

## Literacy



This week, we will be listening to the traditional story of 'The Little Red Hen' and then we will start to make a story map of it, to help us learn to retell it. We will also talk about the story 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton. We will talk about the characters, their feelings and learn some of the vocabulary in the story, including 'imagination, wild, longed and discover'.

In phonics, we will be learning to say, read and write the sounds m, a, s, d and t. We will practise holding our pencil with a tri-grip and forming each letter correctly. We will also play Fred Talk games to help us with our oral blending.

## Maths



This week, we will be listening to a story and learning to sing a song on 'Ten Town', all about King One.

In maths, we will be learning numbers 1 to 3 and deepen our understanding of them by exploring different ways to show them, e.g. 1-3 fingers, 1-3 number blocks, 1-3 spots on a dice and 1-3 on a ten-frame. We will be learning to recognise these without counting – subitising them.

## Topic



This week we will be thinking about our first Autumn at school. We have been learning about routines and expectations in school.

We will begin to explore how we are all different, yet all the same. We all look different and like different things but we are all the same as we are all Butterflies and we all belong to our class community.



We will be painting a self-portrait, for our class display, just like the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh did. We will also look at some images of schools in the past and talk about things we notice that are different and things that are the same.

## Messages

The children are settling at school really well. They are learning to follow the class routines and meet the expectations. Thank you for helping them develop their independence in the morning and for sending their PE kits in. If you haven't already, please can you send their named PE kits in. The children will have their first PE session on Friday. Please remove earrings or tape them up and help your child by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves at home.

We are holding our first phonics workshop on 26th September just before home time. We will start at 2.45pm and be finished by 3.15pm. If you are new to Read Write Inc. phonics, we highly recommend you come and find out about it so you can support your child's reading development at home.

## How can you help at home?

We hope you have been able to help your child remember their pictures as this week they start learning their sounds. It will be much easier if they recognise 🍏 as apple so they can link it to   the grapheme a. We will look at this in more detail at the phonics workshop on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Please practise reading each sound with your child over and over so they recognise each one quickly and note this in the reading diary. They have their sound books to help you, which need to be sent in daily in their reading folders. Please practice forming each letter using the phrase to support correct letter formation.

Please continue to read and share stories with your child. The RWI links you will be sent home can support your child's learning and help you better understand how they have learned each sound. Please use these to support them, especially if your child has been absent to help them learn missed sounds.

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 Griffin or Ms York.  
We hope you all have a lovely week!