

What is happening in Reception this week?

2nd October 2023

Literacy



This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of 'The Little Red Hen', using our story map, and will listen to a new traditional story called 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will continue to talk about our last story 'Farmer Duck' focusing on new vocabulary 'crept, wriggled, creaked, wearily, fled and squeaked'.

In phonics, we will be learning to say, read and write the sounds o, c, k, u, b. 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 try blending with sounds we know, using magnet boards.

Maths



Last week we focused on showing number 3 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 4. We will count 4 objects, actions and sounds, and make 4 in different ways, e.g. $1+3$, $3+1$, $2+2$ and $4(+0)$. We will also show the number 4 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 4 using Ten Town. We will look at 4 sided shapes - a square and a rectangle!

Messages

Topic



This week we will be building on our knowledge about Autumn and Harvest and thinking about the farm. We will be looking closely at some fruit and vegetables, thinking about what they feel like and smell like, as well as what they look like. We will be thinking about how they grow, on trees, plants or underground and talk about what farmers do and what things we would find on a farm. We will look at images of farms in the past and how they have changed.



We will be having our 'Busy Bags' session on Thursday morning with the Family Learning Team, doing activities and making some resources to use at home. Please sign up on the sheet or let Mrs Kalampaliki know if you are coming so we can have enough resources ready for you.

Please use the school diaries to record any reading you do with your child, including practising their sounds - use the RWI links to help too!

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

As the days get colder, please send your child in with a warm coat, ideally with a hood. They will also need hats and gloves which should all be named.

The children enjoyed making soup and bread rolls last week and we have included some photos on the next page. Please talk about this activity with your child and see if they can remember and tell you what vegetables we have used and where they grow.

How can you help at home?

Some of the children are remembering their sounds well, while others are finding this more tricky. Please help your child by practising all the sounds they have learned daily at home. If they are having problems, use the picture side to help them remember the sounds and use the links. 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.

**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!**

