ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Reception Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 5

What have we explored this week?

This week and last week's Phonics sounds:

Please do use the Phonics keyrings to recap the purple sounds and the green sounds. We are now looking at the blue sounds. Also use tricky word bookmarks to recap Phase 2 and learn Phase 3 tricky words. Have a go at reading the sentences from this week:

Let us go soon and zoom to the moon on a balloon.

The foolish baboon took my spoon at the zoo.

The dog barks and the cat darts in alarm to Bart's garden.

I will fly my car up to a star and then zoom to the moon.

In English, the children embellished their story maps by adding detailed pictures and words needed for their story writing. Behind every author is a great plan! The children were supported to create their version of Farmer Duck using a similar structure. They have created a 5-part story, changing the character and the adjective. Here is the story and the parts that they have changed are highlighted along with the class story map to match:

1. Once upon a time there was a duck who lived with an old farmer.

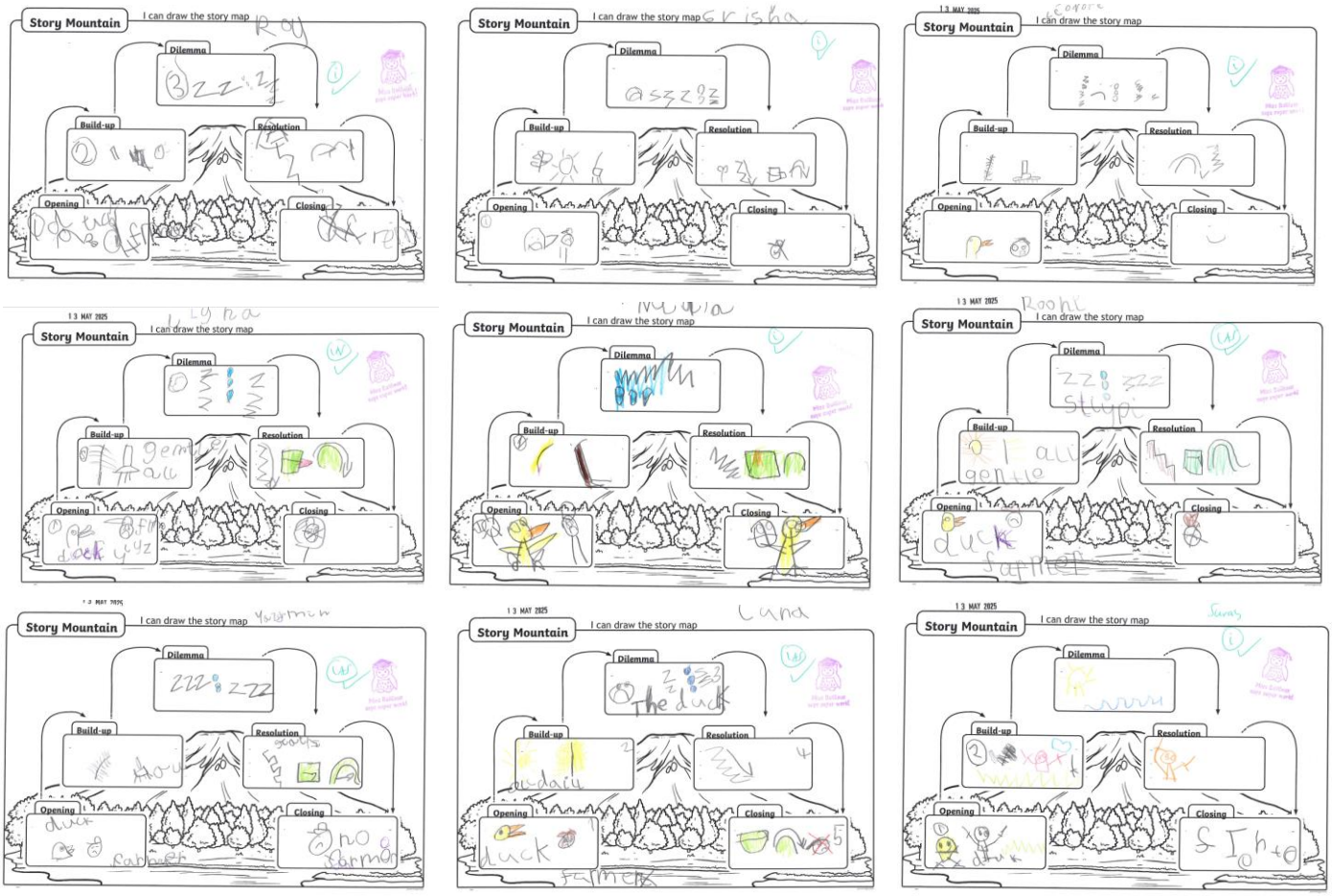
2. Every day, the gentle duck did all the work.

3. Unfortunately, the duck was sleepy and weepy and tired.

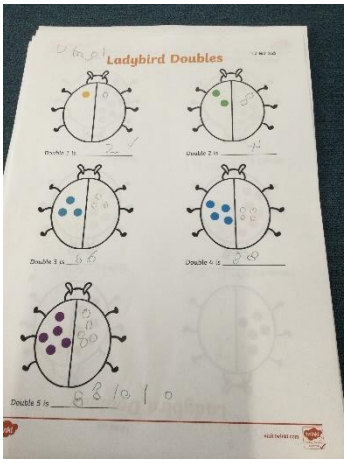
4. Luckily, the other animals chased the lazy farmer down the stairs, through the fields and over the hill.

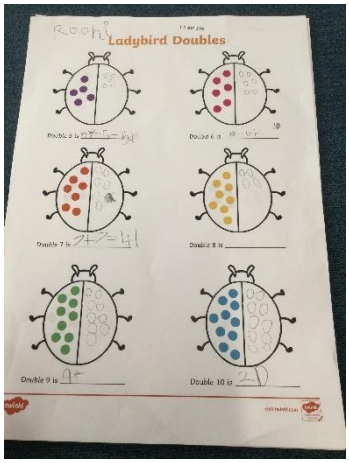
5. Finally, the farmer was never seen again.

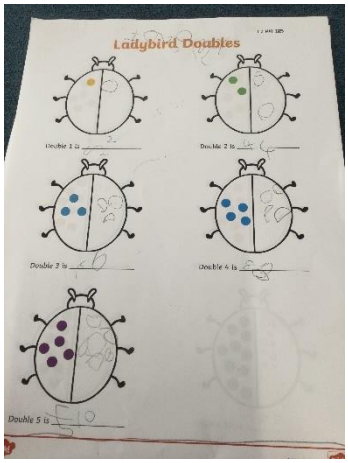
Here are the children's own maps:

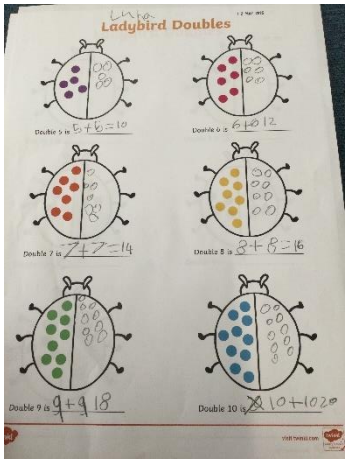


In Maths, we learnt about doubles. We have been using this doubles song to help us learn the doubles: Doubles song. We talked about doubles on a domino and how to add the dots together, as well as write the corresponding number sentences. The children then completed ladybird worksheets where they doubled the dots and tried to write the answer.

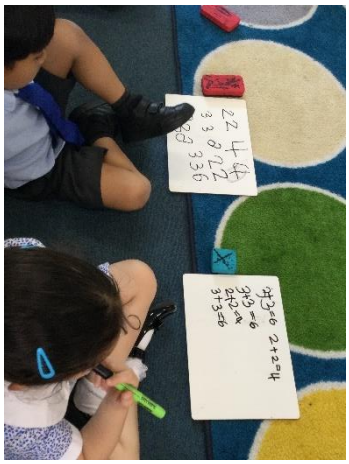


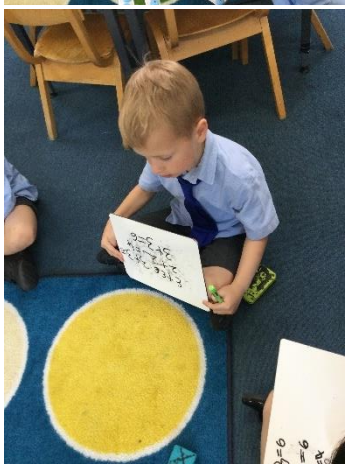






We have also used fives frames and counters to show doubles being the same on both sides. Then we played with dominoes and doubled the totals, writing the corresponding number sentences. The children were really engaged when they found the double dominoes!



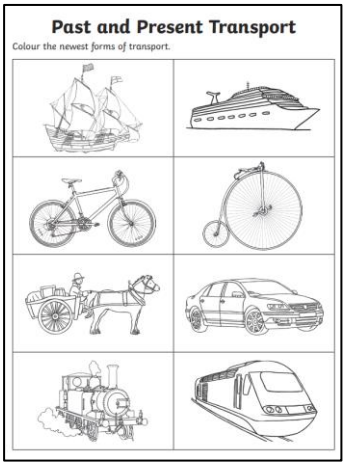


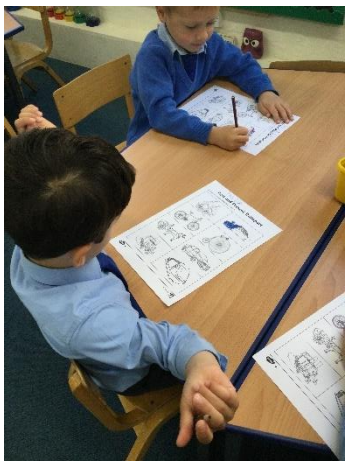
We also played some doubling games including 'Hit the Button' with doubles which the children enjoyed, which you may want to play at home with Doubles to 10:
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

At Forest School the children were read a story about birds making nests. They were then shown how to make a nest using twigs and natural materials. They set to work creating their own nests and to help the bird toys. Some children decided to make different shaped nests and some dug holes to help them fill it with sticks. What creative children we have! We ended the session with our traditional hot chocolate, but this week we were lucky enough to have marshmallows inside.

In Topic, we talked about one of our trips next week to the Transport Museum. We talked about transport through the ages and how it has changed. We looked at images of the same part of London changing over time, which we will see in real life when we visit next week.

We talked about how transport has changed over the years and ordered cards to say which modes of transport are in the past and which ones are in the present. We also coloured in pictures, comparing transport and only colouring in the ‘new’ ones.





Things to Remember

- Please be reminded of the two trips happening next week:
    - The London Transport Museum - Monday 19th May – children to please wear full school uniform as usual.
    - Spitalfields City Farm - Friday 23rd May – children to please wear gym kits as usual.

- We have cooking on Wednesday 21st May. Please could you bring in a named Tupperware box, approximately 10cm x 13cm for their cooking lesson.

- Uniform queries:
    - Please ensure that children wear black school shoes with their uniform.
    - They are only allowed trainers on Gym days.
    - Boys must wear ties with their uniform. They are allowed the remove them at school if they are hot.
    - Socks for boys must be plain grey and white for girls.
    - Girls may wear white tights if they are cold.
    - White socks are also required with their Gym kits.
    - On cold Gym days, please can girls wear their trousers and not a skort with tights, as they are finding it hard to change for Motor Movers.

- This term we would like to invite you to come and have lunch with your child in the dining room. You can then experience what lunchtime is like and sample our amazing food. Youcan find the new menu here and the dates for you to book into the 'family lunchtime' are either 20th May or 22nd May. Please book on SchoolCloud.

- On Friday 23rd May, a fund-raising day will take place for Masibambane College. We hope to raise enough funds to purchase a Jojo water tank for this school in South-Africa. Please may your child come to school with a few pounds in a named purse/wallet so that they can participate in the myriad of events taking place e.g. Bake sale, scooter wash and Arts & Craft sale.

- There will be a Book Look for all classes on Wednesday 4th June at 8am

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Reception will take place on Friday 6th June. Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.