

What is happening in Reception this week?

28th February 2022

Literacy



This week we will be retelling the story of 'The Little Green Dinosaur' using our story map and we will create our own props to act out the story within a small group.

During phonics we will practice our word reading. 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' focusing on new vocabulary.

Maths

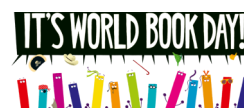
During Maths this week we will learn about the number 16 and revise the number 6. We will be introducing the 2 part model to number 10 using Numicon. We will continue counting numbers up to 20 forwards and backwards increasing the speed using a number line and our fingers to help us.



Topic

This week we will be looking at animals from the past that are extinct, like the Dinosaurs. We will compare the differences between animals in the past and now and talk about how we know about them. We will spend time looking at non-fiction books and dinosaur poems and will talk about our favourite dinosaur, using adjectives to describe it. We have created an investigation corner so the children will use brushes to search for fossils and dinosaurs bones and also a museum shop to develop their skills using money. We will explore different sized footprints and make patterns. It will be a very busy week full of exciting learning.

Messages



- On Tuesday it is pancake day and we will be exploring how to make our own pancakes and taste them once we have done so. Please speak with your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies or you do not wish for them to take part.
- In the morning, there will be a different basket for each phonics group. Please encourage the children to find their own group.
- Please do support your child daily by doing their homework. It is very important to develop their reading skills so they will become confident learners.
- This Thursday is World Book Day, the children can bring in their favourite book to share with the class (*named please*). We will also explore various related activities to celebrate the day.
- Last Friday every child chose a book from our class library. Please make sure you read it with your child and return it to school every Friday so your child can pick up a new book.



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: *Fossil, extinct, skeleton, footprints, past, present, long time ago, altogether, adding, money, different, size, warm, bone(s)*, please talk about these words with your child. Our new vocabulary from our talking through story is: *mischief, roared, staring, tumbled, terrible, lonely, blinking*.

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

VOCABULARY
Words Are Important!