

Week 3 summer blog.

Good morning

When I was a child all I wanted was a pet especially a dog and all I ever got were two gerbils! Once I became an adult one of the first things, I did was get a dog and over the years I have had numerous dogs within my house. At the moment I have these two dogs:

Toby (the brown one) who is 11 and Dexter who is a lively 4-year-old.



As I write this blog I have one who is sat by my feet and the other one upside down on the couch it is a moment I look at my two boys and my heart fills with love for these animals who choose to love me each and every single day no matter how I am feeling.

I've read stories about dogs who have saved lives through their companionship, dogs who help children learn to read, dogs who heal and support people who have issues with their health, dogs who give their lives to protect their owners. Dogs don't discriminate amongst people; dogs will always show love to those who return it and one of my favourite dog-related quotes which comes from the book *Marley and Me*:

"A dog has no use for fancy cars, big homes, or designer clothes. A water logged stick will do just fine. A dog doesn't care if you're rich or poor, clever or dull, smart or dumb. Give him your heart and he'll give you his.

It will be no surprise to you that when I received the photograph below my heart skipped an extra beat and my face broke into a smile as one Ladybird family added a new member to



their household.

Now it is time to look at what the Ladybird children have been doing this week:



Taking our faithful friend to make dams in the nearby river.



This is also an amazing pet: and it has been named Stripy.

The children have been watching their 'pet' caterpillar eat and grow over a few days:





Learning to play cricket with daddy.



Enjoying the beautiful sunny days.



Creating our very own fairy home.





A shady woodland walk with my sister and brother.



How many ducklings can you count?



Looking at the tiny fish and tadpoles and finding numbers along the canal - bridge number 55 and seeing how far it is to Uttoxeter.





A picnic with my brother and pretending to be asleep!



I wonder who won the game?





Busy painting caterpillars linked with the text [The Hungry Caterpillar](#)



and using the play dough to create our own caterpillars





Patterns using minibeasts.



Sorting and classification of the different minibeasts.



Out hunting for minibeasts and look what we found ...







Finding out about snails.





Learning about the life cycle of the caterpillar.

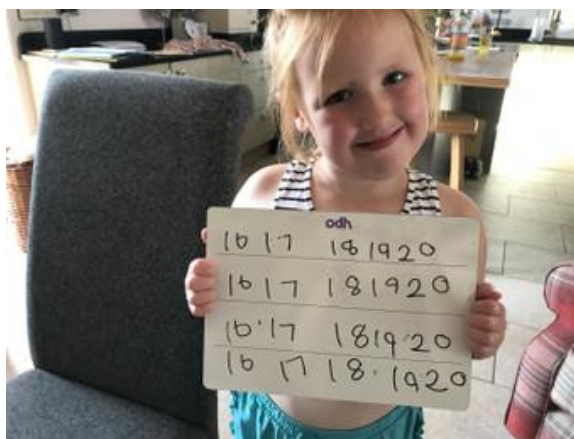


Amazing maths learning.

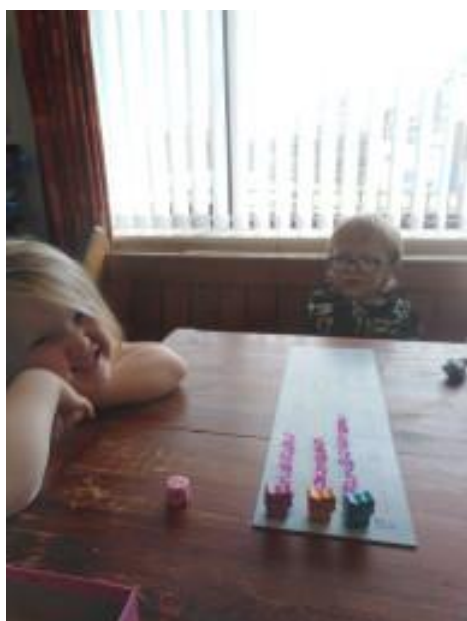


Comparing lengths.





Writing those tricky teen numbers.



Playing our new maths games





Creating an amazing symmetrical bridge ready for the car race



and matching the symmetrical half of the minibeast.



Fab phonics writing and games:





Keeping dry on a rainy day.

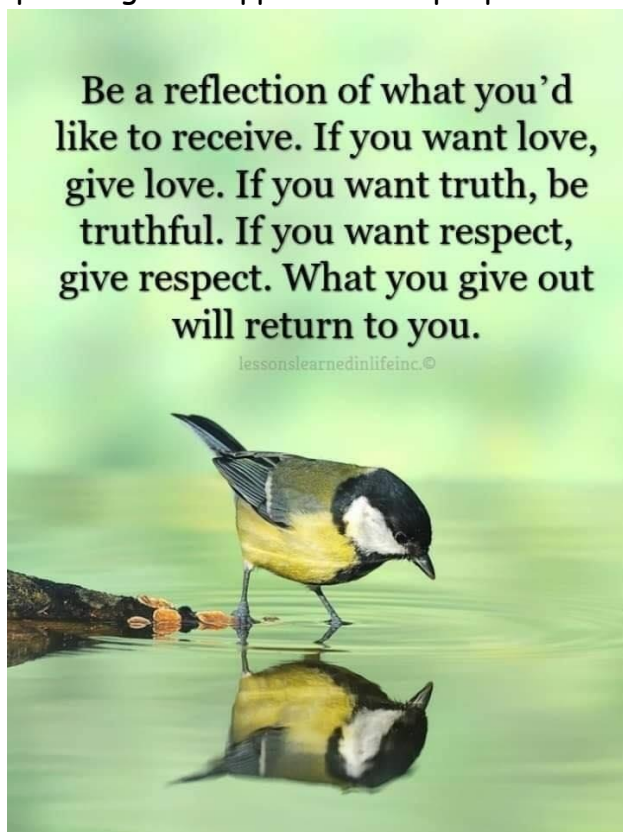


Building dens in the woods to shelter in.



Having a tea party and sharing out the tea set with my brother.

And to finish if we live our lives as this quote suggests our lives will have had meaning. We will have sprinkled love and hope and given support to the people whom we have met as we



have travelled along life's paths.

Please keep sending your photographs and I will create our news blogs during the summer holidays which will keep us all connected as Waterhouses Ladybird class.

Please keep safe and look after your family and remember your children will always be



learning in whatever you do with them:

Enjoy the rest of the weekend love form Joy XXX



