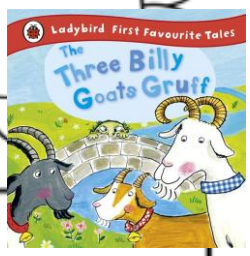


Reception Class Newsletter

24th April 2026





Literacy

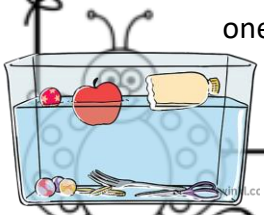
We have been reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. The children have really enjoyed this story. They found out all about goats on the internet, learning lots of new facts. We have listened to an audio version of the story with some very catchy songs. The children liked talking about the troll who lived under the bridge. They wrote sentences describing him using their own choice of words. There were a variety of different ideas, and the children wrote brilliant sentences.

We have planted some grass seed to grow some more grass to feed the goats!

Let's hope it grows quickly.

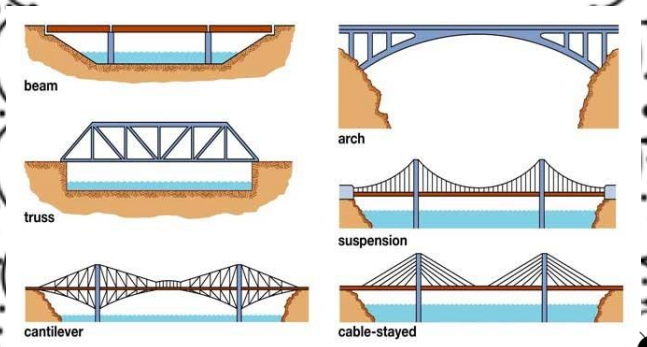
We also investigated sinking and floating – we discovered that the heavy goat sank but the lighter one floated! Afterwards the children chose their own items to test.





Building bridges

On Thursday we investigated how bridges are made. We wanted to know how to make a strong bridge for the Billy Goats Gruff to be able to cross the river. We looked at pictures of different types of bridge; beam, suspension, arch, truss, cantilever. The children were challenged to make a bridge using materials around the room. There were many successful structures.



Maths



We have been looking at doubling and the fact that this means twice as many.

The children found doubles in the classroom and sang a doubling rhyme.

We also identified odd and even numbers. We used the terms equal and unequal when talking about groups of objects.

The children matched numbers to odd and even. They made odd and even aliens.

2 eyes, 2 legs = even / 1 eye, 3 horns, 5 arms = odd

Even	Odd
0	1
2	3
4	5
6	7
8	9

Phonics

This week we have been reading lots of new words:

champ, bench, shelf, milk, smash, frog, crack, smell, swim, drum, plug

We learnt some new tricky words to add to our collection:

some, come, love, were

The children have also been writing these new words.

Amazing!

Next week

- In Literacy we will be reading *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- In Phonics we will be reading ccvcc and cccvc words; *stamp, crept, twist, string, scrub, splat*
- In Maths we will look at 3D shapes and find everyday examples.
- In Science we will find out about planting and growing – including how to grow our own beanstalk!

Have super weekend.

