



The News at Derwentwater

Headteacher: Venessa Nicholas



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week we have had in Reception! This week it has been Science Week, and we have all become scientists in the classroom. We have completed a variety of different experiments and made predictions of our own about what we think might happen.

- We have read the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We then all planted our own beans and discussed what we will need to do to grow our own beanstalks. The children have watched the beans grow throughout the week while watering them and placing them in the sun. We will continue to watch our beans grow over the next upcoming week.
- In Maths, we have been learning about doubling. We have learnt that doubling is when you add the same number together.

Ideas for your Proud Book:

- You could make your own science experiments.
or
- You could write your predictions for a science experiment.
or
- You could plant your own seeds.



This week our stars of the week are:

- Turtles – Mahmoud
- Dolphins - Jasmine

Focus Text: Handa's surprise

Next week, we will be reading the story 'Handa's Surprise. We will be looking closely at different African animals. In Maths, we will be focusing on halving and sharing and will be making our own fruit salad. To continue on our topic of 'Food', we will be discussing what 'healthy' foods are.

Key Vocabulary

banana	passion fruit	giraffe
mango	avocado	monkey
pineapple	elephant	village

Important information

- Donations - If any families have boxes, cartons, yoghurt pots (cleaned) that they could collect and bring into school we would greatly appreciate this for our making areas.
- Resource Donation - We are asking for a donation of £2 per half term or £10 for the year from each child to cover the cost of cooking supplies and other non-reusable resources (e.g. bread for making sandwiches or flour and oil for making playdough).
- Winter Uniform - Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothes for school each day. Reception learning happens both inside and outdoor daily and children need to have hats, scarves and gloves to access the outdoor learning area.

The Reception Team

Miss Gibb, Miss Cornford, Mrs Joseph, Mrs Bachoo and Miss Paxton

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