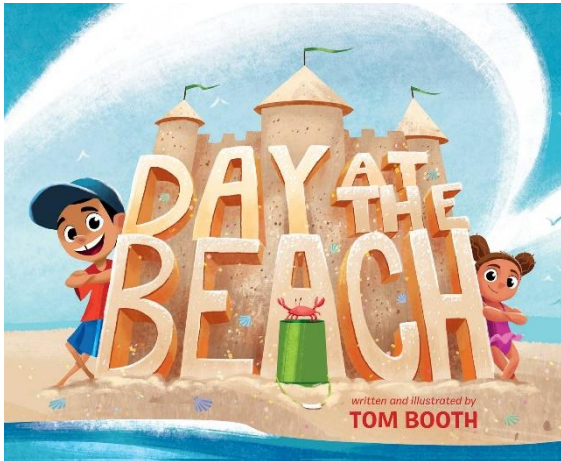




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 9th May



We have had a lovely week in Thames Class. Continuing our theme of materials, this week we focussed on sand and our theme story was 'A Day at the Beach' by Tom Booth.

Reception wrote a list of things you need to make and decorate a sandcastle and they wrote instructions for how to make one.

Year 1 have begun work on a poetry unit, based on the poem 'When I Close My Eyes' by Eloise

Greenfield. They talked about the shape of the poem, the rhyming words, and about the metaphors in the poem, such as 'I'm a box of toys'. They looked at pictures of children and wrote metaphors based on them, e.g. 'I'm a spotty bow tie' 'I'm a sparkly coat'. Then the children wrote their own, such as 'I'm a dragon that's lost its roar' 'I'm a fast sports car' 'I'm a freckly face'.

SCIENCE/UW they found out why there is sand on beaches and how sand is made. They have explored the properties of wet and dry sand for building and creating models.

In **Computing** the children have started learning about coding.

In **HISTORY/UW** we talked about what holidays were like when their grandparents were 5 or 6.

CREATIVE The children enjoyed making pictures and patterns using PVA glue and sparkly sand.

MATHS Reception have been working on cutting 2D shapes in half and constructing using 3D wooden blocks. They have been introduced to the 'part part whole' model to add two groups and find the total.

Year 1 have been working on making doubles, equal groups and sharing.

PHONICS Reception have been working on Phase 3 sound ure and Phase 4 adjacent consonants, such as soft next camp pram Crab.

Year 1 have been working on Phase 5 alternative spelling of j in words where it is written as dge (e.g. badge), and the s sound written as c (e.g. race) and se (e.g. horse).

The **Nursery** children have been mixing colours using paint. They have been making friends with the new children, playing together and exploring the outdoor area together. They have been working on recognising or writing their first names.



This week's Star of the Week is **Maeve** who has worked very hard, especially on her sandcastle writing. Well done, **Maeve!**

Home Learning

Nursery Sing number songs using fingers for counting.

Reception Practise writing numbers 0-20 with the correct formation and the correct way round.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Year 1 Reading books, spellings and rhyming words sheet in homework book.

Please note The educational visit for Reception and Year 1 pupils will be to Roarr Dinosaur Adventure on Monday 9th June. A letter will be coming out about it this week with more information and the cost of the visit.

Also, we have introduced our class 'secret book'. The children will take turns to take it home in its special bag. There is a book with it explaining what to do. Some children have already enjoyed it.

Request Our children have been very creative and once again, we are very short of junk modelling materials - boxes, tubes (not toilet rolls), plastic bottles and bottle tops, plastic tubs etc. Please help us to replenish our box. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Thames Class Team

