

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE

DATES:

11th - 15th May 2026

Phonics

This week in phonics, our focus has been the different ways we can spell the /v/ sound.

We found out that it has two spellings; /v/ and /ve/. The children quickly spotted the tricks being thrown their way with words like 'vet' and 'vent' where you have successive /v/ and /e/ sounds but which make two separate sounds.

The children were also quick to identify the positioning of the /ve/ spelling at the end of words. Great detective work Foundation!

Other things we have learned

Our story this week has been Jack and the Beanstalk. The children really enjoyed comparing it to Jasper's Beanstalk and discussing similarities and differences. We talked about how there are lots of reimagining of traditional tales and how they help to keep stories alive in the modern age.



In art this week, we have been looking at spirals in nature. We took the story 'Swirl by Swirl' as a point of inspiration. We then made clay snails complete with etching patterns that we hope to paint when they are dry.

We went on an albeit slightly soggy minibeast hunt this week to see if we could spot different types of insects in their natural habitat. We discussed what characterised minibeasts as well as the areas we are most likely to find them.



Maths

We have enjoyed looking at number track games. It has been a great opportunity to remind the children of the fundamental rules of counting (number names in order, one number per square and a stopping number meaning the total) as well as the rules for board games. We reinforced that track games start on the starting square which we don't count, that we hop into squares not over and that we stop when we have completed the required number of jumps as prescribed by the dice.

Any opportunity to play some board games over the coming half term break would be really valuable in consolidating this learning.

Huge apologies for cancellation of the parents event. The decision to cancel was with a heavy heart but we still have it to look forward to. I will send out a revised date shortly.

The school is hosting a Prayer Week starting 18th May 2026. Parents are welcome on Monday and Tuesday to explore our Fruits of the Spirit reflections, and our Foundation class contributions.