

Friday 24th June

We have had a busy week in Waveney Class. Our theme this week was ponds and our focus book was a non-fiction book about ponds. We had a wonderful time pond dipping in our school pond, which is looking beautiful, and we saw pond skaters, dragonfly larvae and pond snails. We read an information book about the ponds and wrote facts about ponds. We also read a selection of stories about frogs and then sorted all the books into stories (fiction) and information books (non-fiction). We watched a film about frogs, learning lots about them, then we wrote some of the facts. The children were amazed to learn that sometimes frogs and tiny fish are sucked up into the air on a hot day and fall to Earth in rain! We sequenced the life-cycle of a frog, from eggs in frogspawn, to tadpole, to froglet, to frog. In the film we also saw different types of frogs, including the giant African bullfrog and a tiny tree frog from Australia.



We made wax resist pond pictures, adding tissue paper pondweed. We made jumping frogs with card and rubber bands. We also made beautiful dragonflies by laminating tissue paper wings and attaching them to dolly pegs.

In Maths the children doubled amounts of ducks on a pond and jumped frogs on lily pad numberlines recording addition sentences. One group rolled a dice and counted out the correct number of ducks on to a pond, subitising some of the amounts of dots on the dice. The other group worked out doubles calculations mentally.

In Phonics, we have been learning or revisiting **ch sh th ng** and using them to write words and sentences. The Nursery children have practised robot talk.

The Nursery children have also been learning about ponds. Mrs Bishop introduced the theme for week and asked the children "What is a pond?"

Ada – "It's where fishes and frogs live."

Zack – "Ducks live in ponds."

George – "They live on them. They don't sink. Ponds are filled with fossils and coins!"

Harry – "Weeds, they have weeds!"

Harper – "Little 'pole things live there. There's water in ponds!"

They also ordered frogs by size using the vocabulary small, medium, bigger, big. They all had a great time at Forest school. Everyone got the opportunity to climb a tree. The children had a game of hide and seek and found a great hiding place in the bushes!! They also played in the mud kitchen. Some of them used sticks to make toys too.



Reminder! Our visit to Framlingham Castle is on Thursday. Please ensure your child wears comfortable shoes/trainers that have good grip for walking. They will need to wear school uniform and bring a hat in case it's sunny (not sunglasses).

★ **READING STARS** ★

Impressive
Darlie
WELL DONE!



Our Star of the Week is Ollie. He has done some brilliant doubling mentally and wrote some fantastic facts about frogs. Well done, Ollie.

Home Learning

Nursery Can you hop like a frog? Count your hops. How far can you count?

Reception Next week we will be learning about rivers. Go for a walk along a river and write down what you see. When you get home, create a model or picture of what you saw - choose your own resources and say why you chose them.

Have a lovely weekend, Waveney Class Team