



Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026



Literacy

This week in English we read *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. We recapped what plants need to help them to grow and learnt the different parts of a plant and the function of each part. We stuck the parts of a plant in the correct order, labelled it, then wrote a sentence about one of the functions e.g. 'The roots suck up soil from the water. The roots hold the plant/ stem upright'.

Maths

In maths this week we have worked on numbers to 20 and beyond. We have looked at patterns in number when reciting numbers beyond 20, we have matched amounts to the numerals. We also played hopscotch where Mrs O called out a number from 11-20, and we had to hopscotch to the correct number. This is helping us to recognise all of those numbers to 20. We are getting good at counting larger groups of objects too. When they are in an irregular arrangement, this can be quite tricky!

Phonics

This week in phonics we have been working on reading and spelling words ending with 'ing' 'ed' and 'est'. Such as swimming, bumping, jumped, smashed, softest and freshest.

Our new tricky words this week were 'out' and 'today'. I have also completed an end of term phonics assessment with every child.

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

Other learning this week...

This week we enjoyed toasting marshmallows during forest school and practising the long jump in PE. Our caterpillars have all made their cocoons now so we are very excited to see what happens next! Hopefully they will hold out until after half term! If not, they will be in very safe hands and photos will be taken and hopefully the children will see the butterflies before they are released! We are excited for next term as we are having some fertilised chick eggs delivered with an incubator! We look forward to observing the chicks hatch, grow and change over time. We also made bee decorations this week to bring home.

Celebrations



This week we are celebrating **Freddie** for his fabulous writing about the parts of a plant this week.

We are also celebrating **Rafferty** for his beautiful symmetrical butterfly that he created at home and the photographs he sent in of his minibeast hunt at his allotment. Rafferty has really enjoyed our learning this term and it's wonderful that he is choosing to continue his learning at home too. What a super star!

I love seeing photos of what the children get up to and sharing their learning and wow moments from home, so please do feel free to send them in. 😊

Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

Friday 22nd May- End of term

Sunday 24th May- Stelling Minnis Community Fun Run.

Monday 1st June- Term 6 begins

Monday 8th June- Class photos