

# What is happening in Reception this week?

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Literacy



This week, we will be listening to the traditional story of 'The Little Red Hen' then we will start to make a story map of it, to help us learn to retell it. We will also listen to the story 'The Scarecrows Wedding' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. We will talk about the characters, their feelings and the problems they had.

In phonics, we will be learning to say, read and write the sounds m, a, s, d and t. We will practise holding our pencil with a tri-grip and forming each letter correctly. We will also play Fred Talk games to help us with our oral blending.

## Maths



Last week we focused on showing number 1 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 2. We will count 2 objects from a larger set and explore different ways to show 2, e.g.  $1 + 1$  and  $2 (+0)$ . We will also show the number, and different ways to make it, with different apparatus including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 2 using Ten Town.

## Messages

The children are settling at school really well. They are learning to follow the class routines and meet the expectations. Thank you for helping them develop their independence in the morning and for sending their PE kits in. The children changed into these on Friday and enjoyed their first PE session. Please help them to develop their skills by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves at home.



We will be holding our first phonics workshop this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September just before home time. We will start at 2.45pm and will be finished by 3.15pm. If you are new to Read Write Inc. phonics we highly recommend you come and find out about it so you can support your child's reading development at home.



## Topic

This week we will be thinking about our first Autumn at school. We have been learning about routines and expectations in school. We will begin to explore how we are all different, yet all the same. We all look different and like different things but we are all the same as we are all Butterflies and we all belong to our class community. We will be painting a self-portrait, for our class display, just like the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh did. We will also look at some images of schools in the past and talk about things we notice that are different and things that are the same.

## How can you help at home?

We hope you have been able to help your child remember their pictures as this week they start learning their sounds. It will much easier if they recognise  as apple so they can link it to  the grapheme a. We will look at this in more detail at the phonics workshop on Friday. We hope you are able to join us!

Please practise reading each sound with your child over and over so they recognise each one quickly and note this in the reading diary. They have their sound books to help you, which need to be sent in daily in their reading folders. Please practice forming each letter using the phrase to support correct letter formation.

Please continue to read and share stories with your child. The RWI links you will be sent home can support your child's learning and help you better understand how they have learned each sound. Please use these to support them, especially if your child has been absent to help them learn missed sounds.

You can 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.



## Our 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!**