

# RECEPTION



14th February 2025

## Literacy

In Literacy this week, we read a new book called, 'And Tango Makes Three.' This book is about 2 male penguins that fall in love and adopt an egg. We learnt about different family dynamics and agreed that love is what makes a family. The children created their own word web about the word family. The children also wrote sentence about who they love. We had lots of discussion about family dynamics and Mrs O'Keeffe and Miss Dutton shared photos of their family. Thank you to those that have sent photos of your family to share with the class. We have displayed these in our home areas in class. If you haven't done so already, please send your family photo on SeeSaw so that we can add it to our display so that we can show children that all families are different but we are all loved.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

This week, we discussed things that are living and non-living. We talked about the things that we do everyday that show we are alive. The children looked at images and had to decide if it is a living thing, or non-living thing. We also discussed why we couldn't use real animals in our lesson and had to use pictures instead.

## Computing

This week, the children worked with Alan from Knowsley City Learning Centre to learn about algorithms and programming. The children used coloured square mats to make the BeeBots (small programmable robot) move. They really enjoyed it!

## Physical Development

In PE this week, the children have developed all of the skills that they have learnt over the last 6 weeks. They recapped one foot balance, 2 footed jump, underarm throw, overarm throw, hopping and catching a bouncing ball.

## Maths

In Maths, the children have started a new chapter of Number Sense with a focus on composition of numbers 6 to 9. This week, we focused on number 6. The children explored different dot arrangements of 6 and identified different number bonds to 6. The children also looked at different arrangements (Rekenreks, counters on a ten frame, fingers held up etc) and had to decide if it showed 6 or not 6. The children completed part-part whole diagrams for 6.


## Expressive Arts & Design

This week, the children learnt about an artist called Wassily Kandinsky. They use printing boards and printing ink to make their own heart print.

## Understanding the World (People, cultures and communities)

The children were shown an aerial photograph of our school, and the surrounding area, and were asked if they could recognise anything. The children looked at the different buildings, shapes, colours and features of the area. They tried to identify physical features (features that occur naturally such as fields, trees, hills etc) and human features (things that are man-made such as roads, buildings, bridges etc). The children then made their own map of the school and surrounding area.

## Reminders & Notices

- It will be World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The theme is: 'Explorers'.
- Happy Valentine's Day. Hope your day is filled with love and kindness. 
- Enjoy your half term. See you all on Monday 24th February.

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan