

What is happening in Reception this week?

30th January 2023

Literacy



Fred Talk



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We will be starting to make a story map for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and retelling it with actions. We will also listen to a new story called 'The Rainbow Fish'. This story is about a beautiful fish who lives in an underwater environment. They are very proud of their rainbow scales but won't share them. They soon become lonely and learn that sharing can make you feel happy.

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 15 and count 15 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 dry environments, like deserts. We will look at pictures to find out what plants and animals we can see, like camels and cactus. The weather here is often hot in the day and cold at night — it is dry and hardly ever rains. The surface of the moon is also a dry environment. We will work in a team to build our own imaginary environment with construction sets and explore drawing maps.



If you haven't yet been able to speak to us about your child then please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Kalampaliki. Working together and discussing your child's progress and needs is so important.

Thank you to everyone who brought in and/or bought cakes on Friday. They all looked so delicious! We are still waiting to hear how much was raised.

Please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a warm hat and gloves. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter. Please label them all, so when we find gloves or scarfs, we know who to return them to.

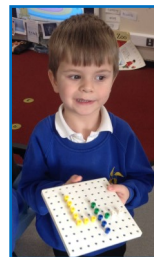
We have sent home some passwords for your child to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home. We have updated the books on Oxford Owl for all pupils. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.



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!