



WINHILLS Opal and Topaz Newsletter

Busy learning

Reception and Year 1 have begun the summer term with great enthusiasm for their learning and weekly challenges. They have begun the term learning about life cycles, focusing on frogs and beans. The children looked at frogspawn and planted their own beans. They have been really excited to watch them begin to grow—they have cracked, grown roots and a shoot so far. The children have been brilliant at ensuring their baby bean plants are looked after well and can describe the life cycle their bean will go through with great accuracy. This week the children have brought their bean plants home to plant in some soil, we look forward to seeing how well they grow at home and hope you get some beans to try too!

As the children learnt about the bean life cycle we focused on the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children were excellent at re-telling the story and acting it out on the stage, they then began to change parts of the story to make it their own. Following our journeys topic this term, the children have spent the last two weeks with a focus on space based around the book 'The Great Balloon Hullabaloo'. They have learnt about some of the planets and have written some excellent facts that they have found out. In the story the characters travel round the solar system to do their shopping for making a pizza, so the children have also been role-playing in a pizzeria and have made their own pizzas too.

Mathematics

In maths the children began the term by practising their counting and numerical ordering skills, as well as addition and subtraction facts. They have been practising counting on from the biggest number to find the total when adding, and counting back when subtracting. They have also been working hard to record their findings. The children then began to learn about sharing, making sure each group had the same amount.

As well as this the children have begun to learn counting in 2's and 10's, placing objects into these groups to help them. Ask your child if they can put some objects into groups of 2 or 10 and count them .

English

The children have been continuing to write some fantastic phrases and sentences with amazing independence. They have written about the life cycle of a frog and how to plant cress. They have begun to add time words into their writing to make their sentences even better. They have also written about what Jack got up to on his adventures up the beanstalk and some excellent space related facts. This week they have written a space shopping list and added adjectives to describe them. As a class we have also written our own version of 'The Great Balloon Hullabaloo'.

In phonics the children have been continuing to blend the sounds they have learnt.

Reminders

As it can still be quite chilly please make sure your child brings a coat to school everyday as well as a water bottle. The children will continue to have PE on Wednesday's, please make sure they come to school in their PE kits and earrings are removed.

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