



WINHILLS

Reception

Fortnightly Newsletter

Busy learning

Reception have been busy learning about animal homes for the last two weeks. They have learnt the new word 'habitat'. The children have looked at birds nests and have been bird spotting as well as learning about different birds from around the world from parrots to penguins! They have been closely observing pond water and looking for signs of life. They have spotted pond worms, dragonfly larvae and frogs. They have also been bug hunting and looking at what type of habitats the bugs like; such as dark and damp with sticks and mud.

The children have been exploring colour in their paintings ensuring they mix their paints so they don't run. They have also been creating collages of animals. In PE the children have experimented with different balances; ensuring they travel safely and carefully along different beams whilst using their imaginations to move in a variety of ways.

Mathematics

In maths the children have been focusing on doubling and halving. They have used butterflies to find doubles of numbers by placing the same amount of counters on each set of wings. They then counted up to find the double of that number. They then recorded their findings in a number sentence.

This week they have used the same butterflies to find half of a number. They have shared counters fairly between the wings; said how much half is and recorded it in a number sentence. They have also discovered that the odd numbers cannot be halved because it's not fair or even.

English

The children have continued to write some fantastic phrases and sentences in their pink books. Their ever increasing independence has amazed us. Last week they wrote about the habitat of a slug. This week we have shared the story 'Oi, Frog!' and have made up their own rhyming sentences. Some children were beginning to add adjectives to make their sentences even better.

In phonics the children have continued to blend the sounds they have learnt in order to read simple sentences. They have focused on reading consonant blends. The children have learnt /ay/, /igh/ and /ir/.

Reminders

We are really impressed with how confident the children are becoming with their morning routine, to encourage their independence we welcome you to drop your child off at the door.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle, coat and wellies in school with them at all times. The children will continue to have PE on Wednesday's, please make sure they have their PE kits in school and earrings are removed on these days.

Nurture

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