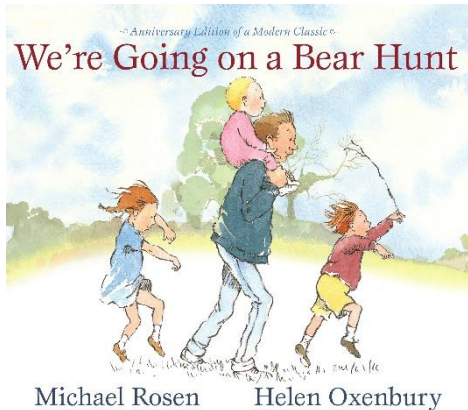




Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 15th November



What a busy week in Thames Class. Continuing our theme of woodlands, our focus book this week was *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen.

LITERACY

The Reception children made story maps and sequenced pictures from the book, talking about the beginning, what happened next, and the ending.

They made sound effects with their voices, such as *woo woo*, *splish splash splosh*, to go with pictures from the story, then used the letter sounds to write them. They used props to retell the story. The Year 1 children continued to work on the story of *The Tiger's Child*. They used their story maps to write the beginning, middle and end of their own version of the story, then wrote the whole story in their first 'big write'.



MATHS Reception have learnt about number 8 in all its formats. We looked at different ways of making 8, including the number double $4+4=8$. Year 1 have been continuing work on subtraction, taking away 1 or 2 and recording in various ways.

PHONICS Reception have started Phase 2 learning the phonemes *i n m d*. Year 1 have been learning consonant blends *st*-, *-st*, *tr* and *gr* and correct formation of the letter *n*.

HISTORY We listened to a story about the legend of the Loch Ness Monster, which is a legend from Scotland. Some of us thought that it looks like a dinosaur.

CREATIVE We have explored finger painting and printing with objects with different textures.

Friday was **Children In Need** day. The children enjoyed dressing up in Pudsey clothes, or in spots and stripes.



The **Nursery** children have also enjoyed the *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* story and have had fun being creative with minty green playdough and soap flakes in the water. They have taken turns to play a simple game in a group led by Mrs Bishop. We are very pleased to welcome **Sonny** to our Nursery.

Please note! If your child brings a packed lunch it shouldn't include any products that contain nuts as we are a nut-free school – this includes chocolate spread. Please check the ingredients if you're not sure.

Request Next week we will be making fruit salad. Can your child bring in some extra fruit in a named bag/pot please.



Our **Star of the Week** this week is **Imogen** She has worked really hard, especially on reading words containing the letters that we have learnt. Well done, **Imogen!**

Home Learning

Nursery Sing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. Look up at the dark sky. Can you see the stars and the moon? Can you make a starry sky picture?

Reception Write the letters **s a t p i n m d** for your child to recognise. You could hide them around the house or garden for them to find. How many can they recognise? Can they tell you something beginning with that sound?

Year 1 DT – see home learning book, also practice new spellings.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team