

What is happening in Reception?

Week Beginning May 15th 2023

Literacy



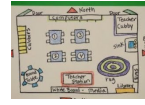
Fred Talk



We have been learning to retell the traditional story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', using our story map. We are also listening to a very funny story called 'Aliens love Underpants'. This story is all about the fun aliens have with underpants when no-one is looking!

In phonics, we are now all 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 or CCVC/CVCC words, writing them in phrases with finger spaces. In handwriting, we are trying to write our letters at the correct relative size and learning to write capital letters. (Note: V = vowel and C = consonant)

Maths



In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 30 and back. We will also be practising counting to 20 and writing our numbers to 20. During the week, we will practise subitising numbers to 5 and our number bonds to 5 then 10. We will also be exploring giving directions to follow a route from one place in the classroom to another.

Messages

Topic



We are continuing our topic 'How is life in the UK the same and different to other places in the world?' We will be focusing on India this week. We will be thinking about the weather and how it is the same and/or different to our environment. India has very warm and wet places like jungles but also some cold places around the Himalayas. They have animals like tigers and elephants. They grow and eat quite different food that is often very spicy. We will be looking at photographs of the clothes they wear and the homes they live in. In India, many women wear traditional clothes called a sari. These are often very bright colours. Many people are Hindus and celebrate Holi and Diwali.



We are starting our phonics lessons a little earlier in the morning now so it is important that all children are in school by 8.45am. Please make a huge effort to get your child to school on time.

This time of year, the weather can be a little unpredictable so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for their outdoor learning. A lightweight jacket kept in their bag, is always a helpful thing to have as the weather warms up.

Can we please ask everyone to check all the children's clothing is named - thank you!

PE will now be on a Friday so could earrings be removed or taped up before school if your child has pierced ears.

Please remember to use Oxford Owl for electronic copies of RWI books and quizzes to support your child!



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 or 5 sounds 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 should practise reading regularly and Oxford Owl can help with this.

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.

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!