



Friday 29th June 2018

This week we have enjoyed listening to musical pieces including Nimrod by Elgar and Aquarium by Saint-Saëns; talking about the different instruments, whether it is smooth or jumpy, fast or slow, loud or quiet, how it makes us feel and what does it make us imagine. We have even baked and eaten our own fish shape biscuits!

During phonic sessions have revisited some letters and sounds; practising **ar oi oa ure** so they do not trick us out! We have also introduced another way to write the **ai** sound using **ay**. We found a pattern, that most words use **ai** in the middle of words and **ay** at the end of words.

ai in the middle of a word	ay at the end of a word
rain	play
brain	today
wait	stay
paint	way
train	Saturday

During our maths sessions, we have continued to work using our number skills to solve simple seaside problems involving addition, subtraction, doubling, halving and sharing for example; there were 9 beachballs, but 4 popped. How many were left? An ice-cream costs 8p, but today they are half price. How much will I pay for one chocolate ice-cream today?

As we come towards the end of our time as Ducklings, we have welcomed the new children starting school in September as they stayed for a play with us during the afternoon sessions. We shared our toys, helped them to explore both the inside and outside learning areas and enjoyed storytime together. In preparation of our move into Year 1, we have held a circletime to share some of the feelings that we have about moving. We talked about what we were excited, worried, happy, nervous or scared about. Next week it will be our turn to spend Thursday afternoon (5th July) in the year 1 classroom with Miss Edwards, to play some games and ask her questions to ensure a smooth transition.



The children did brilliantly, running a mile to raise money for Julia's House. Thank you for your support in this.

Dates for your diary: Sports day for the Ducklings Monday 16th July 2018

Home learning challenge: Enjoy a day at the seaside! Have fun: build a sandcastle, dig a hole in the sand, search in the rock pools, catch a crab, dip your toes in the sea, make a picture with pebbles and seaweed, watch the boats...the choice is yours, but **stay safe**. We will share our seaside adventures on Monday.

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: