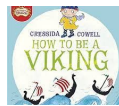


Literacy



Fred Talk



We have been reading a new story called 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. This story is all about Mr Gumpy who let some children and animals on his boat. They didn't follow the rules and ended up tipping the boat over. They all fell in the river but luckily reached the bank safely. We have also be reading 'How to be a Viking' and learning some words from it including: fierce, shivering, trembled and peculiar.

In phonics, we are now all learning special friends. We are practising oral blending, reading and writing CVC or CCVC/CVCC words and red words. We will be writing them in phrases with finger spaces. In handwriting, we are trying to write our letters at the correct relative size and learning to write capital letters. (NB — V = vowel and C = consonant)

Maths

This week, the children will focus on ordinality: considering where numbers to 10 are in relation to each other. Through practical activities and games, the children will reason about numbers and think carefully about which is more or less. They will use linear number tracks to play games that encourage them to compare numbers that are far apart, near and next to each other. (For example, 10 is a lot more than 2 but 5 is only 1 more than 4.)

Topic



We have started our new topic this term, 'Have things always been the same?' We are comparing things from today to the past. We have been looking at transport with a focus on boats/ships. We looked at pictures and talked about what boats/ships are made of and how they move through the water. Today, large ships are made from metal and have engines but in the past they were wood and only had sails or oars. We have been looking at stories from the past about boats, including some about pirates and a ship called the Titanic. We have explored things that float and things that sink. We have thought about how we stay safe near water and about people and things that help us, like lighthouses and the RNLI.



Messages

Please make a huge effort to get your child to school **on time**. Our door opens at 8.40am and the children start their learning straight away. School officially starts at 8.45 and children should be in class by this time.

This time of year, the weather can be very warm so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for their outdoor learning. They need a named sun hat and named water bottle. To keep them safe in the sun, please apply a high factor 8hr sun cream before they come to school.

Can we ask everyone to check all their children's clothing is named! PE is on a Thursday so please check your child has PE kit. Remember to remove earrings or tape them up before school.

Please remember to use Oxford Owl for electronic copies of RWI books and quizzes to support your child at home!



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 or 5 sounds 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. Some children are now learning set 2 sounds and these can be trickier. Please continue to practise reading all the sounds they have learned.

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 should practise reading regularly, Oxford Owl can help with this.

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 and a wonderful weekend!