



Blossom News

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We have had a busy few weeks of learning in Blossom class and Miss Thomas has enjoyed getting to know the children and their interests.

In English we have been listening to the traditional tales of Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood - we have retold through role play with our friends, building up a bank of describing words to paint a picture of what the story characters look like, what they do (actions) and what they feel like (behaviour). Then we have also enjoyed the story of Little Red, which is a different version of the story. We have thought how we can innovate and change some aspects of the story. Year 1 are learning to use exclamation marks to show surprise in their writing and also looking out for them in their reading books.



In Maths, the Reception children have been investigating different ways to represent the numbers using different practical equipment, for example multilink cubes to make different arrangements of 7.

The Year 1s have focused on developing accurate counting skills: forwards and backwards, developing the vocabulary of bigger/ smaller numbers, before/ after, next to/ between. The children are enjoying practical, hands-on learning. Here we are playing 'what number is missing from the washing line?' to make our learning interactive.



We were very excited to have a Tudor Lord to visit to Blossom class this week to support the History curriculum. We dressed up as Lords and Ladies, listened to Tudor music and practised how to curtsy and bow. We had the opportunity to handle a range of old-fashioned artefacts. We also learned some interesting facts, such as the fact that children are expected to work from the age of 4! Jobs include sheep herding, picking up firewood and scaring off crows.

We have been finding out about Kings and Queens, (William the Conqueror, Elizabeth 1, Victoria and Elizabeth 2): looking at photos, paintings, books and film some old objects to help us notice similarities and difference about life in the past.



We very much appreciate your continued support. Regularly listening to your child read at home gives them a great audience to share their blending to read skills with a supportive audience.

Kind regards,

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Blossom Class Teachers