

What is happening in Reception this week?

3rd May 2022

Literacy



This week we will look at non-fiction books about the people who help us to stay safe and well in our community. We will be dressing up as different people and thinking about how we can describe them and what they do to help us.



During phonics we will practice our oral blending and revise the sounds we have already learned so that we can read our sounds quickly. We are learning to blend and spell words using our sounds and our Fred Fingers.

Maths



During Maths this week we will revise our numbers 1-20, and then go on to count up to 30! We will work on problem solving using numbers 1-5 (e.g. 'I have 2 carrots on my basket, but I need five. How many more do I need to pick up?')

We will count numbers up to 20 forwards and backwards increasing the speed using a number line and our fingers to help us. We will continue counting in 2's.



Topic

This week we will continue learning about people who help us in our community and focus on people who helped us in the past. We will talk about the similarities and differences by comparing photos from the past and present.



Last week, we spent some time learning about Florence Nightingale and this week we will learn about Mary Seacole.



Messages

This week, we will continue to learn about people who help us. Please take the opportunity when you are out and about with your child, if you pass by a GP surgery, police station, fire station, library, shop or restaurant to talk about the people who work there and how they help support us in our community.



We will also be learning about people in the past. It would be really helpful if you and your child are able to talk about the past with elderly relatives or neighbours.

They could ask what school was like in the past! Please do try to give them as many opportunities to talk about people and settings in the past as you can.

Our caterpillars have arrived and we look forward to seeing them grow and become beautiful butterflies.



Please add ten minutes each day to your daily routine to support your child's reading. It will really improve their reading skills and get them ready for their learning in Year 1.

How can you help at home?

Please help your child at home by practising their sounds, playing Fred Talk Games, watching the phonics links sent home, listening to them read and reading to them. It is so important that they continue to orally blend sounds in order to support their reading development. If your child can orally blend 3 sounds, try extending them with 4 and 5 sounds and some multi-syllabic words like picnic, target, etc. Many children are now learning special friends which are two/three letters making one sound and please continue to practise sounds daily. Could you please also listen to them reading the words and books they bring home, giving them lots of praise. They have learned to read the books at school but it is crucial they read and reread each book again and again, to develop fluency so they can read the speedy green words by sight, without blending. Please record this reading 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. Last week's vocabulary was: family, community, teacher, secretary, dinner staff, headteacher, describe, work, jobs.



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