

Dear Parents

What a busy week it has been in Reception it has been! After visiting the Year 5 and 6 science fair, we wanted to become scientists ourselves and decided to conduct our own weather experiments.



Outside we decided to find out more about how we get rain. There was not a cloud in the sky at this point, so Nell explained that it wouldn't rain, as the rain comes from the clouds. The children made their own clouds using shaving foam and then learnt that as the clouds filled with water, they became heavy and eventually burst. The children loved watching the rain begin to trickle and eventually pour into the jar.

Inside the children were fascinated by our rainbow skittle experiment. The children made a repeating pattern in the shape of the sun. They then added water and watched the amazing rainbow appear on the plate.



On Monday afternoon, black clouds appeared, the downpour came, closely followed by bright sunshine. We couldn't have ordered better weather for our learning and we were so excited to see an amazing rainbow in the sky.



Later on in the week the children made a pine cone weather station, learning how different weather conditions and temperature can affect the appearance of the pine cones.

In phonics this week we have covered the final sounds in the jolly phonics sets.

**ou, oi, ue, er, ar**



We have also revisited our tricky words, which came home with the children last week. From now on we will spend phonics sessions going back over sounds and targeting individual needs.

In maths we have had fun with the dominoes. We began by compare the sides of the dominoes, using more and less, before moving onto the understanding altogether and total. In choosing time the children enjoyed playing domino parking, finding dominoes to match the numbers 0-12. Later on in the week we

used the dominoes to introduce simple addition and learning how to write basic, addition number sentences.

On Wednesday the children were treated to a brilliant Judo session. Details about the after school sessions came home in children's book bags,

It has been a brilliant week Reception, well done.

Enjoy the weekend

Mrs Copeland and Mrs McCarthy

**Notices:**

- There will be a slideshow of pictures **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm**
- Just a polite reminder that school uniform is grey pinafore, skirt, grey school trousers or school shorts.