

What is happening in Reception this week?

9th October 2023

Literacy




This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of the 'The Little Red Hen' and making a story map for our story 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will also read a non-fiction text about Autumn. Our talking through story this week will be 'Owl Babies' by Martin Wadell.

In phonics, some of us will be learning to say, read and write the sounds e, l, h, r, and j but some of us will be revising the sounds we have already learned. We will practise forming each letter correctly and oral blending.

Maths



Last week we focused on showing number 4 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 5. We will count 5 objects, actions and sounds, and make 5 in different ways, e.g. $1+4$, $3+2$ and $5(+0)$. We will also show 5 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 5 using Ten Town. We will look at 5 sided shapes - a pentagon can make a house shape! 

Messages

Topic



This week we will be building on our knowledge about Autumn and Harvest. We will have a visitor to share where some of our food like milk comes from. We will also be thinking about changes in Autumn. The weather gets colder, wetter and windier. We will start thinking about the animals in our environment and how they are getting ready for Winter. The squirrels are storing food, just like we do at Harvest time. Hedgehogs are getting ready to sleep through winter. We will also use clay to create our own hedgehog.

Thank you those of you who joined us last week for our 'Busy Bags' session. It was lovely to see you all supporting your children with their learning. In February we will have another session, on supporting children to develop their maths skills at home.

Our next phonics meeting will be on Friday at 2.45pm. We will look at what happens when children know their sounds and can orally blend and also talk about how we teach them to combine these skills to read words. We will show you how you can help support your child with this at home.

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

How can you help at home?

Some of the children are remembering their sounds well, 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 and the sound links. 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 use the RWI links for word blending and oral blending to help your child. They will play Fred Games and practise blending sounds together. These are as important as learning their sounds and they cannot read until they mastered this. Please use these to support them, especially if your child has been absent to help them learn missed sounds. Please read and share stories with your child.

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.



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!**