

Our Learning Journey

- This week in maths we have completed three-part patterns with shape. We looked at sequences of number and worked out the pattern by finding the difference between the two numbers. We identified that patterns can be seen everywhere in nature, on fabric and in buildings. We also looked at the symmetry of different shapes and how we can find the symmetry of shapes by folding paper shapes. We moved on to multiplication, understanding doubling as multiplying by two. We made the link between multiplication and repeated addition so for example 3×2 is the same as $2 + 2 + 2$.
- In literacy we had some unusual visitors in our classrooms who left footprints behind. We identified four animals using a tracks field guide. We contacted London Zoo and they informed us that these animals had escaped and were on the loose. However, there was still one more set of prints that we think belong to some kind of bird. The zoo are going to launch a national campaign and we are making posters to help find this unusual creature. We created expanding noun phrases by choosing appropriate adjectives. We wrote a class letter to the National History Museum to see if they could help solve our mystery. With our description they have identified our creature as a Dodo, which is quite bizarre as these birds became extinct in 1681. We have written questions to include in a letter to the director of the Natural History Museum to find out more about dodos.

Our Home Learning

- **Phonics:** Investigate words that end in 's' and those words that end in 'es'.
- **Reading:** Please continue to support your child by reading with them everyday.
- **Spellings:** need to be practised every day.
- **Maths:** Find out if your child knows the double facts and how quickly they can give you the answer. Can they then also answer questions from the 2 times table. Look out for patterns and see if you can identify objects you see that have symmetry.
- **Learning Log:** For the next two weeks the learning log will be to find out about changes in transport in living memory. Please talk to your child about changes in transport you can remember and how the changes effected your life and made you feel. If it is possible to speak to grandparents about the same topic that would be fantastic. Children could write interview questions and then record the answers.

Our Learning Toolkit



This week we have been using our questioning tool to find out about dodos.



Dates for your Diary

General Dates

Reception, Year 1
& Year 2
Assemblies
@ 9am Upper Hall
All Welcome
Fri 8th Nov
Fri 22nd Nov
Fri 6th Dec

Winter Fair
Friday 6th
December
3:00pm – 4:30pm

Science Workshops

Year 2 – Monday 4th November @ 9am
or
Thursday 7th November @ 6pm

Please come and support your child's scientific learning by attending their workshop (a morning or evening session available for all year groups). You will receive some resources & lots of practical tips to take home!



Learning Reviews

Year 2 - Monday 2nd December
08:45am – 7pm

This is a perfect opportunity for you to spend 15 minutes talking with your child and their teacher about their learning. You will get the chance to look at your child's books/folders and find out what they enjoy doing at school. Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you at the learning review. Appointments are available from **08:45am – 7pm** & can be booked through the office.

