



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES:

23-27th February 2026

Phonics

This week in phonics, we have continued to build the complexity of our word structures looking at CCVCC and CVCCC words. We even built a 6 sounded word 'scraps'. This is when the skills of segmenting and blending really come into their own.

We play daily word games that provide fun opportunities to stretch our segmenting, blending and phoneme manipulation skills.

Other things we have learned

Our story this week has been 'If I Were King' by Chelsea O'Byrne, to introduce our topic on 'Kings and Queens'. We have been thinking about what we would do if we were kings or queens for the day. The children never fail to amaze and amuse me with their suggestions; Queen of the Disco and King of the Mini Golf! Yes please!

The children have been so engaged in history this week and our exploration of monarchy. They have participated in great discussions about the role of monarchs, challenges and responsibilities as well as exploring our most recent UK monarchs, Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III.

Our Muscle Kitchen has been a huge success this week with children heading outdoors into the spring sunshine to prepare 'soup' for a royal banquet using a whole host of tools and vegetables. The hope is to continue expanding their 'tool armoury' to support development of crucial fine motor skills that will aid writing. It also helps that it is a whole heap of fun and Mrs Hopkinson has spent most lunch times trying to peel away Year 6 helpers who want to play in the Muscle Kitchen!
You're never too old for play!



Maths

We have been honing our counting skills; reinforcing the purpose of counting to find out how many there are as well as the key principles of a last number telling us how many there are altogether and the unchangeable order of number.

Our number block friends continue to help us conceptualise the '1 more' nature of numbers in order. We have been exploring the word pattern of numbers larger than 20 recognising that numbers 1-9 are repeated.

Our **trip to the farm** is booked for **Monday 22nd June** and is available for purchase via Arbor. Any problems, please let me know.

Please don't forget to book your parents evening slots which take place on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March.**