

What is happening in Reception this week?

17th May 2021

Literacy



We will be reading a new book this week called 'The Very Busy Spider'. It is written by Eric Carle who also wrote 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. It is about a spider who ignores all the other animals because they are so busy making their web. We will learn to retell it using a story map. We will practise our reading, spelling and writing in our phonics sessions as usual. We will also look closely at some vocabulary from our story last week - 'Supertato'. We'll look at the words escaped, gasped, rescue, distress, vanished, crept, leapt and shrieked.



Topic

This term we are thinking about things that live, move and grow in and on the ground. This week, our focus is 'on the ground'. We will be thinking about mini-beasts and vehicles that travel on the ground. We will think about where we can go in vehicles and how they may have changed over time - old and new.

Maths



We will continue revising our numbers 1-20, practising counting, reading and writing our numbers. We will also be practising our adding and subtracting skills. During the week, we will also explore and develop our understanding of the language of time. How many jumps can we do in a minute?

Messages

Although it is May, the weather forecast is not good for this week. We try and go outside whenever possible, so please have a waterproof coat in your child's bag, if they are not wearing a coat to school. Please remember reading folders, water bottles and ordering lunches daily. Please help your child by encouraging them to do the thinking in the morning routines. Rather than telling them, ask them what they think they need to do next. It will take more time, but it will really help develop their thinking and organisation skills.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

This term we are really focusing on developing speaking and listening skills. We are making sure all the children understand some basic vocabulary. In addition, we are also extending their vocabulary by introducing them to words that they may not know. Please spend time talking to your child about the words and using them at home. We need to ensure they know them, understand them and can use them in their talk. We have now completed a NELI unit so we are checking we all know:

clothes, uniform, cardigan, boots, jacket, helmet, belt, pyjamas, dressing gown, slippers, pocket, match, sleep, button, zip, hang, make, wear, buy, old, new, thin and thick

Words from Supertato: escaped, gasped, rescue, distress, vanished, crept, leapt and shrieked

Please continue to practise sounds, words and reading books with your child. Practise orally blending and remember to read to your child and talk about stories with them. Please keep all reading in the children's bag so it is returned to school each day - thank you! Please use numbers and shapes whenever you can, in everyday life, to further develop their mathematical understanding and enjoyment.

We are always here to support you. Education is a partnership. The stronger the partnership, the better it is for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please let us know. Have a lovely week!