



What is happening in Reception this week?

30th November 2020

Literacy



We will continue reading our book 'The Stickman', trying to retell it using a story map. We will think about other things that might happen to him to create our own story. We will have phonics everyday and practise reading and spelling with our sounds. We will practise our handwriting, trying to write our letters in the correct way. We will focus on o, a, d, g and q.

Maths



We have been revising our numbers to 10 and will continue this again during the week. We are focusing on more and less and being able to find one more and find one less. We will continue to explore combining groups together to find totals early addition.



Topic

This week, in our 'Autumn at School' topic, we are thinking about what we have learned and how well we are doing in our learning journey. We will also be thinking about advent and will decorate the classrooms at the end of the week, ready for Christmas. We will also be thinking about staying safe when we use the computer and finding out about British Values.

Messages

It was lovely to see most of you on our Zoom calls last week. The children are doing so well on their learning journey and it was great that we could share this with you. If you weren't able to make these dates then one of us will be phoning over the next few weeks. Please continue to help your child to dress and undress themselves as this is a really important skill for them. We are practising the songs for our Nativity. We will do this as normal but will need to share this with you online rather than invite you in to see the show. We will take a picture of the children in their costumes and send this home at Christmas.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

Please keep practising sounds every day, even if your child is now reading words. If you are sent links to the sounds they are learning, please watch these with your child. Keep practising oral blending 'Fred Talk' with them. Say any 3-sound words like h-a-t for hat and b-e-d for bed. Help them to make the connection between the sounds and the words. The easier this becomes, the easier reading will become. We are asking all parents to keep a record of the reading you are doing with your child in their diaries, if you are not already doing this. Could you please note when you have practised sounds with them, when you have listened to them reading words or books and when you have read to them, shared stories with them. We will aim to look at the diaries once a week so we can see the reading your child is doing at home. As always, please practise reading numbers and counting with your child and do practical maths, like cooking, with them whenever you can. Encourage them to draw, write and colour to develop their fine motor skills and strengthen their understanding by doing a few home challenges each week.

**If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please call or email the school office.
Either myself or Miss Kriketou will contact you back. Have a lovely week!**