

Foundation

On Monday the children started learning about Holy Week. They waved palm leaves and sang Hoseana as we processed behind Daisy the Donkey to Ashburton Hall for an assembly. We then listened to how Liz, her owner, takes care of Daisy and had chance to stroke her, before she went back to the peace and quiet of her field! The children then sequenced the Easter Story and worked in groups to engineer a device to keep an Easter egg safe if it got dropped! On Friday, the children were astonished to find that eggs had been left in the playground for them to find. Some think that the Easter Bunny had been while the children were in their classrooms but it will have to remain a mystery...

We have sent home an 'Easter Scrapbook' for the children to use to document their holiday activities. You may like to include photographs, drawings or writing and these will be shared in the first few days of the new term. This activity focuses upon your child's communication skills; they will be able to practise speaking to an audience about past events and develop their awareness of the listener when talking. You will also find 3 reading books in your child's book bag.

This term in Maths we have been focusing on reading and writing numbers to 20 and beyond; adding and subtracting single digit numbers; naming a range of 2D and 3D shapes; reading o' clock and half-past on a clock; naming coins; and sorting objects by weight and height. Ways to support this learning over the Easter holidays include:

- Playing board games such as snakes and ladders to practise reading numbers and counting on.
- Playing Maths games on the VLE and BusyThings, such as Action Time and Numerical order.
- Sharing Easter eggs, sweets, objects etc.
- Writing the numbers from 0 – 10.
- Counting forwards and backwards to and from 20. Can you start/end at different places?
- Encouraging your child to put objects in different places and then tell you where it is with the use of position words such as next to, in front of, beside, under, on top, behind.
- Cooking - weighing and following instructions.
- Setting up a mini supermarket in the kitchen and using real money to go shopping with.

Our topic next half term will be about our Wonderful World, with an overview available on the VLE in the Pre Prep parent area.

We look forward to seeing the children back in April in their summer uniforms and hearing about their holidays.

Happy Easter
The Foundation Team