



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES: 4th - 8th May 2026

Phonics

Our understanding of sounds having more than one spelling continues this week with a look at the /w/ sound which we discovered has two spellings /w/ and /wh/.

The children have been spelling detectives spotting the two different spellings within the books they read and the books in our reading area. It really is a case of exposure to the written word that consolidates this learning. There's a lot of print in our day-to-day environment so any chance you get to point out one of these spellings is going to be beneficial.

Other things we have learned

We have continued to enjoy our story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' this week. It's great when children build a connection with a story and become so familiar with it that they can re-tell and re-enact its events.

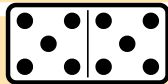


We have been taking a closer look at the life cycle of a bean this week against the backdrop of our own beanstalks growing! We made our own labelled pictures to better understand what some of the features of a plant are for and called. This included a look at the petals as well as nectar and pollen.

Bees are our new class heroes (silent cheer everyone!) for the integral work they do as pollinators. We discussed what a world without bees would look like and we all agreed we need to protect them. The children found an expired bumble bee out in the playground and we took time out of our busy day to look closer at it under the visualiser and to pay thanks for its life.

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Maths



In maths this week, we have been thinking about how we can make 10. We have been using counters on a double dice frame (2 number 5 dice frames placed next to each other) to work out how many more numbers smaller than 10 need to make 10.

Repetition with these number sentences is helpful in consolidating the learning. needs to make 10. As always, our hands are super useful too as it's easy to visualise the different parts that make up 10 by looking at the number of fingers up and those that are down.



We have our Foundation afternoon coming up on **Thursday 14th May.** Please see information attached to the email.