

Beech class weekly update 9.10.20

We have had another fantastic week in Beech class with a brilliant forest school session building tiny houses for fairies and borrowers. We investigated how to hatch our dinosaurs from eggs we used pipettes, little hammers and paint brushes. The children were incredibly excited to hatch their dinosaurs. We have found out all about the argentinosaurs and the children made their own fact sheets to teach other people about their findings.

In English we have retold the story of Where the Wild Things Are. We created our own story maps to help us to be able to orally retell the story then we wrote it as our big write. We spent some time looking back through editing and improving our writing just like a professional author would.

In maths we have been looking at doubles and seeing if we can learn the double facts by heart. We have been singing and dancing to a special doubles song to help us to memorise them. We have also begun looking at different ways we can solve addition problems. The children had the opportunity to solve an addition number sentence in any way they wanted, we had a real variety of methods including counting on, on a hundred square, using tens and ones, using known facts, drawing pictures, using counters, and using tens frames. We will be exploring which of these is the most effective over the next couple of weeks.

The children have been very excited by the photos and videos of one another's homework that have been being sent in. They are really enjoying being able to celebrate what one another has done at home.

Unfortunately we have had to have a couple of "wet plays" this week where the weather prohibited the children going outside. During this time we enjoyed getting some exercise with "Andy's wild workouts". The children have absolutely loved doing them and it is a good way to give their brains a break. I have included the link in case any of them need a brain break at home!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06tmmvz/andys-wild-workouts>

Thank you again for another wonderful week!

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry, Ms Coffee & Mrs Paice