

What is happening in Reception this week?

24th January 2022

Literacy



This week, we will retell the story of 'Rosie's Walk', creating our story map to help us. During phonics we will practice our oral blending and will be revising the sounds we have already learned to help us read our sounds quickly. We are learning to blend and spell words using our sounds and our Fred Fingers. We will also be reading the story of 'Farmer Duck'.



Maths



During Maths this week we will learn about the number 14 and revise number 4. We will be learning about subtracting numbers from 4 using our fingers and writing subtraction number sentences. We will continue counting numbers up to 20 forwards and backwards, increasing the speed using a number line and our fingers to help us.



Topic

This week, we will be focussing on pets and farm animals. We will talk about different farms around the world, and the differences between pets and farm animals. We will learn about animals and their natural environments and we will compare the differences between animals.

We will be looking at different non-fiction books about pets and farm animals and will talk about our favourite pet or farm animal.



Messages



The children have been enjoying spending time exploring outside and have been trying to see if they can spot any animals. They have been able to draw the animals they have spotted or find a picture of them around the garden.

Please send a pair of wellies to stay at school as the outside area does get muddy. If your child hasn't got a pair at school they are missing out on exploring and learning outside. Also, as the weather is still very cold, please make sure your child comes to school with warm clothes and if possible gloves, hat and a scarf. We spend time learning outside and it is essential for them to be able to enjoy the winter weather outdoors.

Important - On our PE Day (Wednesday) can you please remember to remove your child's earrings before school. Also, a lot of the children struggle with tights, so if they wear socks on that day, it would be a great help. Thank you for your support.

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 the sounds and need your help at home. Please help your child by practising them daily and remember to record this reading of sounds in their diary. You can use the videos to help you! 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. These are words like d-i-g for dig and sh-o-p for shop. 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 child about anything and everything to develop their oral skills and extend vocabulary. This week's focused vocabulary is below, please take some time to talk about these words with your child.

animals, wildlife animals, pets, dog, cat, farm animals, chicken, sheep, ducks, different, farm, subtraction, take away, more/less

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