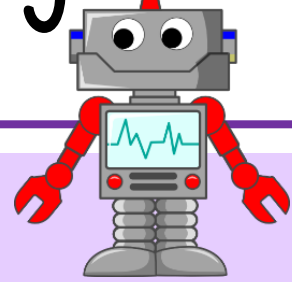


Foundation Stage News

May 26th 2023



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.



Robot Writing ...

Creating remote controls using Fred-Fingers to spell the words. It was great fun pretending to control each other with them!




Describing our imagined robot characters. Look at these super sentences! The children are really getting to grips with leaving spaces between their words.




Our learning continued...

The children enjoyed 'programming' their blindfolded friend around obstacles using prepositional and directional words.




whole turn 


half turn 

diagonal 

right 

left 

forwards 

backwards 

They practised the skill of 'listening to all of the words' in the instructions.



Super scissor skills to piece together a robot puzzle.



Ending the week with a super Robot dress-up day!

Even a robot needs a book bag in school!



A 'Robot Rumpus'!

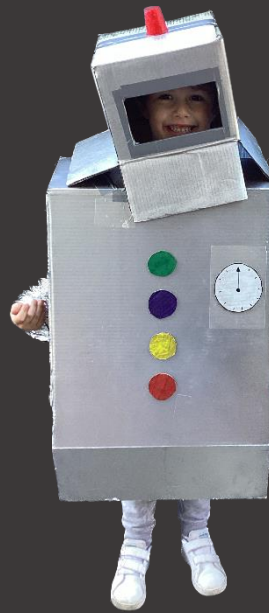
Friday was so much fun. The children were so proud to show off their wonderful robot creations. They used the sentence stems "I am..." and "I can..." to tell us more about their robot character.



Robots, robots everywhere...



Robo-tastic!

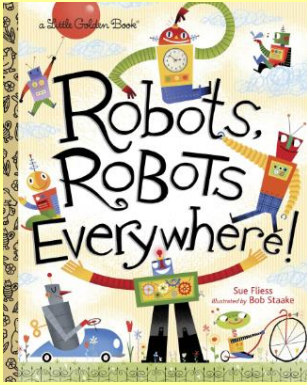


Children, your robot creations were **AMAZING!**

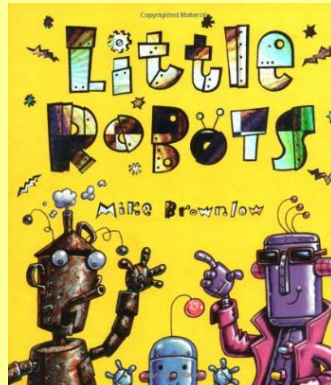


Books we shared this week

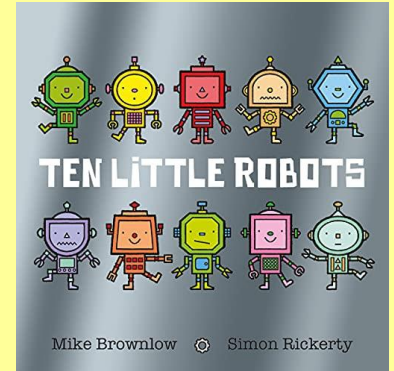
Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home, you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions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



'Robots, Robots Everywhere!
by Sue Fliess



'Little Robots'
by Mike Brownlow

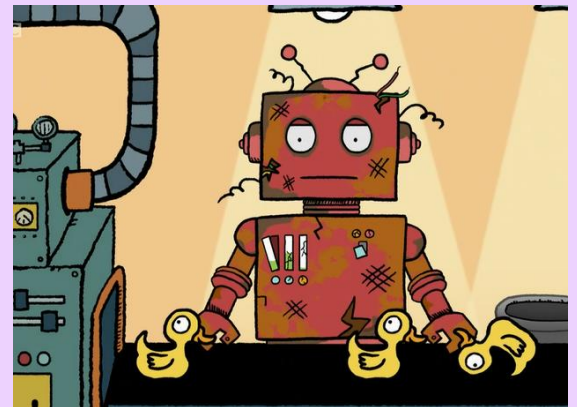


'Ten Little Robots'
by Mike Brownlow and
Simon Rickerty

Songs we have sung this week

'Ralph is a Rusty Robot'

Thank you to Libby and family for recommending this brilliant robot song. The children absolutely loved 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!

Next week 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 22nd June**.



We are asking if you could make a donation of **£4.07** 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 9th June**.

Wheely fantastic news!

Thanks to you, your friends and family for your **incredible generosity** in supporting our Sponsored Cycle event. We have raised a grand total of....

★ £660 ★

This money has enabled us to purchase three fabulous bikes to add to our collection of trikes, bikes and scooters.



The Chariot Bike – Not only does this enable physical skills, but it encourages the use of imagination and social interaction. The bike can be used to carry a 'passenger' or 'goods' as the children create their own creative scenarios.

Pedal Bike – Perfect for extending our more experienced riders, building upon the balance and coordination skills they have developed on 3 wheelers and balance bikes.



The Runner Bike – Without pedals, the children use their feet to move the bike forwards as they develop balance and steering skills. A great bike for developing self-confidence and motivation.

A date for your diary!

Our Early Years Sports Day Event will be held on **Friday 23rd June** from **9.30 - 11.30am** 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 after drop off 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.

9.30 - 10.30am: 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.

10.30am: 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!

11.00 - 11.30am: 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.

11.30am: Return to Foundation Stage

At 11.30am 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.

Home learning fun

We love to see what your child has been learning at home with you. It really helps us build such a full picture of their knowledge and experiences.

Erin and Finley had a fabulous time visiting the Devon County Show last weekend. They met volunteers from the RNLI who spoke to them about the importance of learning to swim and be safe beside the water. They also met police officers from the Devon and Cornwall constabulary ... Erin it looks like you have been caught red handed!



An author in the making, Lily wrote a fantastic adventure story entitled 'Lily in Space' which she read to her friends. Lily we were so impressed by your super narrative skills! We are so glad 'Lily' got home safely in the end!



Celebrating children's learning

Cody, Roman and Isaac, you are our learning stars this week. We were so impressed by how well you worked together to create your 3D robot using the giant wooden blocks. You listened carefully to each other as you shared your ideas and helped one another to achieve your goal.



Read Write Inc. home learning:



Click on the lesson below to practise reading a collection of Green level sounds speedily:

[Speed Minute Session 7](#)

Please click on the link below to practise reading words speedily:

[Speeding up word reading video 1](#)

The final link is to a reading and writing practise session. Your child will need a pencil and paper for this session:

[Read and hold a sentence lesson 1](#)

Have a wonderful half-term holiday everyone!