

What is happening in Reception this week?

25th September 2023

Literacy



This week, we will be making a story map for the traditional story 'The Little Red Hen', to help us learn to retell it. We will use actions to help us too! We will also listen to the story 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Wadell. 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 o, i, n, p, g. 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. We will start blending with m, a, s, d using magnet boards.

Maths



Last week we focused on showing number 2 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 3. We will count 3 objects from a larger set and explore different ways to show 3, e.g. 1+2, 2+1 and 3(+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 3 using Ten Town. We will look at a 3 sided shape - a triangle!

Topic



This week we will be thinking about our first Autumn at school, learning about Harvest. We will look at some fruits and vegetables and talk about where they come from - a tree, underground or above ground. We will also talk about foods that come from other countries, like bananas from India. We will be making and tasting our own bread, just like the Little Red Hen. We will use flour and bake it in the oven just like she did. We are also going to make and taste some leek and potato soup with our bread. We will prepare the vegetables and combine all the ingredients in the recipe.

Messages

The children are learning and following many of the class routines and increasingly meeting our high expectations. Thank you for helping them develop their independence in the morning!

Thank you to all the parents who came to the workshop last Friday. We hope you found it helpful. We will be holding our next session on Friday 13th October at 2.45pm. We will look at oral blending and how to support your child with this.

Please use the school diaries, coming home this week, to record any reading you do with your child, including practising their sounds. Please use the RWI links to help you too.

Please continue to help your child develop their dressing and undressing skills at home so they are able to change independently for PE on a Friday. Please remember to remove earrings on our PE day and avoid tights, unless your child is able to put them on by themselves.

We are making our own bread with leek and potato soup and carrot and coriander soup. Please can you confirm your child is able to taste these by completing our online form.

How can you help at home?

We hope you have been able to help your child remember their sounds by practising them daily at home. You can use the sound books or can purchase some cards to help you. If they are having problems, use the picture side to help them remember the sounds. They need to say them very speedily, so please practise them as often as you can. Remember to record this in their diaries. Please also practise forming each letter correctly using the sound phrase (green book) and the sheets sent home with each new sound. They can then write these in their green books.

Please 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!**