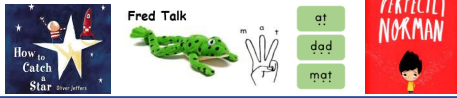


Literacy



We will be making a story map to help us retell the story 'How to Catch a Star'. We will use this and actions to help us! Last week, we read the story 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival. It is about a perfectly normal little boy who one day, grew a pair of wings. The story is about his journey of accepting his and everyone else's differences, realising there is no such thing as normal! This week we will focus on learning some of the vocabulary in this book including extraordinary, uncomfortable, swooping, miserable and wonderful.

In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends. We will all be practising oral blending, reading green and red 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 this week the children will continue to engage with activities that develop their understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers. A key focus will be on exploring ways to represent numbers using the Hungarian number pattern (die pattern). These key representations will help to underline the '5-ness' of 5, and provide structures that will support exploration of its composition and its relationships with other numbers. The children will secure their understanding of the pairs of numbers that make 5, and then use double dice frames to begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'.

Messages

Topic



This week, we will continue our new topic, 'People who help us to stay safe, healthy and well'. We will be thinking about people who help us when we are ill, like doctors and nurses, plus dentists and opticians, who keep our mouths and eyes healthy. We will be learning about the importance of hygiene and washing our hands before we eat and after using the toilet. We wash off germs we may have picked up on our hands to stop us putting them in our bodies!



We will be comparing Florence Nightingale to a nurse today.

The weather is changeable at this time of year and the temperature can vary greatly from day to day. In Butterflies class, outside is part of our learning environment so everyone needs suitable clothing for learning outside. Please ensure your child has wellies and a warm and waterproof coat. They will also need hats, gloves and scarfs for colder days. Please label everything, so we know who to return things to, if they get misplaced.

Don't forget that school starts at 8.45am and children can come into the classroom from 8.40.am. Thank you for encouraging them to put their water bottles, reading folders and coats away in the morning by themselves. It is important they learn these skills ready for Year 1.

Your child has passwords in their reading folders to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.



How can you help at home?

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

Try to share books and read to your child every night if you can. This will help 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.

Ten Town will give your child access to all the stories and songs they know and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers.

You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning.



Our Learning

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki, Mrs Griffin or Ms York.
We hope you all have a lovely week!