

What is happening in Reception this week?

1st November 2021

Literacy



This week we will be looking at some firework poems as well as reading 'The Rainbow Fish'. In this story, Rainbow Fish thinks he looks so beautiful with shiny scales. He has so many but won't share them. He learns that sharing is so important. We will all be trying really hard to blend sounds, just like Fred, and practising spelling with our sounds.

Maths



We have been learning about number 7 and will be learning all about number 8 this week. We will explore different ways to show number 8 like fingers, Numicon shapes and spots on a dice. We will complete a ten frame with eight counters and spot number 8 on a number line. We will also use our hands and fingers to show different ways to make numbers to 5, e.g. 5 is 1 finger and 4 fingers, 3 fingers and 2 fingers etc. During the week we will explore 1 more/1 less using our fingers and Numicon. We will also look at a group of counters and say which has more or less.



Topic

This week, we will start our new topic 'Fireworks and Rainbows'. We will talk about all the different colours we see in fireworks and rainbows. We will also explore the images and colours we see around our natural environment and in our school. We will be thinking about the sounds fireworks make and explore showing these different sounds using musical instruments. We will be learning about why we have Bonfire Night and why we need to take care with fireworks. Who helps us on Bonfire Night? We will watch some firework videos and paint firework pictures.

Messages

We hope you had a lovely holiday. We hope you all managed to see our Harvest songs and retelling of 'The Little Red Hen' We hope you enjoyed them. We are so proud of the children.

If you didn't manage to make the parent's evening there is still time to talk to Mrs Kalampaliki to arrange a suitable time for you.

Please remember to return **PE kits** to school by Friday and books so the children can change them.

Please remember to send in spare wellies we can keep at school and a waterproof top and bottom or all in one - thank you!

IMPORTANT

How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for their phonics so will learn different sounds. Please learn their sounds with them. Some children have gaps and these need to be learned as quickly as possible. Please read to your child and practise sounds everyday using the set 1 green books or cards, out of order. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds so please help your child by practising them daily. You can use the videos to help you! Please remember to record this reading of sounds in their diary. Please practise forming the letters and provide plenty of opportunities for your child to develop their pencil control with colouring books, white boards, drawing, painting with a brush, etc. They should write sounds in their green books once they have practised them so we can then see how well they have done.

Try to help them get quicker and quicker! Also please practise orally blending sounds into words. Say some 3-sound words for your child for them to orally blend. This is words like c-a-p for cap and d-i-g for dig.

Each week, on a Friday, the children will be able to select a book from class to bring home for you to read with them. They should return the book by the following Friday so they can select a new one to take home. Please spend time enjoying this book with them to develop their love of books.

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!