

What is happening in Reception this week?

22nd February 2022

Literacy



This week we will be reading the story of 'The Little Green Dinosaur' focussing on the main characters and the setting.

During phonics we will practice our oral blending. We will be revising the sounds we have already 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 enjoying the story 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

Maths

During Maths this week we will learn about the number 15 and revise the number 5.



This week we will be doubling numbers to 10 using our fingers and ladybirds by doubling their spots. 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 looking at animals around the world to learn about different environments and where animals natural habitats are, using maps and globes to search for them. This will be linked with learning about Geography and understanding the world.



We will compare the differences between animals and their natural habitats and will spend time looking at different non-fiction books and animal poems. We will talk about our favourite animal and use adjectives to describe it.

Messages



We hope you all had a relaxing break. We are all looking forward for a great term full of GREAT learning. We would like to share a few new messages for this term.

- We have moved some of the children into different groups (Blue or Red) to better support their learning at school.
- In the morning, there will be a different basket for each phonics group. Your child will have a sticker on their homework folder and will need to place their homework in the basket with the same shape. Please encourage them to find their own group.
- Please send in a pair of wellies to keep in school as we do spend time on our wood chip area and back garden every day and it is muddy. If your child hasn't got a pair at school they are missing part of their learning through exploring.
- On PE day, if your child has earrings, they should be removed for that day or be covered for their safety. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for their phonics and a few children still have gaps in their sounds that need to be learned as quickly as possible. Please help your child at home. Many children are now learning special friends and blending sounds into words. Some are now bringing home books to read. Please continue to practise sounds so the children recognise them quickly. Could you please also listen to them reading the words and books they bring home. You can use the video links we email out to help you! Please remember to record this in their diary. Also, 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. 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 will be: **world, animal, different, Europe, Africa, Antarctica, desert, jungle, grassland, mountains, oceans, continent, double, describe**, 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 week.