

Learning Journal 8.5.15

Apologies for the lack of learning journal for a few weeks. Our website was being updated and we were unable to post things on it for you to read. Here is a summary of our learning since the Easter holidays to bring you up to date.

Our new topic is Wonderful world and we are looking at the Earth in Space, our amazing planet and the natural world around us. We have been learning about travelling in space, walking on the moon, why we have day and night and looking at the stars. Our playhouse is now a space rocket and we regularly fly around the universe at playtime, landing in lots of different places. We have moon boots to wear and an astronaut's costume and we have made beautiful stars and



planets to hang up. We also have a mini rocket for the classroom which is perfect for a lone voyager to fly to the stars.

The reception children are enjoying the space theme in their literacy work. We have written lists of things to take to space and poems about being in space. We made our own planets and wrote descriptions for them and we are all using finger spaces and lovely joined up writing.

We are also learning all our tricky words and more new sounds every day. Tricky words are tested and changed on Tuesdays so please check your child's bag for new words. These are words which are really difficult to sound out so the best way to learn them is just to look and say the word from memory. All these words occur really often in our language and being able to instantly recognise them will really help your child read confidently. As with most things practice makes perfect. If you read or practice tricky words with your child at home, please



could you let us know in the yellow record book. Feel free to write a comment about your child's reading to help us know how they are getting on at home.



We spent a wonderful morning learning about road safety with PC Morton and his colleague. They helped us to practice crossing the road wearing our bright clothes to help cars see us. They even had a portable crossing for us to use and to help us 'arrive alive!'

Outside in the sunshine we had a brilliant time fixing our space ship, drawing rockets and making alien hand prints on the outside of the ship. Apologies for the chalky jumpers but it was great!



The Year 3 and 4 children did a fantastic presentation for Reception about the solar system by making all the planets out of fruit for us to see the relative size. They told us all about the different planets and the younger children listened really well and remembered lots of interesting facts.



Please still send your child with a coat and jumper every day as it is still chilly on our playground, especially in the mornings. Also could you apply sun cream before your children come to school as the sun is getting strong. Some days children will need both warm clothes and sun cream! Typical British weather!!!