

What is happening in Reception this week?

9th January 2023

Literacy



Fred Talk



We will be using a story map to retell our story called 'Mr Wolf's Week', practising saying the days of the week and different types of weather. We will also be focusing on some new vocabulary from 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. The words we will focus on are cosy, miserable, snuggled and shivering. Please talk about these words at home too so the children become familiar with them.

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, some of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 12 and count 12 objects. We will continue to explore 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.

Messages

Topic



We are continuing our topic which explores how things are different in Winter, compared to Autumn - seasonal changes. We will explore different types of weather we have in the winter and compare this to the autumn months. We will focus on the icy weather we can have in winter and explore what happens to water when it gets very cold - it changes to ice. We will explore what ice looks like, feels like and what happens when it gets warm - it melts back to water! We will think about colours that can show cold and colours that can show warm.



The children have settled back into school and are working hard on their learning. Most children have returned their PE kits but please remember if you have not done so yet. It would also be helpful to have a pair of named wellies in school too, if possible.

The days are still quite cold, 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. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these.

During the last week of term, some pieces of our class number puzzle went missing. We have been unable to find them at school and wondered if they had been put in pockets as sometimes happens. Could you please check to see if you have any pieces at home and kindly return them if you find any - many thanks!



How can you help at home?

Some children are still finding oral blending a challenge so please practise this with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds then please extend them to 4 to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and Oxford Owl activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words and/or books.

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.

Ten Town will give your child access to all the stories and songs for numbers 0-12 and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers. Please let us know if you have difficulties logging on to the website.

You can also 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.



Learning from last week

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!