



FS & KS1 School

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Theme: *What's the Weather Like?* Science Topic: *Seasonal Changes*

Term 2.1 Learning Challenge: *Why does it get darker earlier in winter? (Night and Day)*

The Learning Challenge[®]
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This week we were challenged to find out:

Which animals only come out at night?

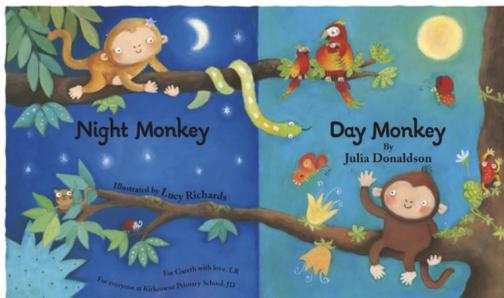
We discussed night time and learned about nocturnal animals and why they only come out at night. We began to classify animals into nocturnal and diurnal.



Ways to help us with our Learning Challenge at home: Begin to take notice of **sunset**. What time does it begin to get dark after we get home from school? What colours do you see? What can you *feel* in the weather at sunset?

English Text ~ 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey'

We familiarised ourselves with the story and acted out particular parts. We compared the two characters and summarised the story in sentences. We also wrote sentences in the role of one of the characters.



Phonics

We learnt that the letters 'c' and 'g' have a 'soft' sound which we hear in words such as **c**ircus, **c**ent, **g**em and **g**ym. We learnt to read and spell the HFW's *your*, *put*, *could*, *house*, *old*.

Homework: Practise your spelling list.

Maths ~ Number and Place Value

We began counting in 5's and 2's (multiples of 5 to 100, multiples of 2 to 20). We also began to identify the pattern of numbers ending in 5 and 0 when counting in 5s.

Homework: 'Adding' pages 10 and 11 CGP Maths Workout Book.

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Workout
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Please refer to the attached cover letter for guidance on how we are using the CGP Maths Workout book for homework practice.

Toys from the Past Questionnaire - Homework Activity

Part of this week's homework is a pre-learning task for next week's mini history unit 'Can we teach our grandparents to use an iPad?' We are asking children to talk to an adult, preferably a grandparent about toys they had when they were young.



Toys From The Past



Ask someone at home what their favourite toy or toys were when they were your age. Try to ask parents and grandparents so you have an idea of how toys have changed over time.

Name of person.....

Age (If they don't mind sharing this!).....

Name of toy.....

What was it?

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Can you still buy it today?

What did they like about this toy?

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Do they still have this toy?

What other toys were very popular at the time?

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If the toy is available you might like to take a photo of it! ☆☺

Did your grandparents have these things when they were your age?

iPad? Mobile Phone? Computer Games?

Can you think of other things you have that your grandparents did not have?

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