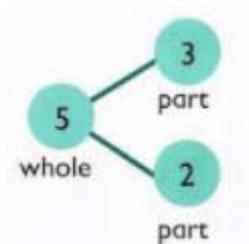


Beech class weekly update 25.9.20

This has been a very exciting week in Beech class with our first forest school session and the unveiling of our new book.

We have been working on images from *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak (without revealing the book) for the past few weeks, looking closely at the pictures which show his bedroom transforming into a mysterious forest. This week we read the story as a class and the children were amazed that this was the book the images had come from! They absolutely loved hearing the story, particularly the part with the wild rumpus! We talked about different words that would describe Max's emotions throughout the book and created a class diagram to show they change. We were particularly interested to note that it was possible to feel two different feelings at the same time. For our big write this week we wrote letters to Max with suggestions for how to make him feel better when he is feeling lonely.

In maths we have been looking at one more and one less and moving on to ten more and ten less to a given number. We used our hundred squares and practiced moving left and right and backwards and forwards to find the number we needed. This will help the children to be more familiar and confident with using a hundred square. We have also been looking at the part part whole model.



This is a way of exploring how different numbers can be represented. We looked at how many different ways we could make a given number eg. 20.

Quite a few children have moved up book bands this week so a big thank you to all of you who have been reading such a lot at home. We are continuing to read as frequently as we can with children in school.

We have been learning about Mary Anning and her fossil hunting. We were all very interested to know that Mary had discovered an Ichthyosaur and to look at the drawings she had made of it. As part of our learning in Science we have been measuring out the height of different dinosaurs in the playground. We used a trundle stick to measure in metres and were amazed to see how different dinosaurs compared in height to Mrs Paice.

Thank you again for all of your support this week it really does make such a difference

Miss Roseblade, Mrs Coventry, Ms Coffee & Mrs Paice

Notices:

Forest school: Now the children have settled into our new school routine, we will be starting Forest school sessions on **Wednesday afternoons**. Every Wednesday your child needs to **come to school** wearing full-length trousers and a long sleeved top. Please can the children bring their waterproof trousers/jackets or 'all in one suits' in a bag, which can be kept under their tables. Please can any children who do not have wellies in school, please bring some in (most children do now).

Topic projects: Remember to look at the class web page for the range of Dinosaur planet ideas you may wish to complete. It would be great if you could complete as many as you would like to and share these with us by taking photos of what you have enjoyed and produced. Please email these to the class email: Beech@sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk **PLEASE NOT THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS GIVEN OUT LAST WEEK ON THE ACORN UPDATE**