

Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter Issue 14

What a fabulous week we've had! It was so wonderful to take the Foundation children on our first school trip in almost three years!!! The weather was kind to us, we all had so much fun and each and every child was a



real credit to the school! No doubt we returned some tired and weary children..... but all the consequence of a fab and fun packed day!



Last week, our Play Project focussed on the question **What is the life cycle of a butterfly?** The children were really intrigued to hear about each stage of the transformation and were also able to offer some fabulous independent knowledge to our whole class discussion. They loved making butterfly-themed snacks from fruits and vegetables, creating paper-mâché caterpillars and painting colourful, symmetrical butterflies.

This week, we have thought about the habitats that animals and insects live in and Finkley Down Farm proved to be a great place to develop this thread of learning! We encouraged the children to deepen their thinking by asking them to question why certain animals may live in a particular habitat. The children loved searching our garden for different habitats! They also enjoyed looking at the masterpiece 'L'Escargot' by Henri Matisse and then creating their own piece in a similar style.



Phonics

During our Phonics sessions over the last two weeks, the children have been introduced to the sounds **ear** and **air**. Hopefully, you have continued to keep up to date with our progress through the activity sheets that are coming home. We have also been recapping all of the tricky words learnt so far this year.

Maths



In Maths, we have we have continued to focus on recognising, counting and estimating amounts to 20. The children have also been developing their confidence in sequencing the numbers and recognising when a number is missing or out of order. We have also continued to develop their recognition and knowledge of doubles and number bonds to 10.

Drawing Club

Last week, our Drawing Club sessions were inspired by more of our favourite '**Time out of Joint**' characters **Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men**- we really did go back in time this time around!! The children loved watching this black and white animation, as well as thinking about what might come to life in their own gardens when non-one was looking!

This week we have read and performed the poem '**It's tough being snail**', which linked fabulously with our Play Project. The children worked hard in groups to learn part of the poem and then performed it with actions for the rest of the class. Finally, some of the children also put their hand to creating their own acrostic poem about a slippery snail!

What a fabulous week it's been!! The sun has shone, we've got out and about and creativity has been high on the agenda! Hope you have all had a fantastic week too!
The sun certainly helps!

Warmest Wishes

The Winchcombe FS2 Team x