



The children have settled back into the school routine of our final term in Reception class. Wow! It flies by so fast! The children are amazing and have made excellent progress so far, in their social & emotional skills, reading, writing and maths. Here is a summary of what we have been up to over the last few weeks!

The children enjoyed our trip to Rushall Farm and enjoyed taking part in activities in the countryside. Although we were unable to get up close to the farm animals, the children saw them from afar and spent time feeding the chickens. The children's behaviour was excellent and we are very proud of how they conducted themselves on the trip.

During our Phonics lessons, we have started Phase 4 of our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme. The children have practised reading words with adjacent consonants, which is a little bit more tricky than simple CVC words.

We have started our topic 'Whose Footsteps' and have been learning about farm animals and growing plants and vegetables. The children have planted a radish seed each and will be monitoring how it grows. During our literacy lessons the children have listened to the story 'Who's in the Shed' and wrote a description of an animal hiding in a shed. This week we read the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables' and have written about our favourite vegetable and soup recipe. The children also drew a still life picture of vegetables in their art sketch book.

During our Maths lesson, the children have been learning to order and recognise teen numbers. We have been learning that a teen number is 'one ten and some more'. E.g., 12 is 'one ten and two more'. We have practised subtracting from 10 in Mrs Harvey's shop using a '10 frame', subitising and counting on.

During our PE sessions the children have been learning ball skills and focusing on catching a ball or bean bag effectively. They have also practised running skills in preparation for sports day.

In Forest School this week the children were excited to see the changes that had occurred in the forest since their last visit before the Easter holidays. The

Forest is full of beautiful colours at the moment. The children had a look to see how many colours they could find before exploring the forest by themselves.

Many thanks,

Wren Class Team.

