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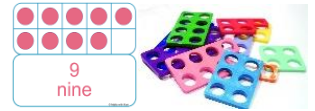
## Literacy



This week, we will be retelling the traditional story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using a story map to help us. We will create our own story using the story elements like who, where and when.

In phonics, we will be revising the sounds we have learned that we are finding harder to remember. 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



We are learning to Recite to 20 forwards and back.

We will learn number formation for 9 and listen to maths related stories. We will say days, months and times of day associated with activities (e.g. morning)

In Mastering number, we will explore the concept of whole things often being made of smaller parts and that a whole is, bigger than its parts. We will also practise position of things through words alone.

## Topic



This week we continue our topic with a focus on 'special things'. We will listen to a story called 'The Toymaker', about some special dolls an old lady had when she was a little girl. We will also listen to 'Dogger', a story about a special toy dog that got lost.

Special things are important to people and we must look after them and treat them with respect. We will look at toys from the past, comparing them to the toys we have today. We will also think about the materials things are made from and if this has changed.



## Messages

This week, we are looking at special things and would like the children to bring something that is special to them to talk about on Wednesday. If they have a special toy or a special thing (that is not fragile or living) that they would like to show us and talk about, could they please bring it to school with them on Wednesday. (They could always bring a photo of their special thing).

Don't forget we have another phonics session on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We will be looking at how our children learn digraphs (sounds with two or more letters). We will also be looking at starting to read and the books children will be bringing home. Please come to main reception at 2.45pm if you can come along.

It is really important to take out earrings at home for PE on Fridays and we ask that the children wear socks, not tights, unless they can put these on by themselves.

Please remember school starts at 8.45am and children should be in the classroom by this time.



# What is happening in Reception?

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## 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 see 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.

## 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!