



Friday 18th May 2018

Although a little scared at first, we have found out that spiders are really rather good! We have found out facts about spiders, watched video clips of webs being made and have even created our own webs. It has been interesting to see things from a spider's point of view.

As part of our *out in the garden* topic, we have cut fruits in half, explored the seeds insides and created our own pastel pictures. We have planted our beans, peas, tomatoes, cucumbers and potatoes outside and continue to care for them by watering them. Our caterpillars have made their chrysalides and our tadpoles have grown back legs! There have certainly been wow moments as we have witnessed growth and change, learning about the world around us. Andy Goldsworthy has been our inspiration to create art outside with natural resources and the children enjoyed working collaboratively to collect their resources and design their own works of art!

During maths sessions, we have revisited money; looking at the number of coins and the value of each. We have looked at the value of 1p, 2p 5p and 10p coins (extending some with 20p, 50p, £1) and found out that there are no 3p or 4p coins! Using our problem solving skills, we explored using different combinations of coins to make amounts. Taking on challenges such as; *what is the fewest number of coins that you can use to make 7p? Can you make that amount with just 2ps?*

Working on phase 4 in our funky phonic sessions, we have practised reading and spelling words with letter blend "cluster" **nk** often mistaken for **ngck**. We have also read and spelt words with clusters at the start and end of a word; **crest stamp frost trunk drink**. Using the top tip of chopping up words has helped us to become even better at reading and writing two syllable words; **windmill sandpit children handstand driftwood** etc.

Promoting the British value of democracy, we have continued to vote daily for a story and posted our choices in the ballot box.

The Northern Ballet came in to do a workshop based on their production of *The Ugly Duckling*. We listened to the story and explored creating movements like the characters from the show.

Home learning challenge:

To create your own art with natural resources. You can do this at the beach or in your own garden. Remember to take a photograph and send it to the school office, so we can share your fabulous art work and print a copy for your special book.

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| Which story would you like today? | |
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| Put a cross in the box. | |



The EYFS Ducklings' Team

We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name:

Date: