

# **This week in Reception**

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2022**

## **Why Do Ladybirds Have Spots?**



We have started Phase 4 this week in phonics. We are now learning to read cvcc words. This is quite easy when you can blend a word with three phonemes, because all you have to do is say that word and add one more sound. So we blend t-e-n ...ten, then add the final sound ten-t to make tent, men-d, hum-p etc. We have also learned the tricky word 'said'.



This week Maths Mastery has been looking closely at numberblock 7. We have noticed that its rainbow colours match the colours of the numberblocks 1-6. We have also revisited the concept of part and whole, first, with a song about parts of us! Then we explored parts of the whole number seven, making towers of cubes, using two colours. We used the sentence "7 is made of (eg) 5 and 2.



### **Other Areas of Learning**

#### **We had a brilliant time on our school trip to Coombe Country Park!!**

For some children the excitement started when they got on the bus. Lots of children said they hadn't been on a bus before. Of course being upstairs was especially exciting so everyone had a turn, either on the way, or way back.

We were met by two Park Rangers. Louise spent the day with RSG and Chris was with RKG. We went pond dipping and minibeast hunting in turn.

At the pond, we took turns swishing our nets in the water in a figure of eight, then tipped out our nets into a tray of water to see what we had caught. As well as a few water beetles, we found some sticklebacks and a newt!

In the woods, we had our Coombe creature catchers (spoons!) and bug pots to put our minibeast finds in for a closer look. We found all sorts of animals including, millipedes, woodlice, worms, beetles, slugs and many more!! We returned everything to its natural habitat at the end of the activity.

**See our photographs on the blog!**