

What is happening in Reception this week?

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Literacy



Fred Talk



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We will be starting to learn a new story called 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. In this story, the characters go through many different environments, looking for a bear. We will also learn some words from our story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We will focus on learning the words - floated, discovered, delighted, searched, and wonderful. Please talk about these words at home too so the children become familiar with them.

In phonics, we 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, most 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 14 and count 14 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 different environments and how these are different to our environment in Winter. This week we will look at warm, wet environments, like Jungles and Rainforests. We will look at pictures to find out what plants and animals we can see, like tigers and gorillas. The weather here is warm and wet - it never gets cold and icy. We will look at landscape paintings of jungles like the one by Rousseau and try to draw our own one using wax crayons. We will keep exploring opposites, like wet and dry.



It was lovely to talk to you about your child last week via Teams. We hope it won't be long before we can have parent meetings in person again! If you weren't able to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs Kalampaliki about arranging a catch up meeting.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Family Learning last Friday. We hope you enjoyed it and found it helpful. The children came back very excited about their 'Busy Bags'!

Please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a warm hat and gloves - all 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. We have updated the books on Oxford Owl for all pupils. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.



How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending 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. Some children are now learning the first six set 2 sounds and these can be trickier.

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 they know and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers. 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!