



Chevening St Botolphs Class R



Date: 2/7/26

Theme: **Splash!**

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This week, we took an exciting trip to the beach through our imaginations! We listened carefully to the soothing sound of the sea and talked about all the wonderful things we can do at the beach. The children shared their own beach experiences and discussed what they might see, hear, smell and taste while visiting the seaside. We then began reading the story **SPLASH!** Anna Hibiscus and can't wait to hear more next week.

During our early morning activities, we have been busy creating colourful beach balls and developing our reading skills by searching for tricky words hidden within beach scenes.

Forest School

After weeks of rain followed by a spell of hot, sunny weather, we finally managed to light a fire! We began by recapping our fire safety rules and discussing the three things needed to make a fire: fuel, heat and oxygen. The children then went on a hunt for twigs to help get the fire started.

Once the fire was ready, we enjoyed toasting marshmallows kindly provided by Sonny and his family. There were so many that everyone was able to have two each! A huge thank you to Sonny and his family for their generosity, it made our campfire experience extra special.

The lost sheep

After a fun and active game of hide and seek, we took time to reflect on the feelings we experience when we are lost and the relief and joy of being found again. This helped us to connect emotionally with the message in the Parable of the Lost Sheep, a story told by Jesus in the Bible.

We learned that a parable is a special kind of story used to teach a deeper meaning or moral. Christians believe this story shows how God cares deeply for every individual and rejoices when someone who is lost finds their way back to Him. Through discussion, we explored the idea that just like the shepherd cares for each sheep, God cares for each person, no matter what. We drew our own sheep to remember the parable.



A Special Visitor

Class R had a very special visitor on Wednesday! The children were thrilled to be greeted out on the field by Jelly, Vienna's beautiful horse. Jelly had dressed for the occasion too. Her hooves were painted and her mane sparkled with glitter. She looked absolutely fabulous!



The children loved learning all about how to care for a horse, including grooming, feeding and keeping her healthy and happy. Everyone listened carefully and asked some brilliant questions.

The highlight of the day was taking turns to enjoy a short ride around the field on Jelly. There were huge smiles all around as the children beamed with pride and excitement while riding their special four-legged friend. A huge thank you to Vienna, her mummy and Jelly for giving Class R such a magical and unforgettable day!



Phonics: Phonics: This week we have learnt the sounds *au*, *ey* and the split digraphs *a_e* and *e_e*. These are the same as other digraphs but have been 'split' either side of the consonant (we therefore do not say that it is a silent 'e' at the end of the word). We have learnt the harder to read and spell words *could*, *would* and *asked*.

Maths

This week, we have been learning how to add numbers by **counting on**. We have practised putting a number in our heads and then using objects or our fingers to count on from that number.

Learning Journal Task

This week, I would like you to:

Go on a treasure hunt around your home!

Find 5 groups of objects (toys, socks, books, spoons, blocks, etc.).

For each group:

Start with one number.

Add a small number (1, 2 or 3 more).

Count on to find the total.

Can you write the matching number sentences eg $5+3=8$

Reminders

- Swimming days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week.
- There are a number of children coming to school without a hat. Please remember to send one in **everyday**.

Dates for your diary

- 3rd July—INSET day
- 6th July—Class R Swimathon
- 16th July—Pirate Day (Get your costumes ready).
- 14th July—Open classroom. This is an opportunity to come and see your child's work and meet their new teacher.

More photos to come online!