



Reception Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



It was so nice to see the sunshine this week, Spring is definitely upon us. It was lovely to get outside without dodging the showers!

Our beautifully decorated bird boxes are now hanging in the playground – see if you can spot them. A huge thank you to Mr Hickman for helping us with this.



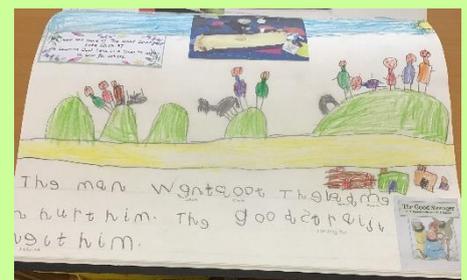
What have we been up to?

This week we have been sorting oviparous and viviparous animals and we looked at different habitats for laying eggs.

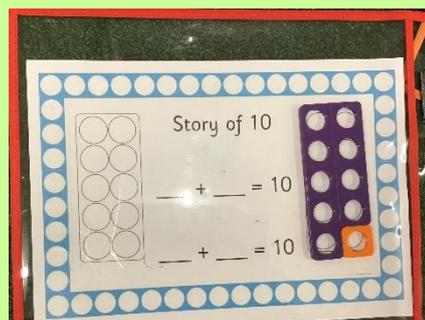
In our Learning with Jesus work, we learnt that Jesus went into the desert for 40 days. We talked about special places we could go to be calm and talk to God. We used our creative skills to make desert cactus plants.



We read the story of *The Good Stranger* through Godly play and thought about how we could be a good neighbour to others. We acted out the story in our tuff tray and drew beautiful pictures

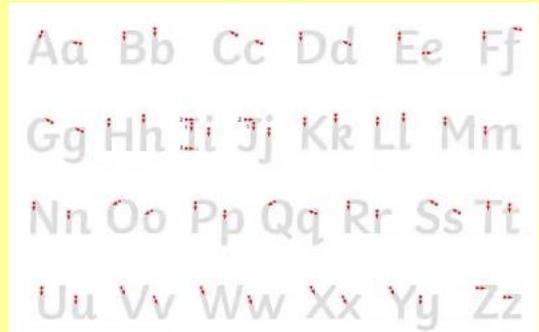


In maths we have been learning about one more and one less. We have also been learning to build 10 with two parts.



Handwriting

We are sending home handwriting homework – this can be completed over the Easter break. Please check that your child is holding the pencil effectively for writing, using a tripod grip (I have attached a stages in pencil control sheet for reference)

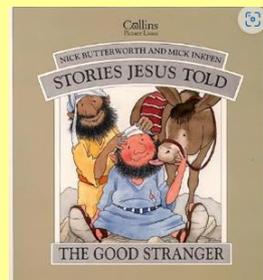
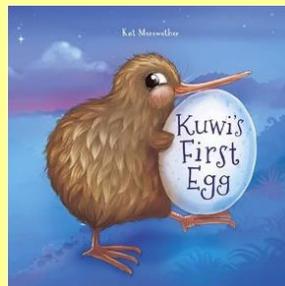
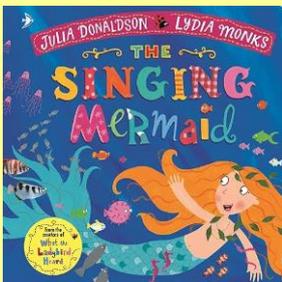


It is crucial that the children learn to write each letter of the alphabet with the correct formation – by this we mean, starting in the right place and following the correct direction. This skill will feed into the development of a cursive script in Key Stage 1. We have sent home an alphabet formation mat for reference. Please supervise your child during this activity to avoid the children forming the letter inaccurately.

We would like the children to practise writing their names (booklet provided) with a capital letter at the start only, making sure every single letter is formed accurately in accordance with the sheet. If your child is confident with this, please encourage them to write other words too.

Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books and rhymes we have been enjoying this week)



Please click this link for all our nursery rhyme videos – the children absolutely love them!

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Important Dates

Tuesday 26th March 2.00

EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Spring concert all parents welcome.

Following the Spring Concert, all parents are invited to visit the classroom to look at the children's lovely learning.

Thursday 28th March 12.00

End of term