



Dear Parents,

What we have enjoyed this week ...

This week, Class Reception have enjoyed taking part in Reading Week with the rest of the school. We have been exploring books written by our chosen author, Eric Carle.

On Monday, we read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The boys and girls practised their counting in order to help The Very Hungry Caterpillar to count his food. Later in the morning, the boys and girls met Giant Jeffery and Tiny Timmy, The Very Hungry Caterpillar's cousins. Everybody had to work hard, using our 'part, part, whole' method, to work out how much food was in the whole snack for Timmy and Jeffery. Timmy and Jeffery decided to stay in class for the rest of the week and have enjoyed sharing other stories and poems written by Eric Carle.

Throughout the week, we have also enjoyed the following Eric Carle stories:

- The Bad-tempered Ladybird
- The Mixed-Up Chameleon
- The Tiny Seed
- Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?
- The Very Busy Spider
- From Head to Toe
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

All together, the children in Class Reception have, as a group, read a grand total of **380** pages for their readathon. Well done everyone!

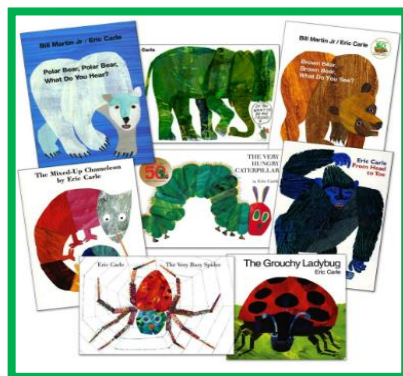
On Thursday, everyone enjoyed dressing up as characters from stories written by Eric Carle. There were some splendid outfits and everyone enjoyed sharing their costumes during the whole school parade and talking about their chosen character back in class. The boys and girls were also delighted to share stories with grandparents and visitors during the morning session. There were many pages read and lots of happy faces!

Today, during PE, the children have enjoyed trying out the different movement ideas from the story 'From Head to Toe'. They were able to turn, bend and wave with fantastic expression, just like the animals in the story! After such an energetic day, I think that everyone will need a big rest this weekend!

Homework

In class, we have been using a resource called 'Picture News' to enhance personal, social and emotional development (PSHE). Each week, we look at a different article in the news and discuss how we feel about the article and how it links to different values and opinions. You can find copies of all the 'Picture News' articles that we have previously covered in your child's learning diary.

For homework, please encourage your child to find an 'age appropriate' news item from the recent news to share with their friends next week. They could write and draw about their chosen news in their Learning Diary. Discuss with them what they think about the news that they have chosen.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Hope