



Brecknock Early Years News

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Nursery

This week our story was '**The Enormous Turnip**' .

On Wednesday we had a **visit from the farmer** who brought us our **duck eggs**. We talked about all the things we needed to know to look after the ducklings, and the children came up with lots of **amazing questions** to ask the farmer.

Do they have to be warm like the chicks - Zaynab

Do they have to be in water?

Do they have to be cold or warm - Laila

Do they have to run around or stay in a box? - Aalyia

Do they need to swim around? - Etienne

We can make a hot pond! - Amira

Can they swim really fast? - Rayan

Do they have to stay dry? - Sulaikha

Do they run fast when they hatch? - Alia

Do they fly? - Zaynab

Do they eat fish food? - Teo

Do they eat worms? - Siraj

Are the yellow ones girls? - Annisah

How do eggs hatch? - Marko

Can we put them in the fish tank? - Ifaz



Can we put the ducklings in the fish tank?' - Ifaz

Last week we had a very exciting time with our new **fire bowl** and **campsite**. On Tuesday we lit a fire in the outdoor area and read the story of '**Thumbelina**' **around the campfire**. The fire felt warm, we could smell the burning wood and see the orange flames moving. We discussed **how to stay safe around the fire** and learnt how to put out the fire with water.

We have been learning **the song of Thumbelina** and making little **Thumbelina puppets** with our thumbs. **Follow the link on the Brecknock website to watch a video** of the song.

We have also been continuing with the story of '**Jack and the Beanstalk**'. This week the Giant left us **a giant letter** on the beanstalk. just as we were reading the letter we heard the giant saying 'Fee Fi Fo Fum, some of us saw him walking past the window. It was quite scary!

Coming up in Nursery:

Monday 19th May:

Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 21st May:

Nursery Book Day!

Dress up as a hero or villain from a favourite book.

Friday 16th May

Class Photos

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd

May:

Trips to Hampstead Heath for Mini Beast Hunt and Pond Dipping.



The wind is making the fire move.
Annisah



Reception

This week we have been continuing our learning about **jungle animals**.

We have used an **encyclopaedia** to find out information about **mammals and amphibians** and **written sentences** about our favourite animal.

We have learnt the story of **Walking Through the Jungle**, acting it out with small world characters.

We have also learnt about **animal habitats** and made our own nests.

Last week we acted out the story of **Dear Zoo** and wrote our own **page for the book**.

We continued our learning about **jungle and zoo animals** by looking into their **habitat** and type, reading non-fiction texts to support our learning.

We have learnt about **healthy and unhealthy foods** and the importance of **exercise** by talking to Greedy Gorilla about his unhealthy diet.

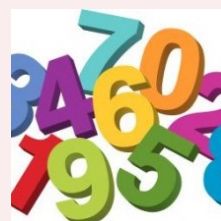
Our jungle animals had a party where we learnt how to **subtract single digit numbers**.

Our maths focus was on **subtracting by counting back from a number**.

Coming up in Reception:

Wednesday, 14th May
9AM.

Family Maths



Come and join in with your child's Maths Lesson and take home an activity

Monday, 12th May:
London Zoo trip

Friday, 16th May:
Class photos

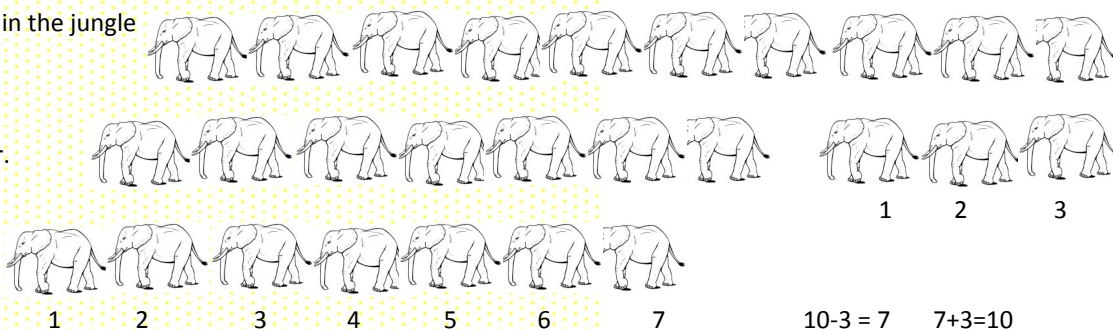
There are 10 elephants in the jungle

Roll the dice:



3 go to find some water.

How many are left?



$10 - 3 = 7$ $7 + 3 = 10$
Practise on fingers

At dinner you can have milk before bedtime. It is good for your skin, your hair and your nails.
(Hannah, talking about how to keep Greedy Gorilla healthy!)



Nursery Songs of the Week

I Like The Flowers

I like the flowers,
I like the daffodils,
I like the mountains,
I like the rolling hills,
I like the fire place
when the light is low.



Chorus

Dum Die Dari
Dum Die Dari
Dum Die Dari
Dum Die Dari



Dum Die Dari
Dum Die Dari
Dum Die Dari
Dum Die Dari



Thumbelina

Though you're no bigger
(*than my thumb x3*)
Sweet Thumbelina don't be glum,

Now now now,
ah ah ah,
come come come,

Thumbelina, Thumbelina tiny little thing,
Thumbelina dance,
Thumbelina sing,
Thumbelina what's the difference
if you're very small,
When your heart is full of love
you're nine feet tall.



Nursery Campfire



A story around the campfire





Reception Song of the Week

Number Bonds

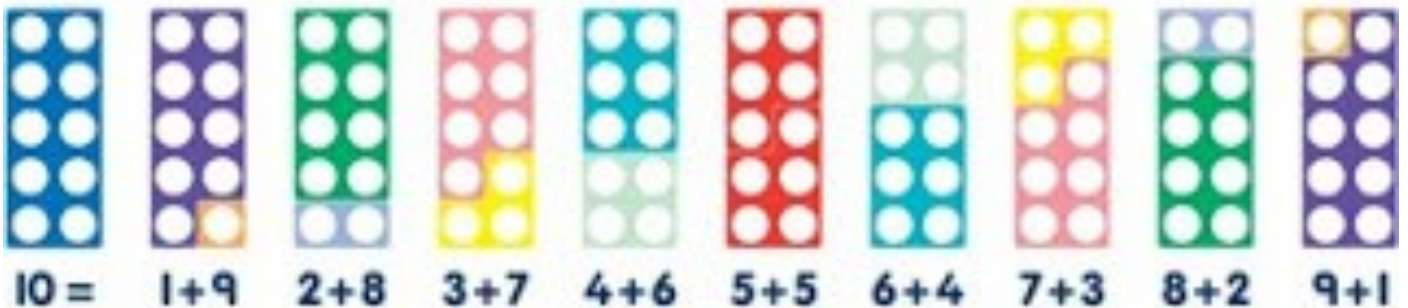
Number bonds are pairs of friends
and altogether they make ten
they will stick together until the end
they make ten, they make ten!

9 and 1 number bonds are fun,
8 and 2 maths is good for you.
7 and 3 sing along with me,
6 and 4 lets sing some more.
5 and 5 make me feel alive!

Repeat chorus

4 and 6 numbers in the mix
3 and 7 number bond heaven
2 and 8 number bonds are great
1 and 9 counting all the time
5 and 5 makes me feel alive!

Repeat chorus



Can you match these number sentences to the picture?

$$5 + 5 = 10$$

$$6 + 4 = 10 \quad 4 + 6 = 10$$

$$7 + 3 = 10 \quad 3 + 7 = 10$$

$$8 + 2 = 10 \quad 2 + 8 = 10$$

$$9 + 1 = 10 \quad 1 + 9 = 10$$

