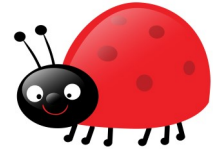


Ladybird Learning



w/b 23rd January 2023

This week we have continued with our curriculum theme of 'Dinosaur Roar!'.

We have...

- Discovered that some dinosaurs were carnivores (who ate meat) and some were herbivores (who ate plants). The teeth of carnivores and herbivores were different- carnivores had teeth that were sharp and pointy which were just right for tearing and cutting, whereas the teeth of a herbivore were flat and round, perfect for chewing and grinding up leaves. We then examined the teeth in our own mouths and sorted foods and drinks that are good/ bad for keeping our teeth healthy.
- Continued with our understanding of the term 'fact'. We used our phonic knowledge to help us write simple facts about our favourite dinosaurs ready to make a class information book on dinosaurs.
- Shared the book- Bumpus, Jumpus, Dinosaurumpus. After listening to this rhyming story, we then created a dino nest, filling it with pairs of eggs that showed rhyming words. Some of us are getting really good at continuing a rhyming string and added extra eggs to the nest!
- Tried out maths activities to explore the composition of number 7.
- Learned a little about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. In PE we tried out the traditional lion dance often seen in the street parades as part of the New Year celebrations. We also tried out some Chinese based challenges in our choosing time such as using chopsticks, counting money into our lucky money envelopes and writing our numbers in Mandarin. Some of us even chose to make a Chinese dragon puppet. We joined in with a song- Kung Hei Fat Choy- which helped us remember how people prepare and celebrate the New Year festival.



Home Challenge



Well done to all our ladybirds who sent in their dinosaur facts this week. It is so nice to see how many of our ladybirds are showing just how independent they are when recording their work now. Fantastic!

For this week's challenge we would like to re-promote the Bug Club online reading platform. The Bug Club site is an amazing resource for you to access and will support your child to develop and consolidate their phonic and reading skills.

Although all Ladybirds have had access to the site since October, we are noticing very few are regularly visiting their Bug Club account and trying out the games and books. We want, of course, to develop strong, independent readers in Ladybird Class, so are taking this opportunity to remind you of what is on offer to you and your child as part of the 'Bug Club' scheme and to introduce some rewards for those Ladybirds who complete the books and games allocated to them each week.

Please take time to read the Bug Club letter attached to your child's reading record book this week. It will go through how to get started on 'Bug Club' if and how your child can earn special Bug Club coins to spend on playing games and activities on their online account. I am always happy to support if you are having difficulty getting onto the site, or if you would like me to demonstrate how to navigate the site. We really do want everyone engaged in this valuable resource so do ask for help.

Each week we will give certificates for our Bug Club champions—those who have read at least 2 online books and tried out some games. Those of you who don't have access to a computer, laptop or tablet please do let me know so we can arrange some additional activities you can try out.

Happy Reading Ladybirds! Complete 2 Bug Club books for this week's challenge!