

What is happening in Reception this week?

3rd January 2023

Literacy



Fred Talk



We will be listening to and learning a new story called 'Mr Wolf's Week'. This is about a wolf who dresses for different weather types on each day of the week. We will also be listening to the story 'Jack Frost' and 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. We will be talking about the settings, characters and feelings. We will also be trying to predict what might happen in the story and think about questions we could ask the characters.

In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing CVC words in phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 11 and count 11 objects. We will also be exploring how numbers are made of smaller numbers. We will link this to addition and explore how we can record this. We will compare amounts, noticing if an amount is greater, smaller or the same as another amount. We will also compare a circle and a triangle and notice how they are different.

Topic



We are starting our new topic which explores how things are different in Winter, compared to Autumn - seasonal changes. We will learn which months are in the winter and explore the natural environment in school, noticing what is different. We will focus on the weather and the plants and animals we see at school, drawing some that we see. We will talk about these seasonal changes, including the temperature being colder and many trees having no leaves. We will also be thinking about how we dress differently in the winter.



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year! Thank you for the Christmas gifts!

Please remember to return PE kits (remember to check they still fit and are named) and wellies - if these were taken home.

The days are colder now so please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a warm hat and gloves. These should all be named. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter.

We have sent home some passwords for your child to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home.

In Oxford Owl, when your child is starting to orally blend, they will have some reading activities set to support their reading development. Please encourage your child to complete these reading activities each week.

Ten town will give your child access to all the stories and songs for numbers 0-10 and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers.

How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for phonics according to their stage of reading. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds and really need your help to practise them at home. Other children know quite a lot with just a few gaps but cannot yet orally blend. These children need help to practise their Fred Talk games at home (please see the links) Other children know most of their sounds and can orally blend. These children are just starting to read words and need to practise reading the words they are sent home. All children need to keep practising their sounds and orally blending.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The children are able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday to exchange for a new one

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.

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!