

What is happening in Reception this week?

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Literacy

We will be listening to some new stories this week. We will hear about 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. This is about a little boy, who sets out to catch a star to be his friend. We will be exploring the story, the character's feelings and setting. We will learn this story well so we can make a story map to help us retell it. We will also listen to other stories including 'Perfectly Norman' and 'Ruby's Worries'.

In phonics, we are now learning special friends. We will all be practising oral blending, reading green and red 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



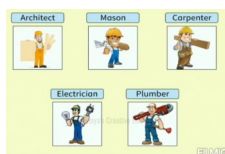
In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 17 and count 17 objects. We will practise reading numerals to 20 and writing our numerals. During the week, we will explore solving mathematical problems practically, using addition and subtraction. We will also be thinking about how we can record and show our thinking.

Messages

Topic



We start our new topic this week 'People who help us to stay safe, healthy and well'. We will be thinking about people at home, like our families but also people like plumbers, electricians and refuse collectors. We will also be thinking about our human body and what different parts do to help us. Our eyes see, our ears hear, our nose smells, our tongue tastes and our skin feels. These are our senses! Our brain helps us think and have emotions. Our stomach helps us eat the food we put in our mouths. Our wrist, ankles, knees, elbows and hips help us move.



We hope you have all had a wonderful half-term holiday. Please could you check your child's PE kit still fits and has their name in. Could you please send this back, in a named bag, ready for PE this week on Thursday. Could you please also remember to take out their earrings and only wear tights on PE days, if they put these on themselves —thank you! Your child has passwords in their reading folders to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.

This week we be practising our learning about 'whole body listening' to make sure that the children are listening and showing respect with their whole body focused and paying attention to the person speaking. This is an excellent tool for them to develop which will help them learn how to manage their distractions.



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, sheets and/or books. Some children are now learning the first six set 2 sounds and these can be trickier. Please continue to practise reading all the sounds they have learned.

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.



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!