

What is happening in Reception this week?

18th January 2021



Literacy

We are starting another new book linked to our topic called 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell. It is about a duck who has to do all the work for a lazy farmer. The other farm animals don't like the way he is treated and take action to change things. We will think about where the story happened (the setting) and the characters in it. We will think about how the different characters may have been feeling.

Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 13 this week.

The children will develop their understanding of the number by making it in different ways.

We will also explore one more and one less.

We sent home ten-frames and Numicon shapes in their packs to support the children's understanding of these.



Topic

This week, we are moving on to think about 'Farm Animals'. We will be exploring animals that live on a farm and whereabouts they live on the farm. We will also be thinking about young farm animals and learning what some are called. We will think about how they are the same or different. How do they change as they grow into adults? We will also think a little bit about where food comes from.

Messages

We are so delighted with how many of the children are joining us regularly for learning. It is wonderful to be able to interact with them and see the amazing work they are doing with you. A big thank you and well done to all of you, as it has not been easy at times. We have all been working on using the mute button this week on Google Classroom, so we don't have background noise which stops others from hearing the learning. Please remember to upload your work, ideally in the assignment section.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

Please remember that everything you do to help your child at home is a plus. Many children are joining us for registration and maths which is so beneficial for them. Please remember to come back for your phonics and chat session later in the morning. This week Miss Kriketou's group will be reading a new Red book so it is really important for her children to join her. The children at school will also start a new Red book. Mrs Kalampaliki's group will be starting a new Ditty this week so it is really important for all her children to join too. We are already practising green words in Mrs Griffin's group, ready to start Dittys very soon. Please remember that the phonics videos can be accessed at any time for pupils who don't have access to a device all the time. Thank you for adjusting to your new group times.

Last week we sent home packs to support you at home. We included a chunky triangular pencil like we use at school. These are easier for the children to hold and write correctly with. These should fit in a two holed sharpener but please let us know if you are having difficulty sharpening them. This week there will be printable sheets for you to use in some lessons, again please let us know if you are having an issue with these. The children can now explore any numbers on Ten Town up to and including our number of the week. There are some great resources to try!

Please remember we are here to support you and make this very difficult time as painless as possible. If you are finding things difficult or have any questions or problems, please let us know. We may be able to do something to help and make things better for you and your child. Take care and stay safe!