Reminders

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and coat everyday, especially as the weather is still cold. If your child brings in hats, gloves or a scarf, it really helps us reunite them with you if they are named!