

What is happening in Reception this week?

17th January 2022

Literacy



This week, we will start our new story 'Rosie's Walk'. We will focus on the characters, setting and positional language. During phonics we will practice our oral blending and revise the sounds that 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. We will also be taking a look at the vocabulary used in the "One Snowy Night" story.

Maths



During Maths this week, we will learn about the number 13 and revise the number 3. Our focus this week will be on comparing numbers by using Numicon, making groups and comparing amounts. We will continue to count numbers up to 20 forwards and backwards, increasing the speed we can do this by using a number line and our fingers to help us.



Topic

For the next two weeks, we will be learning all about 'Animals'. We will talk about animals that hibernate during winter, as well as learning about pets, farm animals and wild animals. We will look at the differences in types of animals, for instance, why we cannot have a tiger as a pet! We will learn about animals and their environments, including farm animals and wild animal habitats.



Messages

The children have really enjoyed the winter activities of the past two weeks. They have explored the frosty school fields, spent time in our garden area and looked for changes from Autumn to Winter.

Please send in a pair of wellies to keep at school as we spend time outside every day and it is muddy. Children without wellies will be missing out on their exploring time outside. Also, as the weather is very cold and we are learning about Winter, please make sure your child comes to school with warm clothes and if possible gloves, hat and a scarf. It is essential for them to be able to enjoy the winter weather outdoors.

Our PE day has changed to every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school.



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. Please also practise orally blending sounds into words. Say some 3-sound words for your child to orally blend. This is words like d-i-g for dig and sh-o-p for shop. Each 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 will be : **animals, pets, wild animals, hibernate, habitats, compare, different, describe, favourite**, please talk about these words with your child.

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