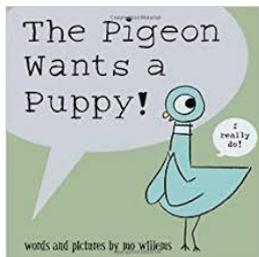




Peek at the Week

Friday 20th April



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday. Our topic for this half term is Birds, as so many of the children have an interest in the birds they see in the school grounds and on their way to school. Our theme book this week has been *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!* By Mo Willems. We have found out and written facts about puppies and their needs and we labelled parts of a bird. We talked



about what pet we would like and the reasons - Reception wrote sentences and Nursery did mark making of some letters in the words. We used different sized and shaped bottles to investigate capacity. Some of us were able to say which containers held more. We made addition sums using puppy dominoes and wrote them. We have made pigeons from paper plates and hand prints. We used play dough to make pigeons and enjoyed experimenting with blue gelli baff and a range of utensils.

It is lovely to see the sun shining after so much wet weather and we have had lots of opportunities for outdoor learning. Some of us spotted a few common birds outside and we have been noticing signs of spring, e.g. blossom on the fruit trees.

As a school we have been focussing on 'Good Sitting', which means sitting up straight with our feet flat on the floor and bottoms back in the chair or legs crossed if on the floor. Some of us find this difficult, so it would be helpful if you could reinforce this at home.



This week's star of the week is Finn Carter. Well done, Finn, you have worked really hard on lots of activities. We hope you have fun with Star the Pony.



THIS WEEK'S READING STARS



SILVER

Finn Carter

GOLD

James Popaj

James Riches

Jasper Miller

Oscar Eaves

Korbyn Rampley

Sonny Ransome

PLATINUM

Bella Martin

Daisy Martin

HOME LEARNING

- NURSERY** Practise writing their own name correctly. They could use paint, chalk, water and a large paintbrush outside, glitter pens etc. If your child can already do this, perhaps they could write letters that are not in their name.
- RECEPTION** Ask your child to choose an animal and find out 4 facts, then ask them to have a go at writing the sentences. At this stage in the year, they should be attempting all their own spellings using phonics, making phonetically plausible attempts at the words. They should now be learning the spellings of the high frequency words on their word strings. This will help them become independent writers.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Early Years Team