

This week in Reception

January 31st – February 4th 2022

Castles and Kingdoms



Literacy

We have learned two more vowel sounds this week - 'oo' which makes a long sound in words like 'soon' and 'pool', and a short sound in words like 'foot' and 'good', and 'ar'.

We linked the 'ar' sound to the tricky word 'are', noticing what is different.

The story we looked at in depth to complete a fairy tale formula was "The Frog Prince".

We have also listened to many other stories involving kings, queens, princes and princesses, and their castles and kingdoms.



Mathematics

This week we have learned the importance of a 'stopping number' when we are counting a number of objects. We helped a toy to count correctly by explaining how important it is to stop counting out objects when you reach the target number. We found out that we can count actions and sounds as well, but we still need to stop at the target number.

We also explored how numbers of objects stay the same no matter how the objects are arranged. This is called conservation of number.



Other Areas of Learning

This week we have been creative.

We have been looking at castles and their features, learning the vocabulary to describe these features, and then trying to build castles with construction kits, or making a picture by using collage, paper shapes and felt tips.

Everyone has also had an opportunity to think like royalty! We asked all the children what would they like to do if they were king or queen. Lots of them thought about how they would like to live, while others made rules for us all to follow!

Some photographs of these activities are on this week's blog.