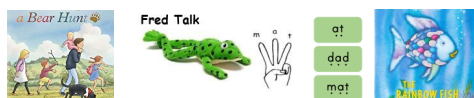


What is happening in Reception this week?

29th January 2024

Literacy



We will be starting to make a story map for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and retelling it with actions. We will also listen to a new story called 'The Rainbow Fish'. This is a story about a beautiful fish who lives in an underwater environment. They are very proud of their rainbow scales but won't share them. They soon become lonely and learn that sharing can make you feel happy.

In phonics, most of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. 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 CVC words, most of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 20 and back. We will learn to recognise the number 15 and count 15 objects. We will continue to explore how numbers are made of smaller numbers. We will link this to addition and explore how we can record this. We will compare amounts, noticing if an amount is greater, smaller or the same as another amount.

Messages

Topic



We are continuing our topic which explores different environments and how these are different to our environment in Winter. This week, we have looked at wet environments like oceans, seas and rivers. There are many plants and animals that live in water, like fish, whales and seaweeds. We looked at a globe and some of the oceans like the Atlantic and the Pacific. We explore things that can float on water and things that sink!



Last week we had a visit from the fire brigade, which we all enjoyed very much. They allowed us to see their fire engine and talked to us about keeping safe.



Next week, we will be holding parent meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. This is going to be in person for the first time since the covid pandemic. You will have the chance to look at your child's learning journey, discuss their progress and also talk to us about ways you can support further support your child's learning. Please make an appointment via the booking portal when it opens and if you cannot make those dates, please come and see us.

We also have our Family Learning session next week on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th February. Please come and join us! You will find out ways you can support your child in maths and get to spend time exploring these with them.

Please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a warm hat and gloves. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter. Please label them all, so when we find lost items, we know who they belong to.

How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds, please extend them to 4 sounds to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words and/or books.

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! The children are able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday to exchange for a new one.

You can also 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!