

## Reception Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

This week we focused our learning on Minibeasts and their habitats.

In English, we listened to the story 'Mad about Minibeasts' and we created our own minibeasts book. The children also enjoyed going on a minibeast scavenger hunt around the school grounds.

In Phonics, we continue to focus on phase 3 phonemes, words with double letters and tricky words. The children are now encouraged to read phase 3 words by sight, to be more fluent when reading books and to answer comprehension questions about the story they read.

In Mathematics, the children have been learning about 9 and 10. The children listened to the story 'How do dinosaurs count to 10?' and participated in a variety of games to deeply understand the composition of 9 and 10.

On Monday, the children received a visit from two ponies and enjoyed learning how to care for them. They all brushed and fed the ponies.

This week in Mini-Woodies, we have been developing the children's memory by playing a memory game, pairing different animals. The children have also been practising talking to a group of peers. They chose an animal and described all the key features and the children had to guess what animal they were describing.

### This week's Makaton sign is:

Worried



### Exciting Words of the Week:

- Eager
- Climate
- Change
- Texture
- Safe

### This week's Number focus:

18

### CPS Published Authors of the Week:

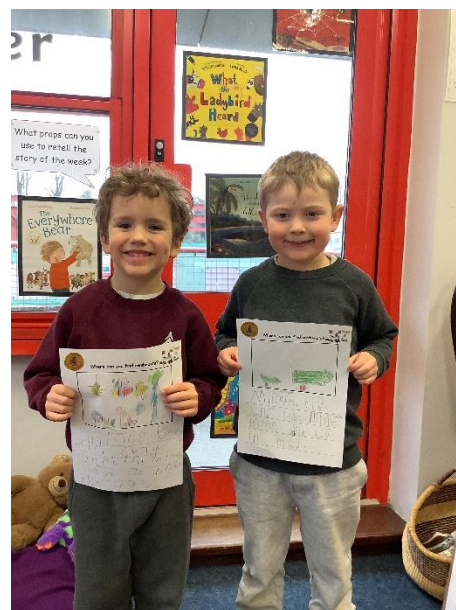
Jack  
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### Home Learning:

- Practise writing your name – lower case
- Practise phonics flashcards and reading daily
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task











## NOTICES:

**March Parent Consultations** – If your child has their birthday in March or September the class teacher will contact parents nearer the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Water bottles** – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

**Practice at home** – In reception we promote autonomy and independence throughout the day, please practice at home how to open lunch bags, cut food, open yogurt pots and put on coats and bags.

**Instagram Account** – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.  
[@claygate\\_primary\\_school\\_eyfs](https://www.instagram.com/claygate_primary_school_eyfs)

**Parent communication** – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

**Illness** – If your child has any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) they need to self-isolate for 10 days or return to school with a negative test result (send a copy of the result to the office).

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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