

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 19th January 2024

This week in Reception:

This week the children in Reception have been having lots of fun getting involved in 'The Big Garden Bird Watch' and have been exploring this in lots of different ways. Each class learnt about how to record results on a tally chart and used this new skill to see how many birds they could spot in the outside area. As well as this, each class enjoyed learning about different types of birds and making fact books about the ones that interested them the most. During our outside days, the children had the opportunity to make their own bird feeders using pipe cleaners and cereals, this led to lots of conversation about what foods we thought birds like to eat and where the best place to hang our bird feeders would be.



Phonics:

In phonics this week we have learnt four new sounds; **oo** (as in book), **oo** (as in moon), **ar** and **or**. We have been practising reading words including our new sounds such as **park**, **born**, **zoom** and **look** and have also learnt the tricky words; **was**, **you**, and **they**.



or

born with a horn



ar

march in the dark



oo

hook a book



oo

zoom to the moon

Please visit the Kilmore School Website for more information about phonics and follow the link to the Little Wandle site, where you can find lots of parent information about how we teach this programme.

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Maths / Number:

This week in number, the children learnt about '1 more than' and how to represent this using staircase formations. This allowed for lots of exploration using different kinds of construction resources and created opportunities for the children to explain and deepen their understanding.

Home learning ideas:

- Go on a bird hunt in your garden or your local area. See if your child can make a tally chart of the birds, they think they might see! To submit your results online go to the Big Gargen Bird Watch. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/get-ready-for-big-schools-birdwatch>
- Make your own binoculars for your bird hunt using toilet rolls and string.
- Ask your child to write as many tricky words as they can remember.
- Make number blocks pictures with colour squares to create a staircase.

Reminders

- In the next two weeks, we will be learning about Lunar New Year, this year we celebrate the Year of the Dragon, and we would love to make dragons to have a dragon dance in school. To be able to make the dragons we will need big cardboard boxes and bedsheets, if you can donate any of these please bring them to school next week so we can start decorating them.

Knitting

- If you have a passion for knitting and are looking for your next project please could we suggest creating a number block. We would love to have some of these at school so if you are interested please follow this link on the Cbeebies website, [Learn to knit Numberblock One - Cbeebies - BBC](#)

Have a great weekend, The Reception Team

