Mrs Hoogie’s F-1

As part of our Inquiry Learning we had ‘Yarra Valley Water’ present a theatrical and informative talk about the importance of water in our daily lives. As a follow up activity our class decided to make a water cycle using a plastic zip lock bag, water and the sun’s heat. It was very exciting to see the evaporation, condensation and precipitation happening inside the bag. We also made a simulation of a cloud by using shaving cream and food dye.

Our excursion to the Melbourne Museum provided the students with excellent information and first hand observations of beautiful, creepy, clever and hairy minibeasts. We had a lovely day and enjoyed having parent helpers to share in the excitement. When we got back to school we made minibeast hotels and we’ll be checking them regularly to see if we have any guests! We will learn to sort and classify minibeasts and use this information to identify what type of minibeast we are dealing with.

In Mathematics we are learning about telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. We read the Bad Tempered Ladybird and then created our own class book based around times of the day. We have become more familiar with recognising the key times of the school day. In the next few weeks we will be collecting temperature data and charting it on a graph. Foundation students were busy last week making a cardboard kitchen ready for our unit on money. The students will have a shop and café to practice identifying and using money. Foundations are now moving into reading and writing numbers up to 20 and Grade ones are learning to read, write, order and count beyond 100.

In English we have been reading information texts. Grades ones are learning how to create their own information texts on weather and minibeasts. We are also focusing on poetry and have been using percussion instruments to compliment the poems, learning about applying rhythm and beat.

I am thrilled with the progress of all students in the F-1 grade and thank their wonderful parents for doing such a fabulous job with the Home Reading, MIOOW words, Spelling and Mathematics consolidation activities.