

Reception Class Newsletter – 6th February 2015



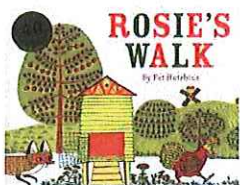
It's been another busy week in Reception. The highlight of our week was, of course, our train ride to Crewe and back. Yet again the children were outstanding. It really couldn't have gone any better and even the sun shone! The lovely staff at the station gave the children their own



special tickets and answered their questions. This was something we hadn't planned and the extra time spent doing this meant we were unable to eat our snack at the station. We did have the special snack in the afternoon so hopefully the children came home and told you they enjoyed themselves rather than telling you they had no snack! I thought the staff we spoke to both at Crewe and on the train, were fantastic with the children. Thank you to all our parent and grandparent helpers who came along too, without your excellent help it wouldn't have been possible.

A lot of our learning has and will be based around our train ride. We will be singing and making up a song to help us remember what we did. We have begun to do some fantastic writing and drawing. The children have begun making some super maps; in both 3D and on paper. Of course there has been lots of role play too! We have begun reading a story called 'The Train Ride' and using it as a model we are planning to write our own train ride stories next week.

Mrs Hill has begun to talk about the church and what happens in a church. The children made some beautiful stained glass windows yesterday. Bill Anderson from Wesley Place is coming to talk to the children next Thursday about his job and in March Mrs Hill will take the children to visit him at Wesley Place. Details about this will follow later in the month.



We read the story 'Rosie's Walk' and talked about the journey Rosie made and the positional language in the story. We have used our mini-me's to carry out some positional work in the classroom. We used the PE apparatus in the hall to go along, across, around, over and under. We worked with a partner one being Rosie and the other following behind being the fox trying not to let Rosie see us!

Show and tell is an important part of what we do and promotes speaking and listening within the class. If a child forgets their show and tell we always offer them the chance to 'tell' us something or bring something in the next day (for yellow group this would be Monday). Could we ask that you please help us with this and the children do only bring in things on their day or the following day.

Anya's mum was our wonderful mystery reader this week. Many thanks for coming in.



I just wanted to say another thank you and well done for all the fantastic homework you are doing and for all the comments in the planners. It is brilliant and so lovely to hear about the things you have done and what the children have said. Please keep going with it! Letter formation is tricky; it takes lots of practice and over learning so please be patient with your child if they are finding it hard and I speak from personal experience with my own boys. Rather than saying no that's not right, praise them for trying and say ok let's try it another way. It can be lots more fun writing letters in things like steam, shaving foam, tomato ketchup, paint etc.

Please keep sending in cardboard tubes, egg boxes, empty cardboard boxes, lids from plastic bottles and empty yoghurt pots for our 3D modeling.

Also look out for the letter about our trip to Tatton Park on Tuesday 3rd March. It should be out next week.

Congratulations to our two stars of the week Ben and Ellis and to Bojena and Bronte who sat on the VIP table to eat their lunch today.

Many thanks,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Harding