



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATE



DATES:

2nd - 6th March 2026



Phonics



We continue to work REALLY hard in phonics growing ever more proficient in our abilities to manipulate sounds in words; deconstructing spoken and written words (segmenting) to then stitch them back together (blending) in order to read them. We are all the while, placing these skills in the context of our spoken language ensuring children understand the meaning of the words and sentences they are reading and building. One of the children's favourite activities is to try and think of sentences containing words I have given them. We count the words and try to build the sentence back together.



Maths

We have been continuing to build our 'mental number lines'. We have been ordering numbers to 8 as well as quantities to 8 offering reasoning why numbers are more and less. Explaining our thinking is the name of the game; we can show we understand a mathematical concept when we can explain and exemplify what we mean. Not always as easy as it appears-sometimes we feel as though 'we just know!' So much of our mathematical understanding is tied up with the 'language' of maths. Talking through our understanding can really help to hone our grasp of this language.

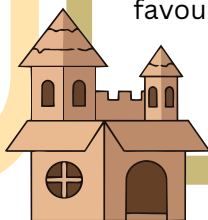
Other things we have learned

We have been continuing with our book, 'If I Were King' this week thinking in more detail about what we would do if we were royally in charge! The children enjoyed interviewing Queen Hopkinson and asking her questions about her life. Question-asking and active listening are skills we continue to develop.

We made our own family trees and placed these in the context of the royal family tree. We discussed the oldest child being the heir to the throne and 2013's updated rule about the eldest son or daughter being eligible for the throne. We had a closer look at the pomp and ceremony involved in a coronation and the children have really enjoyed re-enacting their own!

We have also begun a design and technology project; making our own junk model castles. We are at the design stage currently and the children have some very ambitious designs! Any junk modelling recycling you could bring in would be gratefully received (please no toilet rolls).

It was World Book Day this week. How wonderful to see the whole class celebrating their love of books by dressing up as their favourite characters and engaging with our book-related activities.



Reminders

Please do not forget to book your slot for the Parents' Evening on either 24th or 25th March 2026.