

# Mice Class Newsletter

## Friday 16th January 2026



### What have the Mice been up to this week?

#### Literacy

This week our class text has been 'No Dinner' by Jessica Souhami. We really loved this story and were able to join in with some repeated refrains during the second time that we read it. We were also able to predict what happened next. We learnt that the story is based in India, so we had a lesson all about the differences between life in India and our country.

#### Maths

In maths this week we have been focusing on composition to 5. We sang 'five little men in a flying saucer' and each time an alien flew away, we counted how many were left. We worked out all of the different combinations there were to make 5 1.g. 0+5, 1+4 etc. We made our own alien stick puppets so that we can continue with our learning at home.

#### Phonics

In phonics this week, we have learnt the sounds 'oo' as in moon (our rhyme is 'zoom to the moon'), 'oo' as in book (hook a book), 'ar' (march in the dark) and 'or' (born with a horn). We practised sounding and blending words that contained these sounds and segmented to spell words with these sounds in them. Our tricky words this week were 'was', 'you' and 'they'.

### Our Core Concept this term is... Perception and Empathy

#### Other learning this week...

In busy time this week (child-initiated learning), we looked at pictures of rainforests (like the one in our class text, No Dinner). We considered what a rainforest would look like and which animals might live there. We researched in rainforest books and short videos to get some ideas, then thought about how we could turn our book corner into a wonderful rainforest and what we might need. I will post a photo on dojo when it is complete! 😊 We have also enjoyed playing with the lego, playing phonics games, playing on the bikes and trikes and splashing in puddles! In worship this week, Mrs Buss taught us all about how we can be safe and who we can speak to at school or home if we have a worry.

#### Celebrations



For our 'Work on the Wall' this week, we are celebrating **Freddie**, as he has recently learnt how to ride a bike during his trip to Centre Parcs! He showed us his certificate! What a great skill to learn Freddie! He also did some amazing home learning and baked gingerbread men. They looked very tasty indeed! Wonderful home learning Freddie!

Our **Headteacher's Award** is for Ellie this week for showing perseverance during phonics and having a go at writing some words independently. Good girl Ellie! Keep it up!

#### Important Messages

We are extremely low on spare clothes and so are Squirrels class. We actually have no socks or trousers left in Mice Class, so if anyone has any spares that they have borrowed, please could these be sent back in, after washing. Also, if you have any old, clean spare children's trousers, leggings, and socks at home that you no longer need, we would gratefully receive any donations. Thank you so much! We do go outside daily, in all weathers, so we do need lots of spare clothes in Mice class. Particularly trousers and socks. Thank you! 😊