

Reception News

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Hi everyone,

This week we have been learning about 'mini-beasts'. Each class researched a variety of creepy crawlies including ladybirds, woodlice, spiders and snails. We looked closely at their similarities and differences and found out where we were likely to find them. We then went on a bug hunt around our nature area to find any creatures living in and around our school grounds. We used magnifying glasses and a microscope to observe their different body parts and how they moved. We had a go at observational drawing and some children made Bug Books and recorded facts about their favourite creatures.

The story of The Hungry Caterpillar inspired the children to look at life-cycles and to explore patterns and symmetry found in nature. The children painted symmetrical butterflies and printed caterpillars. We explored doubling and halving by putting spots on ladybird shapes and doubling the size of caterpillars. The magic number was 13. We also sang songs about mini-beasts, can you think of any that you know? In phonics lessons, the children are now up to Phase 4 which includes reading and writing 4 letter words such as 'frog', 'swim' and 'milk'. We also had a go at reading the trick words 'some', 'come', 'were', 'there' and 'little'. Can you practise reading these at home?

Zoo Trip



Next Wednesday it is our much anticipated trip to Blackpool Zoo. Please make sure your child arrives at school in plenty of time to allow us to get everyone registered and organised before getting on to the coach.

Please remember the following:

- A waterproof coat
- Comfortable shoes or trainers
- School uniform
- A packed lunch that your child can carry in a ruck-sack style bag. No sweets or chocolate.
- A bottle of water. No fizzy drinks

Please don't send any money to spend. There will be no time for visiting the gift shops.

We will be back at school for home time. We will inform you via text message should we be delayed for any reason.