

What is happening in Reception this week?

27th September 2021

Literacy



We have been learning to retell 'The Three Little Pigs' using pictures and actions to help us. This week we will be reading the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and also learning how to retell this story too. We will also listen to a story called 'My Monster and Me'. In our phonics we will be learning c, k, u, b, f, and will learn how to blend sounds we know well. To help us with blending, we will practise our 'Fred Talk'!

Maths



We have been learning about number 3 and will be learning all about number 4 this week. We have explored different ways to show numbers like three fingers, three Numicon shape, three spots on a dice, find number three on a number line, jump 3 times during PE. We also looked at 1 more & 1 less. We linked our maths with our music lesson and used our musical instruments and our body to tap, clap, click or shake the maracas 3 times.



Topic

This week we continue looking at "My School and My Community" in our topic. Last week we focussed of different people in our school who help us. This week we will link our learning to our wider community and find out how a doctor, a dentist, a librarian, a postman and a shop keeper help us within our community. We will think about why it is important to keep clean and healthy, including keeping our teeth clean. We will look on Google maps at where our school is in our community and spot a few local points of interest, e.g. GP surgery, local park.

Messages

Part of our learning this week will be 'The Dentist' (oral hygiene). The children will explore visiting the dentist during role-play, make an appointment, brush teeth models using toothpaste and toothbrushes, brush the babies (dolls) teeth and also wash the babies and keep them clean.

It will be wonderful if you could reinforce this at home too and ask them why it is important to brush our teeth twice a day? Why it is important to wash and keep ourselves clean?

During our snack and chat we will answer questions like why it is important to brush our teeth? What makes you a good friend? Who can help us in our community? It would be great if you could ask them similar questions at home too.

Thank you to the parents who came to the phonics workshop on Friday. There will be another one this Friday, looking at Fred Talk. Please try and come along so you can support your child's reading journey. Please remember the 'Busy Bags' workshop on Tuesday 28th.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

Please read to your child and practise their sounds everyday using the set 1 green books or cards if you have bought them. Remember to do them out of order. We can see that some parents have been working really hard as the children recognise the different sounds. Some children are finding it difficult so need you to help them at home. 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 as they should write them in their green books once they have practised them. We can then see how well they have done. This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week): **school, classroom, headteacher, deputy head, teacher/s, teaching assistant/s, office staff, caretaker, cleaner, kitchen staff, friend/s**. Feelings: **happy, sad, excited, proud, tired, angry**. Please talk to your child about these words so they know and understand them. If the children can also use them, that would be amazing! We have also looked at this story vocabulary: **extraordinary, uncomfortable, swooping, miserable, hesitantly, problematic, wonderful, nervously**. We are sending home suggested activities about 'number three' you may want to do to develop your child's understanding.

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