

## Learning Journal 22.9.17

This week...we have worked very hard earning lolly sticks for every task so that we get our Friday treat. Every task we do gets us a different coloured lolly stick and we try to collect all the colours by Friday. We have done really well and everyone got their Friday treats! The children in Early Years who don't attend every day don't have to get as many as the reception children, but are still encouraged to join in and start using the scheme.

### Literacy and Phonics

We are working hard on our first sounds in phonics and reception are learning to write them. We have used these sounds to write and read lots of words in our woodland workshop book and our writing books. We are also using lots of finger gym resources to build our muscles in our hands and arms to help us write.

### Mathematics

This week we have been learning to use Numicon which is a fantastic learning resource for number work. We have also been learning colours and shapes and sorting and matching them. We count every day and use numbers in lots of our play to help us learn what they look like and how they are formed.

Jake's peg hedgehog helps him use his clever fingers to do great writing.



Other news.....This was our first week at woodland workshop and we had a fantastic time. We took photos of beautiful things as we were looking at God's wonderful creation for RE. We found all sorts. We enjoyed a drink and a snack and played in the trees and everyone managed the walk across the fields really well, despite the long grass which made us fall over a lot. Fortunately it was a very soft landing. We also made delicious soup with the vegetables from our school garden



We found amazing plants and creatures including this tiny toad!



Tree climbing helps us build strong arm, hand and shoulder muscles to help us write. It is also very good fun.

Chopping veg for soup!



Help at Home.....any activities involving hand eye co-ordination and control are great to help children learn writing skills. We use tweezers, pegs, threading, chopping to build these skills. Jobs like hanging out washing or chopping fruit and veg are good fun. Also applying pressure to a tool, such as making holes with a fork in dough or pastry and rolling, squeezing and chopping dough are great activities. Eating peas or sweetcorn with finger and thumb is another good activity, although not good table manners!

Make sure numbers are displayed in the house and count as you do activities.....up the stairs to bed, potatoes into the pan, toys into the toy box. Even if your child does not join in, they are hearing the number names in the correct order and will learn by listening to them.

Here are some more pictures of your children doing fantastic learning this week!



Next Week....please remember to bring a coat as it is getting chillier and we always go outside every day.