

Reception Newsletter 24.06.22

The last two weeks have been filled with lots of enjoyable sunny days. The hotter weather has provided the perfect excuse for fun activities such as water play. In class we have been learning about the dangers of pollution and how single use plastic is damaging our environment. To help combat this, the children have been learning about the importance of reducing, recycling, reusing, and repairing. The children loved going on a walk to our nearest recycling centre and sorting the rubbish into the correct bins.



Forest School

This week in forest school we have been exploring the colours and patterns found in nature. We made beautiful prints by using a pressing technique with leaves and flowers.



Sports Day 13th July.

This year's sports day will take place on the **13th of July**. On the morning of the 13th reception children will register as normal in their classrooms. Parents are invited to watch the morning's events from **9:30** on the field. At **12:00** reception children will go back to their classrooms to have a break, cool down and wash their hands for lunch. At **12:30** the children will return to the field to have a picnic until **13:30**. **You are invited to stay on the field during this time and have a picnic with your child.**





In phonics this week Moonbeam group have explored the phase 5 sounds oy and ir. The "oy" and "ir" sounds are alternative ways of spelling the sounds "oi" and "er". Rainbow and Sunshine phonics groups have continued to consolidate phase three sounds. This week they have focused on "oo" "ee" and "ar" sounds.

Maths

This week in Maths we have been learning about doubles. The children have been exploring how doubling is "to add the same again". We have also begun to explore the concept of symmetry.

There are many fun ways to explore doubling at home. Here are some suggestions you could try:

- Doubling amounts by painting spots on half of a sheet of paper and then folding it over
- Seeing how many times you can roll a double with dice
- Placing objects in front of a mirror and using the reflection to see the double.



We are beginning to move into our next topic of "Under the Sea". In this topic we will explore the many amazing creatures found in our oceans.



Key vocabulary:

- Ocean
- Species
- Coral
- Habitat
- Coast
- Plankton

Books to read:

- Tiddler
- The Snail and the Whale
- Barry the Fish with Fingers
- The Rainbow Fish

Ideas to do at home

- Can you create a fact file for your favourite aquatic animal?
- Can you design a pattern for the scales of a fish?
- Can you make a turtle out of an egg carton?

