

Literacy



We have read the story 'But Martin' and will be retelling parts of this story this week. We will also be reading a new book called 'Perfectly Norman'. This is about a Norman, who has always been perfectly normal until one day he grows a pair of wings! This week in our phonics we will be learning to say and write m, a, s, d, and t and will start learning how to blend them orally by using our 'Fred Talk'.

Maths



We have been learning all about number 1 and will be learning all about number 2 this week. We have explored different ways to show numbers like fingers, Numicon, spots on a dice, towers etc. This week we will also look at finding 1 more & 1 less.



Topic

We have been looking at ourselves; our names, our body parts, and our feelings. We have painted a self-portrait of our faces. This week we will be looking at our families. We will be looking at how children, their families and their homes are different. Please send in a family picture this week for your child to talk about in class and draw a picture of afterwards.

Messages

The children have settled in really well and are getting use to the routines and expectations of school. Thank you for your patience in the morning, it will speed up as the children get more familiar with the things they need to do. Please remember to send in their named PE kit if you haven't already done so as we start PE this week.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

This week we start learning our sounds and will bring home our sounds book. Please practise their sounds everyday so they can say them quickly. Please read to your child and practise sounds everyday using the Set 1 green books. The quicker your child recognises the sounds, the easier reading will be for them. Please bring in the green book daily. When you read stories, talk to the children about the story elements of who, where, what, why and when. Children don't need to know the answers, it is all about developing their understanding through talk, about all the different things in the story and it will help them with their comprehension skills. The children will also bring home a writing sheet as they learn to read and write a new sound daily. Please practise forming the sounds and provide plenty of opportunities for your child to develop their pencil control with colouring books, white boards, drawing, painting with a brush etc. The sound writing sheets do not need to come back to school but please show skills once they have practised by writing in the green book. We are sending home suggested activities 'All about me' and the number 'one'. These can help develop your child's understanding. You may want them to try one or two.

This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week): Face parts: eyes, mouth, ears, nose-nostrils, chin, hair, eyebrow, cheek, forehead, lips. Tongue, tooth/teeth. Body parts: finger - fingers, wrist, thumb, toe, head, foot - feet, ankle, shoulder, body, neck, hip, knee, elbow, chest

Please talk to your child about these so they know and understand these words. If the children can also use them, that would be amazing!

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