

What is happening in Reception this week?

20th March 2023

Literacy



We have been learning a new story and making a story map to help us retell it. It is all about a 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' who hatches from a small egg and munches their way through so much food. They grow and grow, then build a cocoon around themselves. After a few weeks, they emerge as a beautiful butterfly. They changed from an egg, to a caterpillar to a butterfly!

In phonics, we are learning special friends and will 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. This week, we are going to try and write things in a list. In handwriting, we are trying to write our letters at the correct relative size.

Maths

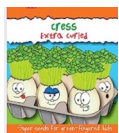


In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 20 and count 20 objects. We will practise reading all our numerals to 20 and writing them. During the week, we will explore repeating patterns and try and spot when there is a mistake. We will also be learning to double some numbers to 10.

Topic



We are continuing our topic about staying safe, healthy and well. This week, we are focusing on growing and changing. We will be thinking about how we have grown and changed since we were a baby and all the things we can do now that we couldn't do when we were smaller. We have learned that our parents were once small children like us and one day we will become a grown up too! We planted some cress seeds and will watch these grow and change. We will use some junk modelling materials to make a 3D model of a butterfly or a caterpillar. We will have to cut and stick different materials together.



We have continued to work hard at school, learning new things and developing our skills. Please continue to support your child's learning at home, developing positive attitudes that will enable them to gain the best from their education - now and in the future!

As the weather becomes more unpredictable, please ensure your child has suitable clothing for learning outside, to meet the changing conditions. Please check all items are labelled so we know who they belong to.

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.



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!