

What is happening in Reception this week?

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Literacy

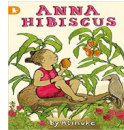


This week we will create a story map of the story 'My Africa Vacation'. We will talk about the characters, their holiday in a different country and what transport they used.



During phonics, we will continue practising oral blending, revising the sounds we already learned so we can read them quickly. We are learning to blend and spell words using our sounds and our Fred Fingers.

During our story at the end of the day, we will begin to learn some new vocabulary.



Maths

During Maths this week we will revise our numbers 1-20 and count above up to 30. We will work on comparing quantities up to 10 in different contexts. 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 also continue working on representing patterns linked with our Platinum Jubilee week activities.



Topic

This week we will learn about life in the UK and other countries. We will learn about the Queen's visits to other Commonwealth Countries, discussing similarities and differences between them and the UK. We will also continue using non-fiction books, including maps to explore the world around us.

We will read our new story 'The Queen's Knickers' and enjoy lots of fun activities relating to the story.



Messages

Last week, we enjoyed learning about the UK and other countries, using a map to find where we live. The children loved to work in small groups and draw a map of our garden. They talked about their maps in front of the classroom. They also used hot/cold colours to create a piece of artwork using marbles.



During music they loved using Glockenspiels, while singing and playing the song 'Incy Wincy Spider'.

This week, we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with lots of themed learning activities.



Please do try to add a homework routine to your daily timetable. Ten minutes each day will help your child improve their reading skills and prepare them for Year 1.



Please send a water bottle and a hat to school everyday and apply sun cream before your child comes to school, as we are expecting some hot days ahead. Thank you!

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: [life in the UK](#), [world](#), [country](#), [holidays](#), [Queen](#), [map](#), [Europe](#), [different](#), [hot/cold countries](#), [travel](#), [transport](#), [odd/even numbers](#), [sharing](#).

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