

What is happening in Reception?

4th -14th January 2022

Literacy



We have now started to enjoy our new story "Jack Frost". During phonics, we practiced oral blending. We will be revising the sounds we have learned as it is really important we can read our sounds quickly. We are learning to blend and spell words using our sounds and our Fred Fingers.

Next week we start a new story "One Snowy Night" and we will start our story map for "Jack Frost".

Maths



During maths we have been working on number 11 and revised counting numbers 1-10 forward and backward. Next, we will work on number 12 and develop our understanding of how to use other numbers to make bigger numbers for example a ten and a two makes twelve. This is a hard concept but we are aiming to develop this skill so our children are ready for Year 1.

Messages



Happy New Year!!!

We were pleased to welcome you all back, ready for new adventures this term with lots of great learning.

We would like to welcome Miss Sharp to our team. Miss Sharp has previously worked within our EYFS unit and has been at GHPS for a number of years.

Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with warm clothes and if possible gloves, hat and a scarf. We are learning about Winter and we do spend time outside, so it is essential for them to be able to stay and enjoy the winter weather outdoors.

PE Update: Our PE day has changed. From now on it will be every Wednesday afternoon.



Topic

This week and next we will be focusing on 'Winter'. We will link it to Autumn and how the weather changes during different seasons. We will also talk about the Arctic and the Antarctic use Google maps to find them and see real pictures of what they look like. We will discuss famous people in the past that visited the North and South Poles and compare what life is like there with what it is like here. We will organise a winter walk on our school field to see all the trees and compare how they were during our Autumn walk. If we are lucky enough we might even see some frost.



How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for their phonics. Some children still have many gaps in their sounds that need to be learned as quickly as possible. Some children find it difficult to remember them and need your help. 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 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. Also please practise orally blending sounds into words. Say some 3-sound words for your child to orally blend. This is words like w-i-ng for wing and ch-i-n for chin. 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 talk to your child about anything and everything to develop their oral skills and extend vocabulary. This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school this week): **winter, seasons change, frost, fog, snow, ice, icicles, gloves, hat, warm, scarf, boots, coat, cold**, please talk about these words with your child.

**If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York.
Have a lovely weekend.**