

## RECEPTION SPRING 2



We really enjoy our outdoor lessons.

Reception have enjoyed a very busy four weeks in school. We had experienced lots of different creative activities. We really enjoyed winding wool around a love heart for our mam. This fun activity fired lots of different neurons in our brain and helped with fine motor control. We also enjoyed printing with our finger tips to make cute chicks for our Easter cards.

In the garden we went on a bug hunt and we made a beautiful bug hotel! The children really enjoy working in the newly developed outdoor area. We work in the garden right in the middle of the school building. It is a sheltered sunny space and we are making the most of outdoor learning.

In maths the children have been developing their skills in addition and subtraction and also number sequence work. We've reinforced our knowledge of "most" and "least" and "one more" and "one less". We have started carrying out number investigations which help use apply our knowledge. We have also been looking at the composition of a number- e.g. how many ways can we make...?

In Literacy the children have been writing about different characters and about their weekend activities. We have concentrated upon our phonic knowledge, blending skills and letter formation. We have worked with phoneme frames and lists of words which share the same beginning letter or ending letter. This helps develop our listening skills and sound discrimination- very useful when sounding out words to help us read and spell.

The class have also been enjoying stories with rhyming words and traditional tales.

This half term's revisited sounds- 'v', 'w', 'j', 'th', 'ch' and 'qu'. Remember when two letters make one sound we call that '**special friends**'. It would really help your child if you could practise these sounds at home.



The boys work collaboratively with the train track, and someone is getting married!

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### Looking forward to Summer Term 1.

The children will have a new shop in the role play area, as a means of applying our addition and subtraction skills. Building upon our halving work with play dough and shapes, we will be doubling and halving a number and will be doing simple “sharing out” calculations. We will also be learning about People who help us, as well as Animals and Birds. In Literacy we will be building on our knowledge of story structure and writing stories using the vocabulary: ‘First’...’ Next’...’ After that’ ....to help us write a story with a beginning, a middle and an end.

We are also planning to do lots of weeding, tidying and planting in the garden.



Engrossed in shape work, an alien's tea party and ... the boys build a giant triangular prism!