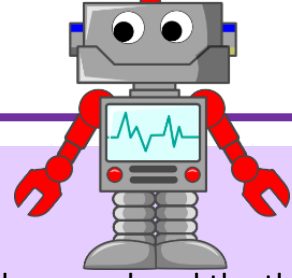


Foundation Stage News

May 24th 2024



Our learning this week:

We have been buzzing and beeping with excitement this week whilst we have explored the theme of Robots. We have looked at the different things that robots do in our lives to help us. We have noticed the different 2D and 3D shapes the robots are made from, programmed real Bee Bot robots, used directional and prepositional language to control our friend pretending to be a robot and have written some super robot sentences.....now it's time to power down and switch off for the holidays!



Solve-a-sauruses...

The children were super Solve-a-sauruses, learning to programme the Bee Bot robot to ensure it stayed within the maze they had made.

Describing our imagined robot character. We practised writing red word 'my' and the children have been trying really trying hard to remember finger spaces between their words.

Robot Writing

We created control panels and used our Fred Fingers to help us spell our word labels. We had great fun controlling each other with them!

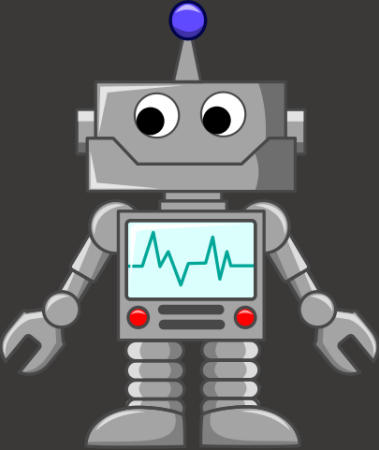


Friday was so much fun. The children were so proud to show off their wonderful robot creations. They used the sentence stems "I am..." and "I can..." to tell us more about their robot character.

A 'Robot Rumpus'!



Robots, robots everywhere...



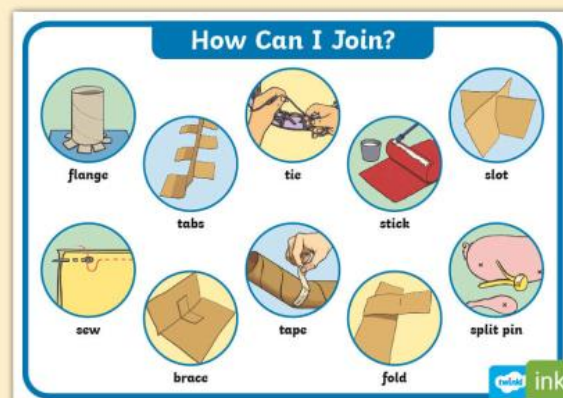
Robo-tastic!



Creating our own robots....

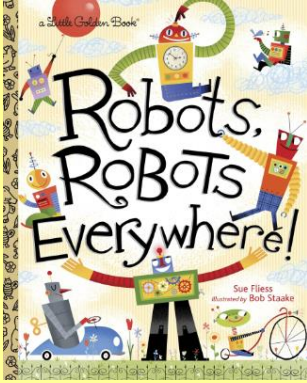
The children loved applying many of the skills they have learnt over this year to create their very own robots in the Art Studio. They used a range of tools, including scissors and a hole punch. They created flaps to help them join materials. They used shapes for a purpose and even learnt a new skill to help them create their robot arms and legs... a concertina fold!

Children, your robot
creations were
AMAZING!

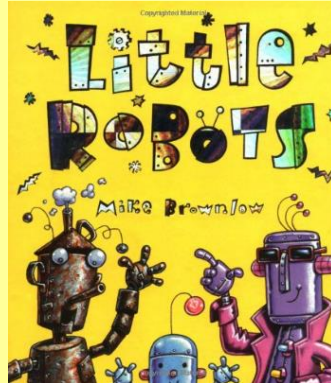


Books we shared this week

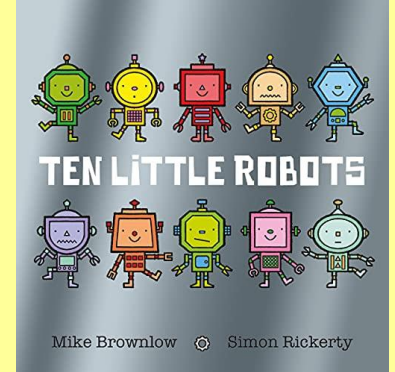
Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home, you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



'Robots, Robots Everywhere!
by Sue Fliess



'Little Robots'
by Mike Brownlow

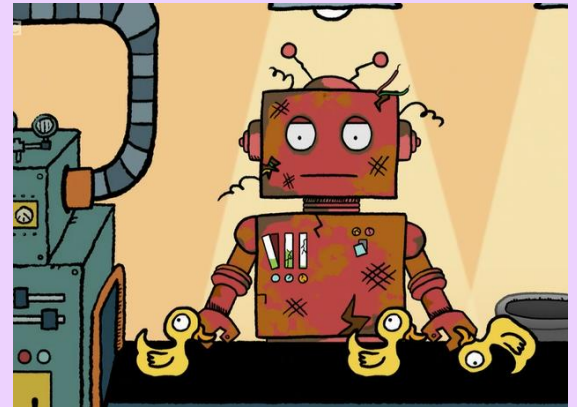


'Ten Little Robots'
by Mike Brownlow and
Simon Rickerty

Songs we have sung this week

'Ralph is a Rusty Robot'

The children absolutely loved the Rusty the robot character and the uplifting story behind the song. Please click on the link below to watch this Popcast. We warn you, you will be humming the tune for days! [Nick Cope Popcast: Robot](#)



Sun Protection Reminder

Our garden is a real sun-trap during the day so we need to ensure your children are properly protected from the heat and UV rays.

Please ensure you send your child to school with a sunhat/cap to wear outdoors and a bottle of sunscreen. Please ensure both items are clearly named. We recommend you give your child their first application of sunscreen before they come to school and we will supervise them as they top it up through the day. As we cannot apply the cream ourselves, it is a good idea to practise this with your child at home first.

Please continue to ensure your child brings a fresh bottle of water to school each day. We will endeavour to encourage your child have regular sips through the day, reminding them that hydration is vital for good health and brain function for learning.



A special visitor!



After the half term holiday we will begin our learning about plants and living creatures with a particular focus on bees, ladybirds, caterpillars and butterflies. We have invited Chris Johnson, from South West Animal Services to come to school with some insects, reptiles and small mammals to show the children on **Thursday 27th June**.

We are asking if you could make a donation of **£4** to help us to cover the cost of this event and ensure we can go ahead with the visit. You can now make this payment via the School Gateway. We will be grateful to receive this by **Friday 7th June**.

A date for your diary!

Our Early Years Sports Day Event will be held on **Monday 17th June** from **1.30 – 3.10pm** on the school field. Your child will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on this day. Families

are welcome to attend to cheer the children on. Please head straight for the field to secure your vantage spot and we will bring your little athletes up to take part. Please give them a warm, encouraging cheer as they arrive!

During the event we will ask you to wave from the side-lines whilst the children stay with the staff to ensure they remain focused on their races.



1.30 – 2.15pm: Children's Team Games

The children will enjoy a carousel of three team games which they have been learning this term. During this time, there will be a refreshment stop to ensure they remain hydrated.

2.15 – 2.45pm: Running Races

First, the children will take turns to compete on the running track. Afterwards, we will invite siblings and family members to take part...don't forget your running shoes!

2.45 – 3.05pm: Family time and a little treat

After all the races have finished, you will be able to enjoy some time with your little one on the field. We will provide them with an ice lolly treat as a reward for their efforts. The children will be permitted to have a play and run around. Please support us in adhering to our field rules by reminding the children not to climb the bank (there are nettles at the top) or leave the grassy area. Please ensure you and your child remain on the field at all times. If your child needs to use the toilet, please inform a member of staff who can escort them to the toilets.

3.05pm: Return to Foundation Stage

At 3.05pm we will ring our bells and ask the children to line up ready to return to class. **Please remain on the field until we have safely returned all children to our Foundation Stage block.** If your child is having difficulty leaving you, we will ask you to bring your child down to the block and we will help them to say goodbye at our gate as we do in the mornings.

The primary goal of our Sports Day event is to encourage the children to have enthusiasm and confidence for participating in sporting activity. As they are still so little, we will not be scoring points. We will encourage your little Try-a-tops to cheer each other on as they do their very best and enjoy the races.

Our Learning Gallery

Ahoy me hearties.....

A few photos from our Pirate Day a couple of weeks ago. We enjoyed dressing up in character, using our Fred Talk skills to follow some clues to our very own treasure and we even ended the day with a marvellous pirate feast and a few pirate games!



Wax Resistant Art

The children really enjoyed drawing their own space backgrounds with the crayons and were excited to see and feel the wax crayons resist the black paint.



Time to relax...

The children thoroughly enjoyed soaking their feet after a busy day in the sun!



Have a wonderful half-term holiday everyone!

