

What is happening in Reception this week?

25th November 2024

Literacy



This week, we will continue to practise retelling our own version of 'The Three Little Pigs', using our story map. We will also learn some vocabulary from our 'Dogger' story, including: searched, exciting, belonged, fond. 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



This week, the children will explore how numbers can be composed of 1s and, from this, begin to investigate the composition of 3 and 4. Composing and de-composing numbers involves children investigating part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. The children will learn from practical experience that a 'whole' is made up of smaller parts and is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

Messages

Topic



This week we continue our topic with a focus on **'special people'**. We will talk about people in our family who are special to us and why. Our families are all different, special and unique! We will listen to a story about Frida Kahlo who was a special artist who lived in Mexico. We will explore colourful wax rubbings. We will further explore how toys work by pushing and pulling parts. We will also explore magnets - feeling how they can push and pull.

During the week we will learn about and role-play road safety.

Thank you for sharing the children's special toys/things with us. They enjoyed talking about them and listening to other children talking about their special things.

Thank you to those who joined us for our phonics session last Friday. I hope you gained a better understanding about how the children learn to read (Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word).

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

The days are getting colder now so please send you child to school with a warm coat, ideally with a hood, a warm hat and gloves. These should all be named. We do outdoor learning every day so the children will need suitable clothing.

Please also remember school starts at 8.45am and children should be organising themselves in the morning. Please stand back and support their growing independence with this, thank you!

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 use 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, Mrs Spiers or Ms York. We hope you all have a lovely week!