

## **Reception Class Learning Blog – Spring Term – Week 2**

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

It was another busy week this week, where we are all settling into our routines again and working hard to develop our skills and knowledge.

This have continued with our retelling of the story, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. This week, we have been focusing on the description of the bear and developing our Bear Cave role play area. The children are in the process of writing a list of items that could be found in a bear cave and are using their phonics knowledge and grapheme cards to help them write the words. We learnt that when writing a list, each new idea starts on a new line underneath the previous one. Our Bear Cave continues to develop daily, as fantastic ideas are shared.

During our Maths sessions, we have been learning about number composition of 6, 7 and 8. We used Numicon number tiles to identify how many different ways we can make these numbers and then transferred this knowledge into the Part-Whole Model to organise our thinking. We also used the vocabulary add and equals to help us to say a number sentence. At the end of the week, we were introduced to the number 0. Next week, we will be learning about its value.

This week, we have particularly been interested in fossils. We learnt that there are two different types of fossils. Body fossils – the remains of a plant or animal and trace fossils – signs that an animal once lived in the area. We learnt that during the Jurassic period, the Chilterns were part of the Mediterranean bowl and the area in which we live was covered in water. If we keep our eyes peeled, we may be able to find a fossil, although it would need to be 10, 000 years old.

We went on to classify fossils we found in the sand area in the Information Station and made our own fossils using clay, identifying their type.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ Evie for making a real effort to come into school happy and ready to learn
- ❖ Sebastian for approaching his learning with enthusiasm and sharing his knowledge with others

We also gave out our first Writer of the Week certificate to:

- ❖ George for using his phonics knowledge to write a word independently

Well done Reception Class! We look forward to developing our knowledge, skills and learning next week.

Have a good weekend everyone!

With every best wish,  
Mrs Dowling & Mrs Butler