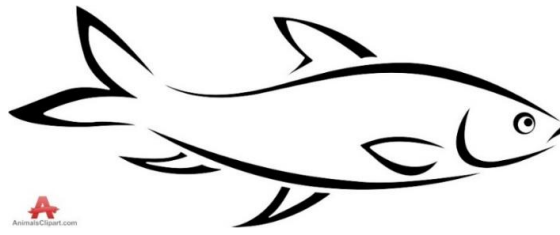


# Reception Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023



This week we have been learning about the fish family.

The children have read decodable information about a fish. They have found out that fish have cold blood, they use their tails to steer and have gills to breathe. They have bones *inside*, not outside like the crustacean family.

We enjoyed exploring a real fish, looking for the gill cover, fins and tail.

We learnt that seahorses are also part of the fish family. They use their tails to grab onto seaweed, or each other, as they are not strong swimmers. The male seahorse looks after the eggs until they are ready to hatch, and their babies are called fry.

In phonics we have been reading and writing words with -s or -es at the end. We have been spotting the words we have read already in sentences before we read them. This is making us more fluent at reading aloud, as we are not stopping to sound out every word as we read. Mrs Shipp popped in to the classroom in phonics on Thursday and said she was very impressed!

In maths we have been looking at number patterns, and sharing amounts between 2 to find out which numbers are even (share evenly) or odd (odd one left over). We are also making sure that we are counting accurately.

We have also been looking at coins and finding totals to 5p or 10p. This is hard as 2p is only 1 coin and the children are used to counting each item as 1. If you are able to get out some 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins that would be great as your child could practise finding amounts of money with you.

The children have been doing really well with all the changes this week. We are so pleased with how well they come through the gates in the morning, and are dismissed from the pergola at the end. Thank you for your support with all the changes due to building work. *Mrs Fiddes and Mrs Brandon (Year 1 teachers) are often on the gates in the morning too, so please do stop and introduce yourself.*

We are really enjoying seeing the fantastic dioramas. Each one is different and the children are so proud of them. They are brilliant. It is a joy to see the children going to look and celebrate each other's work in the classroom. Thank you for your support and hard work with this project.

Have a super weekend!