

What is happening in Reception this week?

3rd October 2022

Literacy



This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of 'The Little Red Hen' using our story map, and listen to a new traditional story called 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will also have a new story to talk about called 'Farmer Duck'. In this story, the Duck does all the work while the lazy farmer stays in bed. We'll talk about the characters and problem.

In phonics, we will be learning to say, read and write the sounds o, c, k, u, b. We will practise holding our pencil with a tri-grip and forming each letter correctly. We will also play Fred Talk games to help us with our oral blending. We will do blending, with sounds we know, using magnet boards.



Topic

This week we will be building on our knowledge about Autumn and Harvest and thinking about the farm. We will look at what some fruit and vegetables look like inside when we cut them in half. We will use some of these shapes to explore printing. We will be making and tasting our own bread, just like the Little Red Hen. We are also going to make and taste some leek and potato soup with our bread. We will talk about what farmers do and what things we would find on a farm. We will look at images of farms in the past and how they have changed.

Maths



Last week we focused on showing number 3 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 4. We will count 4 objects, actions and sounds, and make 4 in different ways, e.g. 1+3, 3+1, 2+2 and 4(+0). We will also show 4 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 4 using Ten Town. We will look at 4 sided shapes - a square and a rectangle!

Messages

This week we have parent meetings on Monday and Thursday via an online platform. These meetings are an essential part of your child's school journey. It is important for us to work together to ensure your child gets the best education possible.

We will be having our next phonics session this Friday 7th October at 2.45pm. We will look at oral blending and how to support your child with this. Please tick the sheet or let Mrs Kalampaliki know if you are coming so we can have enough resources ready for you.

Please use the school diaries to record any reading you do with your child, including practising their sounds. Please use the RWI links we email out to help you too.

Please continue to help your child develop their dressing and undressing skills at home so they can change independently for PE on a Thursday. Please remember to remove earrings on our PE day and avoid tights, unless your child is able to put them on by themselves.

As the days get colder, please send your child in with a warm coat, ideally with a hood. They will also need hats and gloves which should all be named. Thank you!

How can you help at home?

Some of the children are remembering their sounds well, others are finding this more tricky. Please help your child by practising all the sounds they have learned daily at home. If they are having problems, use the picture side to help them remember the sounds and use the links. They need to say them very speedily, so please practise them as often as you can. Remember to record this in their diaries. Please also practise forming each letter correctly using the sound phrase (green book) and the sheets sent home with each new sound. They can then write these in their green books.

Please read and share stories with your child. The RWI links you will be sent home can support your child's learning and help you better understand how they have learned each sound. Please use these to support them, especially if your child has been absent to help them learn missed sounds.

You can support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.

The children will have the opportunity to bring home 'Fluffy', the class bear, over the year. He loves to have adventures and sleepovers, which you can record in his journal. He enjoyed going to the rugby with Mrs Kalampaliki!



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