



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been accepting many maths challenges this week and they have been singing songs like 'Ten Green Bottles' and 'Ten Fat Sausages' to help with counting back and finding one less than a given number. They also practised using a number line to subtract by counting back one from the starting number to find the answer. Then we looked at the symbol that represents subtraction and encouraged some children to have a go at writing the subtraction symbol along with numbers to form a number sentence. We have been finding amounts using Numicon, Unifix cubes and corks and some children have been practising counting away from a group- making sure that we count one object as we say each number and finding the total. Finally, some children had a go at writing numerals with paint and chalk in the sand and mud.

Whilst playing dominos we noticed that some of them had the same number of dots on each side and we recalled our previous learning around doubles and created ladybirds with the same number of dots on each wing. The children counted the dots to find the total and some wrote the accompanying number sentence. We have hung the ladybirds up in the classroom to remind us of the doubles facts we have learnt!

On Wednesday, we celebrated Australia Day and were lucky enough to have a member of our class share his knowledge and experiences of the country. We looked at some Australian landscapes and animals and discussed what we already knew. The children had lots of questions about Australia and we enjoyed finding some of the answers. We looked closely at different pieces of Australian art, concentrating on Aboriginal dot painting, and we saw how the artist created patterns and images using thousands of colourful tiny dots. Then the children had a go at creating their own, they looked at some of the Australian animals we had learnt about as starting points for their paintings and worked hard to create their own Aboriginal inspired piece.

Please find below some ideas to support your child's learning at home this week:

- I hope you were able to login to Oxford Owl and hear you child read their Read, Write Inc book last week. The new book they have been reading this week has now been assigned, re-reading the book will help your child read the red and speedy green words which appear throughout the text more confidently and quickly. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you are having any problems.
- Can your child count out objects from a larger group and then find double that amount? How many doubles can your child tell you? Please feel free to email me photographs or post them to the Google Classroom stream as we would love to see the maths work you have done at home.
- We would like to draw your attention to a fantastic free resource/app that has been produced by White Rose Maths called **1 Minute Maths** -. The app can be downloaded from the Appstore and provides individual one-minute tasks focusing on addition, subtraction and subitising, the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting, have a go if you can!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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