



## Friday 22nd November

Another busy week! We have finished our I am Henry Finch theme and have been pleased with the writing that the children have done.

In maths we have been merging the ideas one more and one fewer (less). This has been confusing for a number of children and is something we will be returning to. Next week in maths we will be concentrating on shape.

Our phonics has been centered around the first tricky words. These are words that the children have to learn to read and write through instant recall as they can not be spelt phonetically. They are I, the, to, no, go and into. Next week we will begin Phase 3 and will introduce j, v, w and x. Please continue to help your child by practicing sounds already taught as much as you can at home.

Next week we are learning about the artist Mondrian

Goslings will go to Forest School on Tuesday.

Cygnets will go to Forest School on Wednesday.

Homework reinforces the phonics tricky word work that we have been doing this week. Please encourage correct letter formation and use pencils.

A lot of our Forest School trousers really are looking a bit the worse for wear. If your child has their own at home and you are happy to send them in on Forest School day it would be very helpful, and probably keep your child much cleaner!

This week has been National Road Safety Week. We have spent a lot of time talking about road safety with the children, and have been pleased with the contributions that they have made in discussions.

Please name all gloves and hats individually and do not put them into book bags. Book bags with gloves and hats in are too big for drawers and the drawers get stuck. We highly recommend attaching gloves to coats with string or elastic. In addition, the children can not get into the classroom at lunchtime to get to their drawers as the coat racks are on wheels and are moved out of the classrooms at lunchtimes. We find that the children struggle to put on scarves properly and prefer to use them as toys.

We will be having a Stay and Play session next Friday. This will be at Bromsgrove Library and will start at 2:30. More details will be sent in a separate letter. Please return the slip by Wednesday.