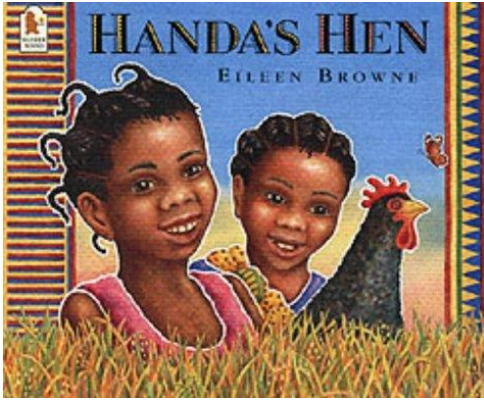


Peek at the Week

Friday 21st April



It was lovely to welcome the children back this week after the holidays, and hear all about their Easter news. Our topic for this half term is growing, and our focus story for this week was 'Handa's Hen' by Eileen Browne. We sequenced the life cycle of a hen and watched a time lapse video of a chick hatching. We looked at growth in humans and put pictures in order. We wrote sentences about events in the story using **but** and **so**, e.g. 'Handa looked behind the pots but she couldn't see Mondri, so she looked in the long grass' using our Phonics knowledge to spell the words.

In Maths this week we focussed on 21. We learnt that it is $20 + 1$ and found other bonds. We used the creatures in the story to make and write number bonds. We put birds of two colours into egg boxes and wrote the number sentences. We counted in multiples of ten using a counting stick and looked at the pattern the numbers made. Some children worked on counting and recognising numbers to 10.

To support our creative development this week, we used a variety of materials and techniques to create paper plate chicks. We chose resources to decorate polystyrene eggs, and also chose resources to build a nest for soft toy birds that sounded like the real birds. We had yellow playdough to make chicks.



In Phonics, one group has learnt the digraph **ch**. The other group is working on Phase 4 consonant blends **sp dr fl br**.

As it is St George's Day at the weekend, we learnt about the legend of St George and the dragon and created beautiful dragon pictures.



It is the Muslim festival of Eid ul Fitr today or tomorrow, the end of Ramadan. The children watched short videos about a family celebrating Eid. They made lanterns and some children chose to make Eid cards with Eid Mubarak (happy Eid) written on them.



The Nursery children talked about what they did in the Easter holiday and they made marks to 'write' their news. They talked about animal babies and said the names, emphasising the initial letter sounds. They used paint to mix colours. They looked at a book about spring and made spring pictures. They listened to a story about dragons too.



Congratulations to **Adaline** who is Waveney Class's Star of the Week! She has been really enthusiastic, answered lots of questions, read with great expression and has initiated lots of play. Well done, Adaline!

HOME LEARNING

NURSERY Draw a flower that is in your garden. Plant some cress seeds and talk about what happens.

RECEPTION Plant a seed. Keep a growing diary.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Waveney Class Team