

Foundation News

October 2016

Elsewhere in School...

- Our Bake Sale raised a massive £423, which will be shared between the Make a Wish Foundation and the school. A big thank you to everyone who sent in (or bought) cakes.
- Year 1 and 2 took part in the Stevenage Mini-Olympics, trying out a huge range of new sports.
- We hosted the Stevenage FA Boys and Girls Football Tournaments, with 14 schools and almost 150 children playing on our field.
- Our Year 5/6 Basketball squad took part in the Stevenage Festival, finishing 5th overall.
- Year 1 headed to the woods to collect natural resources for their Lois Ehlert-inspired artwork as part of their *Wild and Free* topic.
- Year 6 took part in *Crucial Crew*, learning how to stay safe and make positive decisions as they grow-up.

What we've been doing this term...

New beginnings...

We have all quickly settled into our new classes, exploring everything around us, making new friends and discovering new books and numbers. We have really appreciated all the support that our families have given us this term, helping us to make the most of our time at school.

Number experts!

Counting, recognising and understanding numbers is the base of everything we do in maths, and we have spent lots of time this term working with a resource called Numicon to help us to do this. We have been sorting, making pictures, printing and even baking with Numicon, all of which has dramatically improved our counting skills and number recognition. You can see some of our work in the pictures below:



Making a Numicon numberline



Mixing the ingredients together



Numicon picnic in the woods!



Building the number 10



Ready to go in the oven!

Child Initiated Learning

We have had many activities related to our topic available for us to choose from within our own learning time.

We have picked a few of our favourite moments from this half term to share with you.

How you can help

- As the colder weather arrives, we advise you to send your child to school in a named coat and gloves. We go outside in all weathers!
- Please ensure that all clothes are named to avoid mix-ups during PE.
- We are on the hunt for Barbie dolls, Barbie clothes and plastic bags. If you are clearing out your toy boxes and cupboards and would like to donate anything, please drop it in - thanks!

Amber and Chloe painting Mummy Owl



Blake mark making



Emily painting



Harmony had fun exploring the spaghetti



Zara and Chloe-Louise making medicine



Summer talks to her friends



Sami being creative



Playing with magnets



Kacie cutting different herbs



Chai exploring his senses in the flour



Dancing to superman!



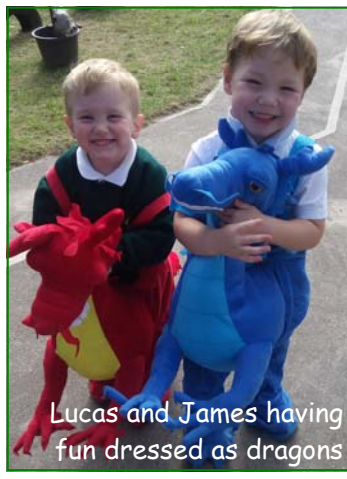
Exploring conkers



Ruby and Summer made 'dog' badges



Marble racing!



Lucas and James having fun dressed as dragons



Moshka enjoys a new book

Star Moments

Here is a small selection of our Star Moments. We really value the Stars and the comments that you contribute, which help us to encourage your children to talk about things they do at home and to value their achievements.

*** Sami ***

Sam can put his coat and shoes on by himself!

*** Harmony ***

Harmony is getting used to her glasses and kept them on for 20 minutes.

*** Chloe-Louise ***

Chloe-Louise created a story map of 'Own Babies'

Remember you can fill in and return a star at anytime.

Diary Dates

21st December
End of term

5th January 2017
Start of Spring
Term

13th-17th February
Half-term

10th March
Inset day - school
closed

31st March
End of term

19th April
Start of Summer
Term

1st May
May Bank Holiday -
school closed

8th-12th May
Year 6 SATs Test
Week

29th May - 2nd June
Half-term

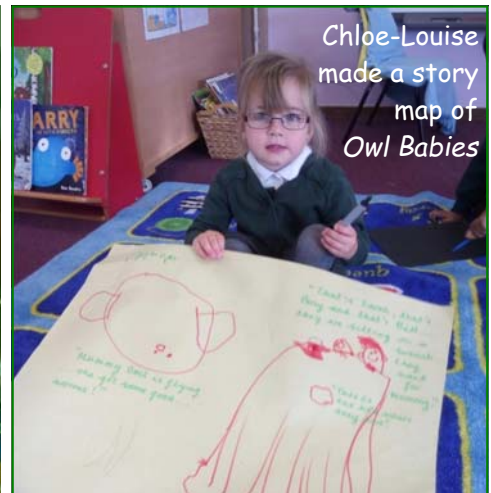
21st July
End of term

Story telling

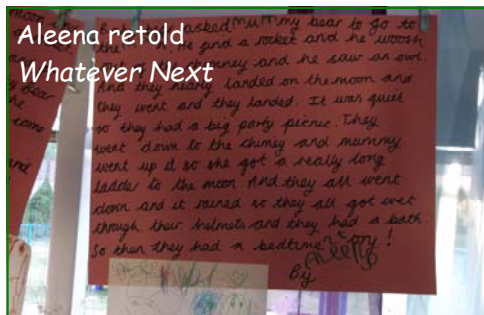
We have explored a range of books this half term. Nursery have looked at *Owl Babies* and Reception have focussed on *Whatever Next?* and *Dear Zoo*. We have thoroughly enjoyed drenching ourselves and the environments with these stories! We have also learnt to orally retell stories, using story maps to sequence plots and role playing different events. We have picked a few photos to share with you.



Nursery enjoyed listening to the story of *The Gruffalo*



Chloe-Louise made a story map of *Owl Babies*



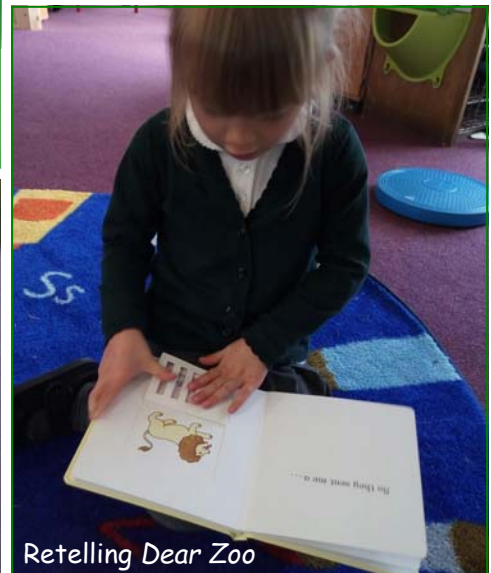
Aleena retold *Whatever Next?*



Emily G's story map of *Dear Zoo*



Going to the moon like *Baby Bear and Owl*



Retelling *Dear Zoo*