

# This week in Reception

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

This week our learning has focused on life cycles.



## Literacy

In phonics we have been learning how to read and write two syllable words, by reading each part and putting it together, eg sand – pit, moon – light etc. We have learned to read the Phase 4 tricky words 'some', 'come', 'little' and 'one', and practised writing 'they' and 'all', including in sentences.



## Mathematics

This week our Maths Mastery has extended our counting to 20 and beyond. We have made sure that we understand the difference in how to say 'teens' numbers, such as 13, 16, 18 etc., and how to say tens numbers, such as 30, 60, 80. This is all helping us to see the patterns and relationships between numbers. Alongside this, we have considered and used different strategies for accurately counting larger numbers of things, including objects, actions and pictures.



## Other Areas of Learning

We have enjoyed learning about the life cycles of different creatures this term!

Our caterpillars built their cocoons last week and this week emerged as beautiful painted lady butterflies. It was so exciting to see them actually come out of their cocoons. After a couple of days of watching them, using their long tongues to eat, gently flapping their beautiful wings, we set them free in the outdoor area. It was wonderful to see them fly off into the sky.

**Look on the Reception Blog to see our wonderful butterflies!**

We have also learned about the life cycles of ladybirds and dragonflies, and discovered that there are some very interesting differences and similarities between them and butterflies.

We're now waiting for our ever-growing tadpoles to start growing their legs ...  
... surely any day now!