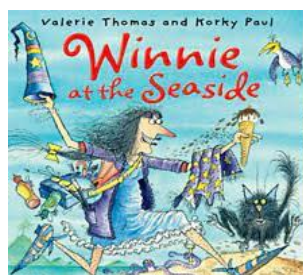


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 01.07.24



Term 6 topic- Water, water everywhere!

Our book of the week – 'Winnie at the seaside'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- This week we have talked about how we keep safe in the sunshine and what our bodies need to stay healthy when it is very warm. We all felt really thirsty when we did our sports day and know that drinking water keeps us healthy.

Communication and Language- We continued to have interesting discussions about what we would find at the beach. We also thought about the sights and smells at the seaside and how the sand feels between our toes. We tested this out in our sandpit.

We have also had a lovely chat about democracy where we talked about the general election that took place yesterday. We really enjoyed learning about who our next leader would be. This was of course spoken about in very child friendly language but the children astounded me in their knowledge. Ask them who our next prime minister is going to be (they will say 'the red guys').

Physical Development- We have had a jam-packed week of sports days! All the children completed the events really well and we were all so proud of them! We hope you enjoyed watching them compete in their 1<sup>st</sup> sports day, even with all the tears at the end! We also had a great dance workshop with Stagecoach. We loved learning lots of new moves to the music.

Literacy- We have been looking at postcards and why they are sent. We had a go at writing our own postcard to people of our choice and told them all about the fun things we did on our imaginary beach. We have also been assessing the children in phonics this week so that they are ready to fly straight away next year.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s forward and backwards and have been working on ordering numbers to 10 then 20. We have been using lots of mathematical vocabulary relating to sports day like first, second, third. We have also been using lots of mathematical vocabulary whilst completing our mathematical investigations.

Understanding the World- We have looked at what the seaside was like in the past and the different things you would do there like the Punch and Judy show and changing in bathing machines. We watched a Punch and Judy show on youtube and all found it very funny. We had some VERY exciting news this week as one of our froglets turned into

a frog! We have loved watching them grow but we all decided that now they are bigger, they would be happier in a large pond with all their friends. Mrs Howell released them into Great Coxwell pond and watched them swim off happily.

Expressive Arts and Design- This week we have made pictures with different coloured sand and we have acted out going to the beach. We have enjoyed our role play areas and our imagination is growing every day. We have also painted seaside scenes which were very impressive.

#### Supporting learning at home

- Why not make a list of the different things you would take to the beach.
- Enjoy some splashing in the paddling pool this weekend (if it is warm enough).
- Can you find 1 more / 1 less than a number?
- Please ensure you are reading books daily and keep it up over the school holidays to ensure your child is ready for their next class.

#### **Reading**

Please have a good look at home for any library books and reading books that you might have at home. We are missing so many.

#### Notes for next few weeks 08.7.24 - 24.7.24

- I will be on home visits for the new Reception children next week but will leave you in the very capable hands of Miss Clarke and Miss Haines along with another teacher.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July is our whole school transition morning. Please bring your child and collect your child from Blossom class as normal.
- Your child's reports will be coming out on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will be having a Pirate Day. Please look out for a letter explaining the details but your child is welcome to come to school dressed as a pirate on this day.
- We break up for the summer at 1.15pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July!

*Have a lovely weekend!*