

Hello Reception Families,

We started off the week with a fabulous Mucky Monday, and we just about managed to stay dry! We used our growing reading skills to read clues and then find hidden objects around Nursery yard. We worked together in pairs and had great fun. We also did some spelling of cvc words (eg - hat, pot, cat etc) sounding them out as we jumped into different hoops. We kept our scores and the winners all had class Dojo points. We are getting better and better at spelling too!



In our other Literacy work we continued to look at our new text type - discussion writing, and in groups, decided which 2 animals we thought would have been good at pulling the turnip, from our story The Enormous Turnip, out of the ground. We then thought of 3 different reasons for why they would have been so good. I was very impressed with everyone's ideas but was super impressed by the suggestion of a mole! What fabulous thinkers we are all becoming.



In our News/Independent Writing, we wrote about an animal of our choice as our stimulus. We said what they were, what they looked like and what food they eat, as this linked in with our topic work. We had amazing independent writing again.

We also looked at our new words of the week - **back him got an can Mum** and revised some of our sounds - th and qu.

In maths we looked at capacity/ volume/ water displacement and read the story of Mr Archimedes and his bath. We discussed why the water in his bath overflowed when he and his animal friends got into the water. We then did some work of our own and experimented to see which of our plastic animals in class, made the water in our measuring containers overflow. We also looked at counting in 2s. We are all great at counting up to 10 in 2s, and are getting better at going all the way up to 20! Finally, in maths, we tried measuring wiggly lines with string. This used a lot of different skills, as we had to be very careful and have good dexterity when manoeuvring the string, and then we had to count how many cubes long our string was! Phew!!!

In music we listened to 2 new pieces of music - The Pearl Fishers Duet and Hekla by Jon Leifs.

The children really responded thoughtfully to the music, with one of the children saying the 1st piece of music made them feel, "like their heart was breaking!" Ahhhh. Beautiful! We then sang the song "If you're happy and you know it," and again used instruments to play along.



In Workout Wednesday this week we ventured outside and started to learn tennis skills. We all had a racket and started balancing and tossing beanbags in the air and to partners. We might have some mini-Murrays on our hands, but thankfully no mini-McEnroes!!!



Finally, in our topic work we looked at the important topic of safety around the house and especially in the kitchen, and discussed the things that are and are not safe to touch or do. And in science we looked at the different teeth animals have and the different foods they eat. I was

once again blown away with the children's knowledge as we had the words carnivore, herbivore and even omnivore whizzing around from them!



Another wonderful week by all. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Many thanks and stay safe,

Mrs Howard, Mrs Dolbear & Mrs Brisley.

