

Phonics

The children are continuing to work hard with their phonics this term and are enjoying learning 'digraphs' which are sounds that are made up of two letters! Learning to read phonetically decodable 'Alien' (nonsense) words is a favourite part of our Phonics sessions, and the children are working hard to read our tricky words, which are words that can only be read by sight and cannot be sounded out.

Reading

We are so proud of all our Class R families for supporting the children in working towards their reading certificates! So far this year we have had lots of children earn their 40 reads and 80 reads and there are several who are now working towards their 120 reads! It is wonderful to celebrate these milestones and observe the children's delight at choosing a new book to keep which has been stamped with a special Madley sticker.

Peace Train

We recently contributed to the Inter-Faith week at Madley church. The children were inspired by the song 'Peace Train' by Cat Stevens and made an additional connection with a favourite story 'Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson to create their own 'Peace Train' for our school display. The children made some lovely reflections about Peace and wrote these on their individual paper dolls.

Help Is At Hand

So far in our theme, we have had a lot of fun discussing what jobs need to be done at home and identifying how we can help; we have been demonstrating our class responsibilities at school for example by sweeping the floors, watering the plants and taking care of the recycling and composting; and identifying ways in which the ambulance service helps in the community and how doctors and nurses help in different settings. Currently we are exploring who works at school, what jobs they have and how these people help us. We are also revisiting the concept of helping each other as well as knowing how we can help keep ourselves healthy and safe.

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'Big Forest School'

Recently we have started to visit our off-site forest. The children have very much enjoyed travelling by minibus especially the journey over hills and bumpy tracks! Please do make sure that children are wearing suitable and please send extra layer and socks as the weather is still very wet and/or cold. We would advise your child to wear jogging bottoms/leggings and not jeans as they are not warm enough, especially when wet. Please also ensure they have indoor shoes.

Parachute Games

Mr Batstone has been working with the children to introduce them to the parachute and play some fun games. The children have been learning, and putting into practise, the skills to work as part of team, cooperate with each other, problem solve, follow instructions and keep to the rules. Well done Class R!

Maths

The children are continuing to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting to 10 and beyond to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children are also learning to hear and practise key differences in the number names e.g. between 'teen' and '-ty' numbers. We are developing confidence in counting strategies, including counting on from different starting numbers and identifying missing numbers.

Curriculum Visitor

We were excited to have a special visit from Dr. Woodall this week. Dr Woodall shared interesting information about all his different experiences in hospitals and medical centres as well as sharing some of the equipment that he uses when helping to look after the patients. Before Dr. Woodall's visit the children considered what they already knew about Doctors and made a list of questions to ask to find out more. The children looked at Dr Woodall's equipment and he explained what he uses them for.