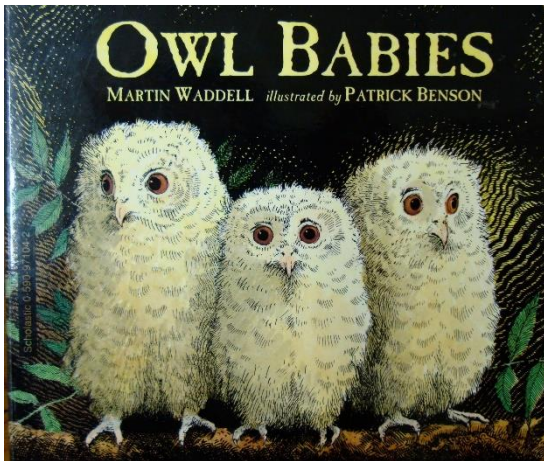




# Thames Talk

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November



What a lovely week we have had in Thames Class. Our theme book was Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson.

**LITERACY** We enjoyed using the props from the story sack to tell the story. The Reception children talked about what human babies need, drew pictures and annotated them with initial letter sounds,



some children writing other dominant sounds. They played a memory game with woodland creatures. They also wrote in speech bubbles what the owls were saying in the story. The Year 1 children went on an imaginary walk, then wrote a recount about the adventure. They made up questions based on the story and wrote them, using a question mark to punctuate the sentence.

**MATHS** Reception have learnt about number 9 in all its formats. We found different ways of making 9 and counted out 9 objects. We also counted out 9 owl babies into a tree. We put the owl babies in order of size and used centimetres to measure our toy owls. Year 1 have been working on counting to 20 and place value to 10. They looked at 10 represented in different arrangements and looked for number bonds in them.



**PHONICS** Reception have continued Phase 2 learning the phonemes g o c k. Year 1 have been learning consonant blends cr, pr, sc and fr and correct formation of the letter n.

**HISTORY** We listened to the story of the Hound Gelert, a legend from Wales. The Year 1 children sorted facts to decide whether he was a good dog or bad dog.



**CREATIVE** We planned and made a fruit salad, using the tools safely to cut the fruit. We used pompoms in paint to print fluffy owls and we also looked at artworks by Yayoy Kusama and created owl pictures in the same style.



The **Nursery** children have also enjoyed making fruit salad and have been learning to trace their name.

**Please note** We have started practising our Nativity play. If your child has brought home words to learn, can you please help them to learn them and to say them in a big clear voice.



Our **Star of the Week** this week is **Nancy**. She has worked really hard and has always tried her best, and she has been very creative this week. Well done, **Nancy!**

### Home Learning

- Nursery** Choose some items and pack them in a basket to make a picnic. Have a picnic (indoors or outdoors) with your cuddly toys. You could even make a sandwich!
- Reception** Practise writing numbers 0 – 9. Can you hold your pencil in a three-finger grasp? Remember to start each number at the top.
- Year 1** – Science - see home learning book, also practice new spellings.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team