

Activity Sheet Term 4 Week Beginning 21st February 2022

	Things we have covered this week:	Ideas you may want to try at home linked to our learning at school:
Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week in phonics we have learnt the digraphs or, ar and ur. or as in the words horn and fork ar as in the words car and park ur as in the words fur and turn TW HFW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please continue to practise the digraphs and words at home. Use the new digraphs to make the words for, car and fur. For more of a challenge try dark, torn, burn. For even more of a challenge try short, chart, churn
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week we began our new topic Mini or Mighty which inspired by the children's interests on animals. We begun by reading the story Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell. We then designed our own crazy shells for Norman and used our phonics knowledge to write sentences or captions about them. Later in the week we also wrote some fascinating facts we had learnt about snails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you tell someone at home what you have learnt about slugs and snails? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What time of day will you find them? Why are they nocturnal? Why do they leave a slimy trail? Why don't they like the sun and hot weather? Where are their eyes? What does the word predator mean? What are predators to slugs and snails?
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week we have been focussing on the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have been recognising, counting to and sorting amounts to match the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have been playing dominoes and counting the totals. We are now getting really good at saying number sentences to match the dots on the dominoes. Eg. 4 add 2 equals 8. We added spots to dominoes to make a total of 7, and added spots to a ladybird to make a total of 8. We enjoyed problem solving the different ways we could make 7 or 8. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look through a box of dominoes. How many can you find that total 6, 7 or 8? Play a game of dominoes. Work out the total of the sides of the dominoes that touch.
Topic Minibeasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week we started to look at minibeasts. We begun by looking at snails and spiders. We looked at a non-fiction book about slugs and snails and found out some snail facts. Mrs Winchester brought in some snails from her garden but we went and found even more in the school garden. We brought them inside and had great fun observing them and using magnifying glasses and microscopes to look at them more closely. We loved looking at them when they were stuck to the glass tank or magnifying glass and could even see their muscles move as they slid along. Miss Court also brought in 3 giant African land snails. They were huge, and so fascinating. We read the story Aaaaaargh Spider!! and linked this to our work in Maths on the number 8. We enjoyed creating spiders with 8 legs and also found out that spiders can have 8 or 6 eyes. They can also have fewer eyes, but always have an even number and there are no cyclops spiders. We learnt how to draw a spider web and created our own glittery spider webs. We experimented with a new way to make marks on paper with paint and used our motor skills and co-ordinating to roll marbles in paint around paper in a plastic plate to create swirly snail shells. We have also begun finding out that minibeasts that have 6 legs are also known collectively as insects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a look around your garden – can you find any slugs and snails? Think about the time of the day that you might need to look? If you can't see any where might they be hiding and why? Have a look for some spiders too if you are brave enough. Who can find the biggest spider? At school we watched this episode of Come Outside all about snails. Here is the link if you wanted to re-watch at home https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ki97nLa2rjk

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are feeling refreshed ready for the term ahead. Hopefully the bad weather is behind us with brighter skies and warmer weather to look forward to. We are looking at mini-beasts this term so if anyone owns or finds any interesting bugs please to take photos for the children for show and tell or bring them to school (safely) if you are brave enough.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Winchester