

Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years – 15.4.24

This week in Early Years...	<p>It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Colchester Castle, and we received lots of positive comments about the children's behaviour and enthusiasm.</p> <p>This week we launched our topic; we went on a mini-beast hunt in the school grounds. The children enjoyed looking for insects and using magnifying glasses to observe them more closely. The children also have used their noticing skills to do an observational drawing of a minibeast.</p>
Reminder	<p>Dolphins will be at Forest School again next Tuesday-(23.4.24). Please remember to wear appropriate 'forest' clothes to school. Thank you.</p> <p>Sunflowers: remember to keep taking care of your sunflower and measuring its growth weekly.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this week we have been focusing combining groups. We joined in with the rhyme Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary and then looked at some gardens full of flowers. We noticed how many of each colour there were and then combined to find how many altogether.</p> <p>For example, 3 blue flowers and 2 red flowers equals 5 flowers altogether.</p> <p>We then used counters and drawings to represent our calculations.</p>
English	<p>In English the children have enjoyed the poem 'Hurt No Living Thing' by Christina Rossetti. They performed the poem using their own actions and animal poses and then contributed to the writing of a class version of the poem. The children have also written a minibeast riddle 'What am I?'</p>
Phonics	<p>This week we have focussed on reading and spelling CVCC words: best, just, lamp, camp, pink, pond, hunt, felt, help.</p> <p>The children have learnt to read tricky words : said, so</p>
Partnered Reading	<p>Books read this week:</p> <p>Panda's , Let's Rock, Sid-Cam, Sid Did It</p> <p>Your child will be able to tell you which book they have read, and you can access these on Bug Club.</p>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- *Go on a mini- beast hunt in your garden.*
- *Draw a picture of your favourite mini-beast*
- *Listen to and perform the poem [Hurt No Living Thing](#)*
- *Make tricky word flash cards- how many tricky words can you read/ write in 1 minute?*

Seesaw Idea this Week:

Take photos of any mini beasts you find in your garden and upload them to Seesaw so we can share them with the class.