

# Weekly Newsletter 09.03.18

Last week in Julia Donaldson class we continued our learning about the new topic 'Growing and changing'. We looked at how we had changed from our baby photos to how we are now. We then drew lots of pictures of the stages of our lives and how we have grown and changed.

In number time the children used number lines to solve number problems. We have been learning how to find one more and one less than a number between 1-10 using a number line.

In literacy we have been doing lots of guided reading activities and the children have been using picture prompts to write captions. They thought these through very well.

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Due to the weather being so cold we only spent a short amount of time outdoors and only two and a half days in school. Although this meant we could not complete all of the challenges set for the week it meant that the children spent lots of time outdoors and experimented with the snow. This was a lovely experience and of equal value to the learning in the classroom.

This week in Julia Donaldson class, we have been doing lots of learning in relation to the changes in the weather and have linked this to the snow experienced last week. The children even created a 'Big Write' all about their snow days - we could not believe all the exciting activities they got up to.

In maths, the children have been learning about subtraction and addition. They have been using many resources around the classroom to support their learning and we have encouraged them to access these independently when they feel they need them. We have then moved onto halving and doubling a number. The children have amazed us with their ability to do this and they have enjoyed using number games on the ipads to incorporate this area of learning.

In literacy, the children have been using imagery to predict storylines and ask questions; and have been taking part in a variety of activities such as designing and labelling, creating journals and extracting vocabulary. In music, the children have been broadening their vocabulary of prayer and praise songs in preparation for liturgies and masses. They have really enjoyed being a part of the worship and have enjoyed the whole school opportunities more now they are able to join in.

Thank you for all of your amazing efforts with the children's costumes for World Book Day. We had an amazing day acting out parts of stories, reading some stories that the children had not heard of before, and doing some reading themed art and crafts. We are so glad that the day was able to be changed and that the children did not miss out. Thank you for your cooperation with this. We even had a visitor, Austen from the library, to come and read to us.

We are really looking forward to a super week next week as it is 'British Science Week'. We have planned lots of fun, exciting experiments for the children to enjoy. We are also expecting a special delivery - we cannot wait for it to arrive!

Dates to remember:

- Last day of term 29th March
- Parents evenings Tuesday 20th-Thursday 22nd March, please ensure you book an appointment time slot

Thank you for another great couple of weeks and all your support,

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Palarm, Mrs Shaw and the Foundation Team.

