

What is happening in Reception this week?

1st March 2021

Literacy



We will be starting a new book this week called 'The Mixed up Chameleon' by Eric Carle. It follows the character who changes colour to his surroundings. He feels he is not very good and wishes to be like the other animals he meets. He ends up a mix of so many different animals that he wishes he could be himself again. We will also be practising our phonics and our writing.

Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 18 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by writing it and making it in different ways. We will also be exploring capacity 'making potions'. We will practise our counting skills and record our numbers in an 'I-Spy' activity.



Topic

This week, we are continuing to think about patterns, with a focus on animal patterns. We will be drawing our own mixed up animals, using different animal patterns on different body parts. We will also be exploring our own feelings and emotions, thinking about things we like about ourselves. We are all unique and special. Next week is 'World Book Day' so we will design a front cover for our favourite book.

Messages

We are so excited that the children will be coming back to school on 8th March. It will be so lovely to see them and for them to play with their friends again and get back into the routines of school. We are planning to put the coat racks by the door again this week for the children at school, so that they are also practising their morning routines.

If you have any trousers or black jogging bottoms your child has grown out of, please could you donate them. We would also appreciate any white polo tops too. We would be very grateful as we try and keep some spare clothing in case of accidents.

How can you help at home?

IMPORTANT

It has been a long time since many children came to school so please use this week to help them get back into morning routines to make the morning of the 8th much easier for them. Continue to join the lessons in order to support the transition back to school. Please watch the phonics video links daily and encourage your child to join in with the words. Keep practising their sounds and using Fred Talk with your child throughout the day to help their oral blending skills. 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!