

Friday 7th June 2019.

Dear Parents,

‘Miniature Worlds’



On Monday, we shared Cinder-Ella by Alex T. Smith to introduce our new topic Miniature worlds building on the children’s interest in fairy tales from Creative Arts Week. We discussed the key features of the story and compared them to Cinderella. We also talked about different mini beasts and their habitats. The children received a surprise parcel in the post and were delighted to unwrap miniature fairies, houses and furniture! We set straight to work to design our own fairy kingdoms, fairy doors and habitats in our provision areas. The children have really persevered to create intricate designs and talk about their ideas so that we can build our own fairy kingdom in the year 1 outdoor provision area for next year.



On Tuesday, we took two groups of children to prepare the ground and lay weed matting and fences around the area and gather the resources we would need. During the next few weeks, the children



will develop this area even more. We can’t wait to see the children’s final design! During the rest of the week, the children have built amazing rook pools using a sheet of material, rocks, guttering, wood log slices and the water pump in the sand world area and then used them to re tell mini beast adventures. Some of our children have enjoyed our new story telling area to listen to their favourite books and dance along to the catchy songs at the beginning of the CD.

On Thursday, we visited the year 1 classroom to begin the transition process into Year 1. The children got the opportunity to sit on chairs around tables and look around the classroom. Throughout the rest of

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this half term, the children will visit Year 1 on a regular basis to complete activities to help prepare them for starting Year 1 in September. We are so proud of their resilience already.

Maths

In Maths, we are learning to count accurately so that we can double the amount of spots on the ladybird's wings. The children have been comparing the number of spots on each ladybird, doubling the amount of spots on one wing as well as finding out how many spots altogether. The children have painted spots onto the ladybird wing and folded it over to 'double' the amount of spots to check their answer.



Next Week

Next week, we will be continuing to focus on building the Fairy Kingdom in the year 1 outdoor provision area and investigating different mini beasts and habitats. We will also be preparing for a 'Bug Ball' celebration just like in our story Cinder-Ella.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward and Mrs Smith.

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