

Week 6 Reception Learning Blog

w/b Monday 10th October 2022

Another exciting week is in store as we creep closer to half term. Come and share in our learning...

Monday 10th October:

We have continued with our learning about Harvest Festival and are now quite good at our song. We still have another verse to learn, so will continue with *Cauliflowers Fluffy* for another week. If you would like to sing along with us, please click on the link below:

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

Our first set of visitors came in to help us with our learning. Karen from Bikeability helped us to warm up our muscles and showed us how to put our helmets on properly to keep ourselves safe. We practised sitting on the saddle and keeping our bodies straight, as we balanced on our bikes and pushed with our feet to move forwards. We are looking forward to learning more new skills throughout the week.

Mrs Butler's baby news has intrigued us muchly and we are now developing a Baby Clinic in our Role Play area. Today, we were booking appointments and some of us went in for a scan to check that our babies were developing well.

Today, we became authors. We began writing our very own shared story, which is based on *The Little Red Hen*. We selected new characters. The main character in our story is a Snake with three friends – a Robot, a Cow and a Seahorse. It is already shaping up to be a fascinating story.

We also got the chance to see Years 3 and 4 perform in the Harvest Festival. The singing was fantastic and we remembered how important it was to help others in our community by bringing in an enormous bag of food donations for the One Can Trust. We will continue to revisit this information regularly throughout the week.

Tuesday 11th October:

Today, we have been developing our Baby Clinic a little more. As a class, we looked at the opportunities we have to write and use our comparing skills that we have been learning about in Maths.

We worked together to listen to the initial sound in the word and use a phonics mat to write out prescriptions, take telephone messages, make appointments and complete the weighing chart.

We also talked about opening a Baby Shop, where we could buy essential items. We revisited our knowledge of 1p coins and made price tags to the value of 10p.

Wednesday 12th October:

Our first task for today was to make a shopping list for our Baby Shop stock items. As a class, we decided that we would like to sell clothes, bottles, dummies, milk, food and nappies.

During Maths, we have been learning to talk about, compare and investigate quantities that have more and fewer items. We have been learning to use the vocabulary – more, fewer and equal. We also learnt that when you weigh items that are of equal weight, the scales balance. We took this knowledge with us to the Baby Clinic as we used the Numicon number tiles to weigh our babies.

Thursday 13th October:

Our friend Oliver brought in a bird's nest from his garden this morning. He explained that he found it in the hedge and that it was very delicate. We identified that the shape of the nest was a circle, because it had a curved edge. We learnt that the eggs inside were light blue and that the bird that laid them was called a blackbird. Mrs Butler and Mrs Dowling helped us to use the Internet to find images of blackbirds. The male blackbird is black with a yellow beak and the female is speckly brown with a brown beak.

Our shared story writing has taken an interesting twist! King Snake will be making an apple and blackberry crumble. We looked up recipes and wrote down the ingredients on our story map to use during our retelling.

Friday 14th October:

We had a very exciting day, as we took part in our first weekly problem solving session in Maths. Our challenge was to identify the mystery number, which was sealed in an envelope. We applied our mathematical vocabulary – more, fewer and equal to do this. We discovered that if the mystery number weighed more, it sat lower down on the pan scales. If the mystery number weighed less, it sat higher up. Using this information, we could eliminate numbers up to 10 on a number line, until we located the correct number. We shared our thoughts and provided explanations for our choices and decisions.

We all received a Bikeability certificate today. We learnt many vital skills and now we ride bicycles with confidence, and will soon all be able to use pedals in the future.

On Monday, we will be opening up the Mud Kitchen. As a class, we agreed behaviour expectations when learning in this area. We are looking forward to celebrating our culinary prowess.

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week:

- ❖ Annabelle, for making good choices for learning behaviour.
- ❖ George, for engaging fully in a self-chosen activity and exercising patience to complete it.

Well done on all your hard work everyone. One week to go until half term!
Have a lovely weekend!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Mrs Butler