

Week 5 Reception Learning Blog

w/b Monday 3rd October 2022

The week has got off to a busy start. We looked at our writing calendar at the start of the week and noticed how full the page is already! We are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities ahead of us.

Monday 3rd October:

We saw a new month on our calendar today. This was particularly exciting as October starts the cycle of birthdays in our class! This month, we have three of them.

Our nature table is taking shape and many interesting examples of Autumn are appearing. We have added berries and seeds to our collection today. We reminded ourselves of the 'no pick no lick' expectation to keep ourselves safe.

We have been working hard in Maths. Today we learnt about matching groups of objects together and talking about how we know that they match. There was some very interesting descriptive language being shared with the group and lots of interesting reasoning as to why objects should belong together. We also had the opportunity to test out our ideas to see if they worked.

We are continuing to develop our 'boxing up' skills in Talk4Writing today, as we transfer our pictorial story map of *The Little Red Hen* into words. We learnt the sign for a full stop (a fist making gentle contact with the palm of the hand.) We learnt to recognise the full stop at the end of each sentence and learnt that it finished an idea when we are working on our shared writing together.

To celebrate Harvest Festival, our song this week is *Cauliflowers Fluffy*. If you would like to sing along with us, please click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PukdaXUzgOU>

Tuesday 4th October:

Today saw the opening of another part of our classroom resources. We have been learning to mix powder paint. This has been a real test of how resilient we are and embraces one of our school values. We also had the opportunity to experiment with colour mixing and created not just the primary colours – red, blue and yellow from the powder paint, but also purple, orange, green and brown.

We had an exciting Maths session, sorting out the leaves, which we collected on Friday during our leaf and stick hunt. We learnt that there were many ways to organise the leaves and we selected size, colour and shape to name but a few.

Wednesday 5th October:

An eventful day was had by all today. We spent time learning about Harvest Festival and how important it was to be able to look after people who are struggling to put food on the table. We also explored a range of different vegetables – some from our song – which we will be using to print with next week to support our new found paint mixing skills.

Thursday 6th October:

We have been steadily improving in our story telling skills and are now very good at using a full stop during our shared writing time. We have become so good at retelling the story of The Little Red Hen, that it is now time for us to think about the innovation process. Next week will see us creating our own characters in preparation for our own class story. How exciting!

Friday 7th October:

Today was an exciting day for everyone, especially Mrs Butler. We found out that Mrs Butler will be having a baby girl. How lovely. We look forward to sharing the next part of Mrs Butler's very special journey.

Now that we all can recognise our names, we made a very big effort to write our names on all our work today. We have been practising using a capital letter at the beginning and lower case letters after that. We have our name cards in the Graphics Area to help us if we need them. We will continue to practise our name writing from now on.

We are also very excited that we will be starting our Busy Fingers activities next week.

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week:

- ❖ Arthur, for showing resilience during reading activities.
- ❖ Navika, for developing the confidence in exploring the activities on offer to her in Reception.

Birthday salutations go to Finley, who turns a magnificent 5 this weekend! Have a wonderful day from all your friends in Reception.

Well done on all your hard work everyone.
Have a lovely weekend!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Mrs Butler