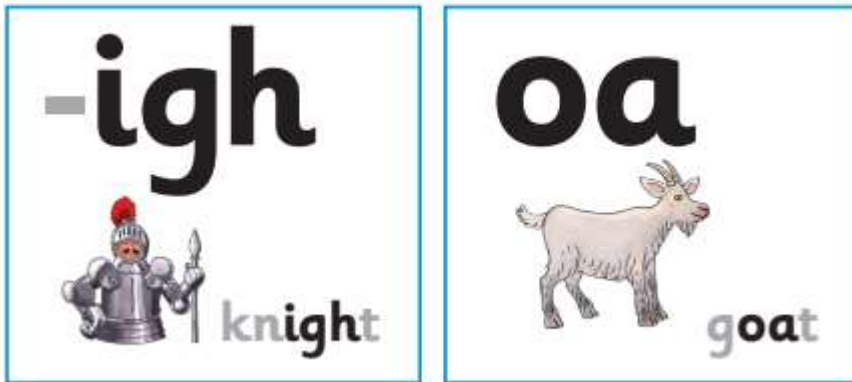




Reception Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 3

Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend!

This week's Phonics sounds include a three letter sound known as a trigraph:



In **English**, we started learning the story of Farmer Duck. We used pictures in a story map to help us retell the events. This will be sent home for you to learn at home.

We also did some hot seating, made stick puppets, sequenced story pictures and wrote speech bubbles to show how the characters were feeling in the story.

In **Maths**, we practised counting back from an amount. This week we used board games to help us with jumping on and back accurately. The children used a variety of board mats including the classic snakes and ladders. There are so many benefits from this play including taking turns, counting accurately, using dice, reading card instructions, reading the numbers and playing for fun. Please use this long weekend to play a board game at home to practise these skills.

In **Forest School** we wanted to show empathy towards all creatures living in the woodland area. To help keep their home clean and safe we collected up all the litter found on the ground and under plants. We used gardening gloves and litter pickers to remove the litter.

We started the lesson by talking about the effect of plastic on ocean life. The children were truly captured when we watched this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVMe8baPGDA>

In the playroom, we have continued to learn about growth and life cycles. We have planted little cress seeds which are now sitting in the sun with a splash of water, ready to grow. Hopefully we can even try tasting the leaves once they grow.

We are very excited about the arrival of our little caterpillars. We intended to nurture them and watch them transform into beautiful butterflies.



Here are some books linked to our PSHEE lesson on life cycles, growing and babies. These were provided from the 'SCARF' scheme of work.

- *Mummy Laid an Egg* by B Cole
- *And Tango Makes Three* by J Richardson and P Parnell
- *There is a House Inside my Mummy* by G Andreae **(WE SHOWED THIS ONE IN CLASS)**
- *The Nanny Goat's Kid* by J Willis
- *The Family Book* by Todd Parr (this book includes examples of adoption, one-parent families and same-sex parents).

Here are some photos of the children's learning this week:









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in the boat.
August

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Things to Remember

- Sports Day- Friday 24th May. Reminder there is no transport to the Linford Christie stadium. Families must make their own way there. The day finishes at 12 pm. You may stay for a picnic and ice cream after the event. Please discuss with your parent rep.
- As it warms up in the playground the children remove their jumpers and blazers, which can result in lost property. If it is named it will often make its way back to class. Please remind your child that they are responsible for their uniform.
- No school on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
- RL class assembly- Tuesday 11th June.
- Half term- School finishes at the usual time on Friday 24th May and we are back on Monday 3rd June
- Wednesday 22nd May at 8:20am: All parents are invited to a meeting about the exciting upcoming Digital Transformation at St James Prep, an initiative involving Years 4, 5 and 6 initially. The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to learn about how devices will be used to enhance teaching and learning, including hands-on demonstrations, and for you to ask about any queries you may have.
- If your child has an airtag that they bring into school, we suggest that they stay in their school bag. This is less likely to get lost than when it is placed in a blazer or coat. Thank you