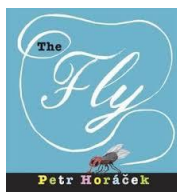


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 01.05.23

Term 5 topic- Minibeasts

What is happening in our garden?

Our story of the week- 'The Fly' by Petr Horáček



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- This week in our jigsaw session we have been thinking about what makes a good friend. We have talked about feeling lonely, how a good friend can help when we are, and what we look for in a good friend.

Communication and Language- We have had many discussions about minibeasts and chatted to each other about what we found on our minibeast hunt! We loved finding out about flies and think they're quite 'disgusting'!!! We did find out though, that as disgusting as their habits are, they are necessary for the food chain. Ask us about the story of the old lady who swallowed a fly! We thought it was hilarious!

Physical Development- We love being active at outside time and are really enjoying playing on our lovely field. We have been doing lots of activities to develop our fine motor skills, exploring play dough, practising our handwriting, using scissors for a variety of cutting activities and using various building and constructing toys.

Literacy- We have done lots of independent writing in our role-play areas and on clipboards and white boards around our classrooms. We have also looked at a variety of non-fiction books about minibeasts and have read lots of story books. We are becoming confident readers and we are so proud of how far we have come! **Keep reading daily at home!** This week after watching Queen Elsa's coronation, we wrote lists of items we would need for a coronation party!

Mathematics- We continue to be excellent mathematicians! We love to use our knowledge and explore the maths apparatus in the classrooms. We know that maths is everywhere and that we use it all the time, sometimes without knowing! We have been concentrating on knowing our numbers to 20 really well this week - recognising them, writing them, ordering them, matching to them, knowing what one more and one less would be and doubling and halving numbers within 10. We were really good at spotting odd and even numbers using Numicon. We confidently subitise numbers on a dice. This week we also looked at 'what is 100?' We investigated 100 in different ways, steps, jumps, paperchains and towers. We realised that it was so much easier to make this number in groups of 10.

Understanding the World- We have learnt so much about the Royal family this week ahead of the king's coronation on Saturday. We have watched the Queen's coronation and talked about why it was filmed in black and white! We can recognise some of the items being used and look forward to spotting them on Saturday. On Friday we were part of the whole school coronation parade and loved seeing the maypole dancing, sketches and all those Union Jack flags! We had a chat about the different parts of an insect and labelled a fly. Our caterpillars are growing bigger and bigger! They're not quite so pretty now. They are getting ready to build their chrysalides.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have enjoyed making lots of buzzy fly patterns in pens, glue and glitter like in the story of the week. We also used brushes and wooden blocks to make fly pictures. Box modelling is always a favourite in our classes. This week some of us made flies out of kitchen rolls. If you haven't already brought one in, please could you save them and bring them in Monday when the rest of the class will make their flies. We hope you love our models as much as we enjoy creating them. We love our vets and enjoy making up stories to go with our play. The pregnant dog and the naughty cats are my favourite! We have turned a big box into a London Black Cab and have enjoyed playing in it. This week we made crowns and we wore these to the coronation parade.

Supporting learning at home

- What minibeasts can you spot in your garden? Can you draw one and label it?
- Recognise shapes in the environment.
- Can you make a group of 100? Try making it in groups of 10s.
- Practise writing numbers the correct way round. Can you write numbers to 20, and beyond? We'd love to see your work.
- Watch the King's coronation and talk about the different people / objects you see.

Notes for next week 08.05.23

- School is back on Tuesday 9th May. I am out on First Aid training, but the same supply teacher will be taking the class as last week.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!