

# What is happening in Reception this week?

13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Literacy

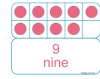
Fred Talk



This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using a story map to help us. We will create our own story using the story elements like who, where and when.

In phonics, we will be revising the sounds we have learned that we are finding harder to remember and some of us will be learning special friends like th, sh and ch. We are now in groups with other children at the same stage of reading as we are. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing our names, forming all the letters in them correctly.

## Maths



Last week, we focused on showing number 8 with different apparatus. This week, we will explore the number 9. We will count 9 objects, actions and sounds, and make 9 in different ways, e.g. 4+5, 3+6, 2+7 and 9(+0). We will also show 9 in different ways including Numicon, ten-frame, a tower and a dice. We will learn how to form the digit 9 using Ten Town. We will look at the months of the year and will keep practising the days of the week.

## Topic



This week we continue our topic with a focus on 'special things'. We will listen to a story called 'The Toymaker', about some special dolls an old lady had when she was a little girl. We will also listen to 'Dogger', a story about a special toy dog that got lost. Special things are important to people and we must look after them and treat them with respect. We will look at toys from the past, comparing them to the toys we have today. We will also think about the materials things are made from and if this has changed.

This week, we are looking at special things and would like the children to bring something that is special to them to talk about on Friday. If they have a special toy or a special thing (that is not fragile or living) that they would like to show us and talk about, could they please bring it to school with them on Friday. (They could always bring a photo).

We have another phonics session on Friday. We will be looking at how our children learn digraphs (sounds with two or more letters). We will also be looking at starting to read and the books children will be bringing home. Please come to Silver Hall at 2.45pm.

Please remember to take out earrings at home for PE on Fridays and we would ask that the children wear socks, not tights, unless they can put these on by themselves.

Please remember school starts at 8.45am and children should be in the classroom by this time. At the end of the day, children should stay with their grown up and not go onto the grass areas or play equipment. Thank you!

## Messages

## How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for phonics according to their stage of reading. Some children are finding it difficult to remember their sounds and really need your help to practise them at home. Other children know quite a lot with just a few gaps but cannot yet orally blend. These children need help to practise their Fred Talk games at home (please see the links). Other children know most of their sounds and can orally blend. These children are just starting to read words and need to practise reading the words they are sent home. All children need to keep practising their sounds and orally blending.

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! From this week, the children will be able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday so they can select a new one.

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!**