

What is happening in Reception this week?

22nd February 2021

Literacy



We will be starting a new book this week called 'Mr Wolf's Week' by Colin Hawkins. It follows the character through his week, looking at the weather every day and what happens to him. At the end ... the week starts all over again! We will be learning and practising our sounds and learning to read our green words. We will also be practising writing some of our letters.

Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 17 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by making it in different ways. We will also be exploring ordinal numbers, thinking about the position of things, first, second or third. We will be exploring some of our maths on Ten Town.



Topic

This week, we are continuing to think about 'Animals' but will now focus on their patterns. Can you spot a zebra by just its pattern? What other animals can you spot just by the pattern. We will be exploring different patterns. We will be looking at the pattern of the days of the week and months of the year. They are repeating patterns. Numbers make patterns too! We will also be reflecting on Pancake Day over half term.

Messages

We have all made it to half term and need a well earned rest. Well done for all the home learning you have been doing - you have done an amazing job! We are hoping it won't be long before all the children come back to school, we miss being with them. In the meantime, please join us each day for our remote learning sessions. If things are not working, please let us know so we can adapt things to work. As always, please stay muted until asked to unmute so that all the children can hear what is being said. Our sessions will remain at the same time after half term.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

Please continue to watch the phonics video links daily and encourage your child to join in with the words. The sounds repeat over and over as the children need to 'overlearn them'. This means they just know them, without any effort of thought. It means they can recall them very, very quickly. Children need to know all of their sounds in this way and be able to orally blend. Please keep using Fred Talk to your child throughout the day to help their phonics. Say w-e-b and support them to say web. If they can do this easily, extend by adding a special friend (two letters and one sound like th, sh, etc.). You say w-i-sh and support them to say wish. Once they can do this, extend to 4 sounds such as s-t-o-p for stop. The easier this becomes, the easier reading will be. When your children are writing, remember to support them with letter formation - forming letters correctly is far more important than looking correct. They must start in the correct place and go in the correct direction. Some of these are tricky. When they are writing words, remind them to use their Fred Fingers and use finger spaces between words.

Remember we are here to support you in any way we can. Please contact us if you are having issues so we can work together for your child. Take care and stay safe! Have a lovely Half Term!