

Reception Class Learning Blog

Week 3 – w/b 19-09-2022

This week, we said our final goodbye to the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Many of us watched the funeral and some of us went to Windsor to say a personal goodbye. We had learnt about how wonderful Her Majesty was and how hard she worked. We watched the film clip from the Jubilee with the Queen having tea with her good friend Paddington Bear and practiced our spreading and cutting skills when we made marmalade sandwiches (which were delicious.) Come and have a look at the display in the hall next time you're at school.

We have been doing some exciting learning and have been taking ownership of our classroom – there have been some changes happening and we are all very keen to have a go at giving our new activities a try.

We have introduced a collective behaviour system call Sparkling Stars. We have been receiving stars for trying hard at learning new skills and developing the ones we already have. Each time we are fantastic in a variety of ways, we place a star in the night sky, our aim is to get 20 stars in total every week.

We have opened a new shop – a department store in the role play area this week. Our shop is slowly developing day by day. We are currently selling toys, precious stones, healthy fruit snacks, sports equipment and musical instruments. We have been making price tags up to 3p and using real 1p coins in our till.

During our Maths input, we have been learning to recognise the numerals 1, 2 and 3. We have practised counting up to 3 using the Numicon tiles and 1p coins. We met our curious friend, Freddy the Frog, who asks interesting questions about our learning to help us investigate and practice our new knowledge. This week, Freddy has been helping us to count out 1p coins to match the price tag on items we have been buying at the shop.

During our Understanding the World input, we learnt that the village our school is in is called Bledlow Ridge. We found Bledlow Ridge School on a map. Some of us live in Bledlow Ridge and some of us live in Saunderton, Princes Risborough, Aylesbury and Lane End.

We have started learning nursery rhymes and are now very good at singing *The big ship sails in the Alley-alley-o*. Here is the link if you would like to sing along with us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9KHKD819XQ>

We have been learning the story of *The Little Red Hen*. We have created a story map to help us with our retelling and have been practising telling the story with puppets. We learnt that some farms in Bledlow Ridge grow wheat, just like the Little Red Hen did.

We have opened the water area outdoors and have been learning to use, look after and tidy up the resources. We have devised a set of expectations of the behaviour we would like to see in the Water Area by everyone – do have a look if you would like to come and play.

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week:
Nico for listening well on the carpet and being a fantastic shop keeper
Aydin for trying the school dinner

We have a little bit of shared learning to do at home this week. One of our children has brought in conkers, which we were very jubilant about because this is one of the first signs that Autumn has started. If you are out walking this weekend and find an Autumn sign please bring it to school, so that we can make a nature table.

Please can we also have some items for our box construction area? We love making and creating but are running out of plastic bottles (all sizes), cardboard tubes, plastic pots and boxes. If you have any of these items at home, we would love to have them.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Mrs Butler