



WINHILLS

Reception and Year 1

Newsletter

Busy learning

Our learning for the last two weeks has been based around the book 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. The children have enjoyed the story and all the imaginative reasons Claire had for hurting her knee although they were not happy she lied to all of her friends. They have acted out new parts of the story and shared some very detailed and inventive additions including lions, pandas, llamas, tigers, climbing trees and jumping into swimming pools. They have been a pleasure to watch.

The children have been busy in our role play area which has been based around first aid. They have learnt how to clean a wound, look after a bumped head and put someone in the recovery position, knowing it is always important to keep themselves safe first. Their caring nature has really shone through as they have worked with each other. We have continued looking after ourselves through healthy eating week; the children have created their own lunches ensuring they include all the food groups and have loved trying a variety of smoothies.

Outside, the children have been busy making lots of shelters to keep themselves cool and in the shade. They have worked on a particularly spectacular one on the grass with Miss Kaye using bamboo. They have also been bug hunting and bird watching and created tally charts and pictographs to show their results.

Mathematics

The children have focused on their number formation and number fact knowledge. The reception children have been practicing recalling number facts to 10, whilst the Year 1's have been working on number facts to 20. The children are beginning to pick up speed and remember the answer without counting the total. Choose two numbers and ask them if they know the total.

The Year 1's have also been learning about fractions by finding a half and a quarter of different shapes. Some shapes are trickier than others, however the children all know that their pieces must be equal.

English

Writing has continued to be a focus for all the children. They have written book reviews for 'On the Way Home' using 'like' and 'because'. They have also written their own parts of the story after acting them out using the words 'and', 'but' and 'well...' to give their parts the same structure. As well as these, the children have chosen their own pieces of writing, including a range of topics such as the weather, planting, injuries and other explanations.

The children continue to learn new sounds in phonics. Reception have begun the next set of digraphs while Year 1 have been learning alternative digraphs for the same sounds.

Reminders

Year 1 PE is on Wednesday's and Reception PE is on Thursday's. Please make sure the children come to school in their PE kits and earrings are removed. Please also remember to send your child in with a water bottle and coat everyday. As the weather has thankfully warmed up please also send your child with a named sunhat.