



Welcome to Owl Class!



As the class for Reception, we follow the Early Years Framework. We enjoy exploring and learning through play inside and outside our classroom. We complete a combination of adult led tasks as well as exploring our own interests during independent learning time each day.

We would love to meet you! If you visit us, you will meet:



Miss Goss
Class Teacher



Mrs Bent
Teaching Assistant

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Communication and Language:

Physical Development:



We follow the Jigsaw PSHE programme. We have talked about how we and others show feelings. We made our own feelings book and talked about what things might make us feel this way.



We all help to look after our classroom and outside area. We are all responsible for tidying up afterwards!

In PE, we have been learning lots of different fundamental movement skills using the Real PE programme. For example, co-ordination, static and dynamic balances, and agility. In gymnastics, we have enjoyed getting out the equipment in the hall to support our shapes and travels.

During independent learning time (ILT), we enjoy using the bikes, trikes and scooters and large construction equipment. We help each other build our own obstacle courses, and structures using the bricks!

Specific Areas:

Literacy:

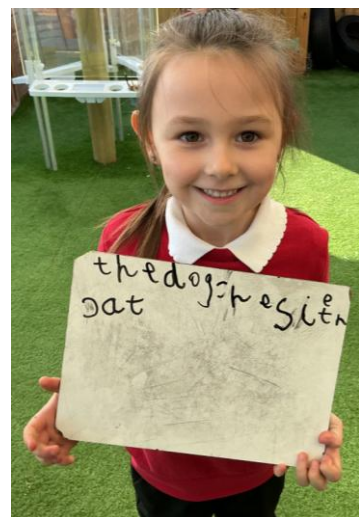
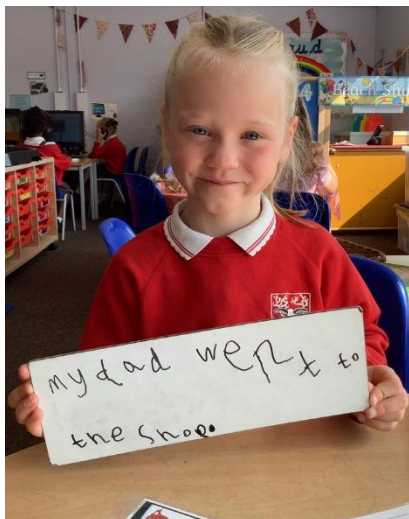
Mathematics:

Understanding the World:

Expressive Arts and Design:



We have enjoyed learning our letter sounds using Monster Phonics. The programme is multisensory. We learn which Monster, colour, and action we need for each sound. By the end of Year R, we will have learnt all the sounds in Phases 2-4. We take part in lots of activities which help us to identify sounds and use them to read and write words.



We are trying hard to learn to write legibly - this year we have followed the 'Teach Handwriting' scheme to improve our handwriting. We take part in lots of activities to support our blending and segmenting of sounds in words for reading and writing.



For Maths we follow the 'White Rose Maths' scheme. We really enjoy learning through all the practical activities!

In 'Number', we are developing a deep understanding of numbers to ten and using these to subitise (recognise quantities without counting) and recall number bond facts. In 'Numerical Patterns', we are learning to count with



numbers beyond twenty, compare quantities and explore patterns within numbers to ten.

We love to use the kitchen to bake and cook! We have made soup, crumble, Coconut Barfi, dinosaur fossil cookies, hot cross cookies, and lots more!



During 'Let's Celebrate!' we learnt about different celebrations. We created our own wedding ceremony, and all had a role to play. We also enjoyed performing the story of the Nativity to our parents.



Play and Share:

We invite our parents to see what we have been learning at school each term!
We can also show them all the hard work we have done in our topic books.

Visitors and Visits:

We are fortunate to have lots of visitors to school. We had West Sussex Fire Service visit our class to help us learn how to keep safe.



We also had a RNLi volunteer visit to teach us how to be safe on the beach and in the water. We all had a part to play using the props!

For our 'A Bug's Life' topic, we enjoyed taking part in our 'Bug Ball.' We all dressed up as our favourite mini beast and returned to school for some more bug themed activities!



During the Spring Term, we go on our first school trip. We visit Staunton Country Park to do pond-dipping, bug hunting and look at the animals. We were extremely excited! We also visited St Nicolas Church to support our RE topic on Special Places and explored the Island to look for bugs! We also had the opportunity to hatch some chicks and had a chance to hold them if we wished.

During STEM Week, Year R enjoyed an exciting range of hands-on learning experiences linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Throughout the week, the children demonstrated enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity, embracing opportunities to explore, investigate and learn through play. It was a fantastic week that inspired a love of discovery and helped develop key STEM skills.



As part of the Science and Engineering element of STEM Week, the children designed and built boats. They tested their creations, explored which materials floated best and discussed ways to improve their designs. This encouraged problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

We look forward to welcoming you to our class very soon!





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