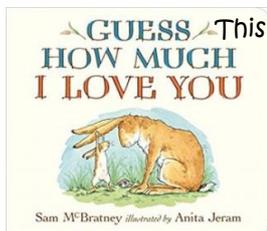


Friday 14th February



This week we have been focussing on the stories about the nutbrown hares, and in particular *Guess How Much I Love You?*, which we linked to St Valentine's Day. The children made countryside pictures that included a hare, looking at felt artworks by Carrie Lucas from Wilderness Felts and we made and wrote our own Valentine's cards, some of them had moving parts.

We focussed on geographical features of the landscape, such as mountains, rivers, hills, lakes, jungles and deserts. We talked about the highest mountain, the biggest desert and looked at photos from around the world. We worked as a team to make a papier maché landscape, focussing on working together like Busy Bees, as part of our PSHE. We also developed our own character, Kind Rupert Rabbit.

In Maths we talked about 16 and focussed on counting backwards on a number line. We also subtracted using number lines. We looked at a range of everyday objects and described them according to shape features. We counted irregular arrangements of objects, using a variety of approaches to count accurately (e. numbering or ticking as they counted). We made Nutbrown Hares, gave them long stretched out arms and measured their arm span in centimetres. In Phonics one group has been learning **ow** or **ear** reading words and having a go at writing them. The intervention group has been revising recognising letter sounds and writing CVC words.

The Nursery children have been talking about features of the environment, who they love and why and changed themselves for PE on Monday. They also played the logo game, recognising Tesco, Lego, CBeebies and PlayDoh.

REQUEST We will be making pancakes after half term, so please would you send a 50p contribution towards ingredients.

WORKSHOPS We will be holding workshops linked to a focus book on Wednesday 4th March (8.45 – 9.30 for Nursery, 2.15 – 3.10 for Reception). We hope you are able to come and join in with your child.

THANK YOU It was lovely to see so many of you at the parents' evening meetings. If you haven't yet returned the report, can you send it in as soon as possible, please.

We are very fortunate this term to have lots of additional support in our classrooms. As well as a work experience student, we have Sarah Daly (Bentley's mum), who has experience working with Early Years supporting our Nursery children and Lucy Popaj, who, as well as being our link governor, is undertaking a professional learning assistant course to work in schools and is supporting in Reception. Mrs Fenning also continues to come in to support the children's reading. I'm sure you'll agree that the children are benefitting from this additional support in school.



Rio Impey is our star of the week this week. He has worked hard on lots of activities. Well done Rio, we hope you have fun with Star the Pony. Well done to Grace Popaj in Nursery who has also been busy enjoying lots of activities this week. We hope you have fun with Sparkle the Bear!

★ THIS WEEK'S ★

READING STARS

Silver
Gold
Arthur Smith
Platinum
Arthur Eaves

- **Home Learning** - We'd love to see all your activities on Tapestry.
- **Nursery** Grow some vegetable tops on damp cotton wool (parsnip, carrot, onion, etc.). Watch what happens and talk about it.
- **Reception** Plant some Cress seeds and keep a growth diary. Make them into a sandwich with your favourite filling and talk/write about how you made it.
- **Year 1** Draw a flowering plant and label the parts (use phonics to write the words).

Have a lovely holiday, Waveney Class Team