



We went outside to count objects and recorded the data using a tally. By using a tally, we have consolidated our 'counting in 5s' skills. Dolphins worked on developing their data recording skills by doing a survey on whether they would like to go to the moon. They recorded the results with a tally, pictures, numbers and words. This week the learners had fun learning spatial positions, such as left and right, above and below, by following directions in the pod to make their way to the classrooms.

## Literacy

Last week, during Book Week, the children had the opportunity to meet an author and learn lots about the writing process. The learners then put their skills to the test and wrote their own stories with a focus on there being a beginning, middle and an ending. In Penguin class our literacy activities have included consolidating our phonics knowledge and also looking at 'magic e'.

Magic e words make appearances in all of our reading books and we found out that 'space' is a 'magic e' word that we have used a lot in the last few Weeks. Dolphin class has been concentrating on developing reading strategies such as: 'eagle eye' (picture clues), 'chunky monkey' (look for a 'chunk' that you know in a word) and 'tryin' lion' (try it again) and 'skippy frog' (skip a word and read to the end of a sentence and hop back). These strategies will be helpful when working out tricky words. Please encourage your child to use these fun strategies over the holiday.



## Mathematics

Over the past couple of weeks the learners have been developing their spatial awareness and the vocabulary used to compare sizes and quantities. They have also started to learn about wholes, halves and quarter amounts. We even applied this knowledge to things we like to eat, cutting things into halves and quarters. Pizza was our favourite food to divide equally. The learners also played fun games where they had to follow directions and compare amounts using the correct mathematical language.

## Unit of Inquiry

We are at the end of our unit: 'Science helps us explore beyond Earth.' The learners have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their knowledge of this topic and inquiring further into space travel and learning about the planets in our solar system. They have learnt about the role of an astronaut and the characteristics of the planets and have created models to show what they have discovered.

## Reminders:

- 15 March End of Term 3
- 1 April Start of Term 4
- 5 April Nexus Parent Group Coffee and Catch-Up
- 12 April Grade 4 Assembly
- PE sessions will be swimming

