



# Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## Literacy

This week in English we began by learning about how to care for plants and wrote a list of things they need to help them to grow. Later in the week, we began reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We had a wonderful surprise, as our very own class caterpillars arrived on the same day! We are looking forward to observing them and watching them grow and change over time.

## Maths

In maths this week we have been working on bigger numbers to 20. We have recited numbers to 20 and back to zero, we built numbers 11-20 with the numicon and we practised counting out a set of cubes from 11-20 and building towers with them. We also read two stories all about counting to 20.

## Phonics

This week in phonics we have been working on reading and spelling words containing 5 or 6 sounds! Such as sprint, blend, scrunch and twist. It's getting tricky now but the Mice are working so hard! Our new tricky words this week were 'were', 'here', 'little' and 'says'.

*Our Core Concept this term is... Celebration and Change*

## Other learning this week...

This week we have made more animals using natural materials during forest school. We used tools such as hand drills to make the holes in our branch to add stick legs. We have done snail themed colour by number, drawn pictures using the 2d shapes, practised our straight line handwriting patterns and made repeating pattern caterpillars. We have also practised throwing the javelin in PE and we have chosen to play with the marble run, puzzles, dominoes and lego.

## Celebrations



This week we are celebrating Rafferty for sharing his wonderful home learning with us. He took care of a caterpillar and watched it grow, then change into a moth. He caught a fish when he went fishing, and he has been reading our class text '*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*' at home too, which is wonderful! We also celebrated Robyn for being courageous, holding a HUGE spider! You are much braver than me Robyn! And we also celebrated Freddie's English work this week. He had great knowledge about how to care for plants.

## Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**- Mindfulness workshop- whole school

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**- End of term

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**- Stelling Minnis Community Fun Run.