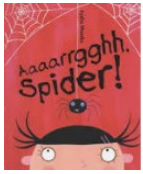




Friday 3rd May



We have been blown away with the children's enthusiasm for minibeasts. We have had a wonderful time exploring the school allotments and pond for minibeasts; the children have even asked for magnifying pots during their lunchbreaks so they can search for more bugs! A big thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures and items to do with minibeasts; the children have really loved exploring them. Our focus this week has been on spiders; we loved making enormous webs in the class! Next week will be the start of our new topic — dinosaurs!

Phonics

This week we have been using phonic skills to read and spell words containing more than one syllable. We teach the children to “chunk it” when decoding longer words by sounding out 1 syllable at a time. The Little Wandle scheme that we use in school does have information for parents on its website. There are also resources available for you to use at home. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> In Reception we deliver phases 2, 3 and 4. Phase 5 is taught in Year 1.

Reading

The children are continuing to make great progress with their reading. We regularly review the children's reading bands - you will be informed via your child's reading record book if they have progressed to a new reading colour band. Attached on the next page are the tricky words we have explored so far. These are words that cannot be decoded with phonics as one or more sounds are making an alternate sound.

Maths The children have enjoyed exploring number patterns beyond 20 and are starting to recognise how numbers repeat themselves as they count through the 10s. Next week we will be exploring adding and subtracting numbers.

Bikeability and class photos

Goslings will have bikeability as normal on Thursday. This coming Friday is class photos day. Can **Cygnets** class please be sent into school in **normal uniform with their PE kits in a bag** to get changed into once we have had our photo taken. Please send children in with a **jumper/cardigan** for the class photo.

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