

Learning Journal 8.1.15

This week....we have been getting used to our school routine again and having fun, seeing our friends and playing together. We have welcomed 3 new children into the unit and we are delighted to have them with us. The rain was amazing and we did lots of work on weather. Our topic this term is Mighty Mountains which includes geography work about different climates in the world and a study of our daily weather. We are also finding out about the story of Noah and the Ark (very fitting) and planning and going on some adventures!

Literacy and Phonics

We are working at sentence level now in our reading and writing and Reception have started some group reading with a follow up writing activity. The younger children are working hard to recognise their first sounds and are moving through them at a great rate.

Mathematics

Our focus this week was numbers to 20 and we are getting really good at using these numbers in our calculations. We have also been estimating how many objects are in a set, then counting to see how accurate we were.

Other news.....We had a fantastic time in the rain this week as we walked through all the floods to the woodland workshop. It was pouring down but we put on all our waterproofs and headed outside. It was awesome! We saw the stream as we had never seen it before and we had to be careful not to go over the tops of our wellies. Our splash suits and gloves are still drying out!



The stream was really full and our usual path was completely flooded.



But we waded in and made our way through. Mrs Swinbank went first to check how deep it was.



The wind had

brought down huge branches in the woods. They were beautiful



Help at Home.....see if your child can estimate how many objects they have e.g. How many carrots on their plate? How many shoes are in the rack? Then get them to count and see how close they are. Start with numbers up to 10, and see if their estimates become more accurate as they practice.

Weekly routines:

Tuesday: PE with specialist PE teacher. Need shorts t shirt PE shoes and tracksuit bottoms and a jumper.

Thursday: Woodland workshop: wear warm clothing, no skirts or dresses. Swimming for reception.

Every Day: Please bring warm waterproof coat with hood, hat and gloves and spare clothes if needed.Children also need a school bag that goes home every night to put pictures or letters in. Book bags are available from Kathy in the office and will last your child all the way through school.