

Our Week In Reception

Friday 15th October 2021

N E W H A L L

This week has been eco-week. We have had a fantastic time learning all about the environment and different ways we can help to save the planet. We focussed our learning on composting and how we can reduce food waste by putting in a compost bin. At school when we eat our snack, we collect the fruit scraps and add them to a composting bin on the field. This helps reduce the food waste that goes into the general waste bin and ends up in landfill. We went to the compost bin on the field to add our fruit scraps and could see that there were some flies inside. We learnt that worms are also very important for composting and they break down all the fruit to help it turn into compost.

We decided to make our own wormery in the classrooms so we could see the worms in action. We layered sand and soil in a plastic container and then added some leaves, fruit scraps and lots of worms too! It has been fascinating this week to watch the worms burrow down the wormery. The children have been making lots of observations on what they can see.

As part of eco-week we had lots of bottle tops collected (thank you so much!) and we made a mosaic. We looked at the different shapes and colours of the bottle tops and added them onto a background in the shape of the world. We used the green tops to represent the land and the blue ones to represent the water. We looked at a globe in the classroom and noticed the different continents. It has been a great eco-week learning about a few ways we can help the planet. There are so many more which we will learn about throughout the year.

In maths this week we have been ordering things by size. The children have been using this knowledge through their play this week and have been putting animals, natural materials and Numicon pieces in order from smallest to biggest. It has been great to hear them describing things using words such as 'bigger' and 'biggest'.

Have a great weekend—The Reception Team

Home learning task.

Next week we are reading the story of the three little pigs and will be talking about different homes around the world. Please can you put a picture on Tapestry of your home so the children can share it with their class and describe where they live.

Just a few reminders...

- We will be sending PE kits home next week to be washed over half term. Please return these on Monday 1st November.
- We have our end-of-term school disco next week on Friday 22nd October. Please send your child into school with their party clothes in a named bag. We will be getting changed after lunch into our party clothes ready for the disco.
- We are so proud of how well the children are doing in phonics. It really helps to reinforce the new sounds they learn in the day when they practise writing it at home so please continue to practise their letter writing every night using a pencil.