
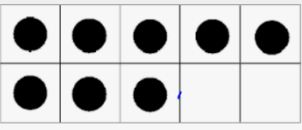



# Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years – 02.02.26

<p><b>This week in Early Years...</b></p> 	<p>This week, we have been bakers! We baked and decorated Gingerbread men and then set up a class bakery in the hall where the children had to go and 'buy' their gingerbread man. This exposed children to money (coins) and promoted lots of talking for a purpose. We compared our home-made biscuits to shop bought gingerbread. Most of us preferred our home-made versions! We also looked at the process of how things are made, with chocolate melting from a solid into a liquid and how ingredients can be combined through following a recipe.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>In maths this week we have been learning about the composition of the number 8. We have used Hungarian dice frames and a 10 frame to allow us to visually see the pattern of '8 is made of 5 and 3' The children explored and sorted dominoes according to whether their spots totalled, 6, 7 or 8. We have also enjoyed building and learning about Octoblock, the children have been brilliant at making their own during provision, remembering it has 8 cubes and 8 arms with seeing the different ways that they can partition it.</p>
<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>This week we were visited by 'The Old Man', we asked him lots of questions about how he grew such a gigantic turnip and what he felt like when he grew such an amazing vegetable. He left us a basket of vegetables which inspired us to innovate our stories e.g. The Gigantic Radish / The Gigantic Parsnip. We innovated our story mountains, told our stories to an adult for scribing and then performed our innovations to the class. We are truly becoming talented authors, using lots of new vocabulary and understanding story structure.</p>
<p><b>Phonics</b></p>	<p>Phonemes: ure, er Read: give, live Spell: HFW e.g. with, them and 2 syllable words e.g. hammer, dinner,</p>
<p><b>Partnered Reading</b></p>	<p><b>Books read this week:</b> <i>Big Fat Rat, Doll is Ill and Tim's Din</i> Your child will be able to tell you which book they have read, and you can access these on <a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>.</p>

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

Make a collection of 8 with their toys, natural materials when on a winter walk.

Retell their innovated story to someone at home.