

Our Values
Respect, Kindness, Resilience,
Integrity, Honesty and Trust



- Our Pledge**
- Listen and Learn
 - Do our best
 - Look after each other
 - Look after our school

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In **Literacy** this term we have been learning all about traditional tales. We read the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and then had a go at writing our own versions of the story. We then found that Goldilocks had actually sneaked into our classroom while we were out in the playground, and ate Mr. Bear's porridge! We knew it was Goldilocks because we saw her on the CCTV footage! We then decided it would be a good idea to make 'wanted' posters to find the culprit. We went on a hunt to find some clues. On our hunt, we found a piece of blue ribbon, a curl of golden hair and a necklace with a 'G' on it, and with that, we were able to close the case of the porridge mystery!



In **Maths** this term we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have practised counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We learnt about multiplication by making groups of objects and counting them to find the total number. It is very important for us to make sure that the groups were all equal! We also used pictures called arrays to help us make multiplication sentences. We then learnt that division is all about sharing objects equally into groups. We practised 'sharing' using counters, fruit and even cupcakes! You can make equal groups with anything! We have now started our new topic of 'fractions'. We had a go at finding halves and quarters of shapes. We now know that finding a half means finding one of two equal parts and finding a quarter means finding one of four equal parts. We practised finding quarters of a shape using buttered bread! We all got to cut our slices of bread into four parts. We were very careful and made sure that all the parts were equal! We found that there were different ways to cut a slice of bread into quarters.





We have been learning all about plants in **Science**. We have been learning about the different parts of a plant and their functions. We have learnt that plants need air, water, soil and sunlight to grow. We have been looking for plants around the school and in the garden, and we even had the chance to plant our own cress seeds! We use a plastic cup, some cotton wool and some seeds. We made sure to put our plants by the window where they can get plenty of sunlight. We have also been looking after our cress by carefully watering them every day.

We really enjoyed our trip to the Woodberry Wetlands where we went on a hunt for different plants and took part in a 'plant building' activity. We were then able to see some mini beasts that eat plants such as centipedes, ants and woodlice. We even saw a newt!



In **History** we have been learning about 'Great inventions' and have been learning about the first flight by the Wright brothers. We have been reading about their lives and how they invented the first aircraft. We learnt that the aircraft was made of wood and that the first flight only lasted 12 seconds. We compared the first aircraft built by the Wright brothers to aeroplanes we have today. We found that there are some similarities including the facts that they both have wings. We found out that the aeroplanes we have today are made of different materials, can fly longer distances and carry more passengers.



We hope you have a restful half term break and we look forward to another exciting and busy summer term! Please remember to continue using Bug club at home and to support your children with practising the flash cards for our upcoming Phonics Screening Test. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning at home. It makes a big difference! Support from home is vital to the children's continued progress and achievements in school.