

What is happening in Reception this week?

4th October 2021

Literacy



We have been reading the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and learning how none of the other animals would help her make bread. We have written a story map and this week we will be learning how to retell it. In our phonics we will be learning e, l, h, r, j, and will practise blending sounds we know well. To help us, we will practise our 'Fred Talk' too!

Maths



We have been learning all about number 4 and will be learning all about number 5 this week. We will explore different ways to show number 5 like fingers, Numicon shapes and spots on a dice. This week we will complete a ten-frame with five counters, spot number 5 on a number line and will solve some problems with numbers up to 5 in a problem, e.g. teddy is going on a picnic so he needs to get 5 fruit and 5 vegetables. Can you help him pick up 5 fruits and 5 vegetables they are all mixed up in the basket.



Topic

This week, we will start a new topic 'The Colours of Autumn' (including Harvest). During the week, we will focus on the farm, food, and keeping healthy. We will be finding out, Where does food come from? Where do fruit and vegetables grow? Who helps us to harvest the food? How different foods are harvested and learning foods that are healthy for us. We will explore and sort out vegetables and fruits. Our home corner will be turned to a farm shop. We will become little farmers selling and buying fruit and veg, milk, meat and eggs.

Messages

Could you please check your child's jumpers. We think someone may have taken the wrong jumper home as we have lost a 24" but have gained a 28" jumper. Please check names are labelled as sometimes they fade when washed a few times.

There will be another phonics session on Friday 15th October at 2.45. We will look at how reading to your child can help them become a great reader.

Thank you for your continuing support.

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

Please read to your child and practise sounds everyday using the set 1 green books or cards if you have bought them. Remember to do them out of order in the books. Some children are finding it difficult so need you all to help them at home. Please watch the videos sent home daily as these will also help them. We are sending diaries home for you to record when your child reads at home. Please keep these in their bags. When children read 5/5 days, Mrs Kalampaliki awards them with a certificate at the end of the week. 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.

We are sending home suggested activities about number four, which you may want to do to develop your child's understanding. Maths can also be part of your everyday routines at home, for example when you set the table and you are a family of four, you can ask for some help to set the table use 4 forks, 4 cups etc. If Dad is not in yet we need one less. Try to use mathematical language in everyday activities with your child.

This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week): Dentist (oral hygiene), tooth/teeth, doctor, nurse, librarian, shop-keeper, postman, community police officer.

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