

Literacy



Fred Talk



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We have been learning a new story called 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. In this story, the characters go through different environments, looking for a bear. We will also learn some words from our story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, focusing on learning the words - floated, discovered, delighted, searched and wonderful. Please talk about these words at home too, so your child can become familiar with them. In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, 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, we are reciting numbers to 20 and back. We also are exploring numbers to 5 with a die pattern. We will use fingers to represent 6 as '5 and a bit' and use double dice frames to represent 6 as 5 and 1 more. We will count out 6 blocks from a collection, replace 1 block and know that there are still 6. We will add another block to make 7 and see that 5 and '2 more' make 7.

Messages

Topic



We are continuing our topic which explores different environments and how these are different to our environment in Winter.

This week we will look at warm, wet environments, like jungles and rainforests. We will look at pictures to find out what plants and animals we can see, like tigers and gorillas. The weather here is warm and wet - it never gets cold and icy.

We will look at landscape paintings of jungles like the one by Rousseau and try to draw our own one using wax crayons. We will also keep exploring opposites, like wet and dry.



Please ensure your child has a warm, winter coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a warm hat and gloves - all named. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter.

Please can you also make sure your child has a named PE kit in school every Friday. This should be a plain white T-shirt and dark shorts. If your child has pierced ears, please can you take their earrings out on a Friday. If they cannot be removed, they should be taped up.

We will be holding our parent meetings just after half term, when Mrs Griffin returns to school. These will be in person, and you will be able to look at your child's books.

When your child arrives in the morning, they should now be able to put all their things away independently. Some children may need prompting, but please do not do things for them. They need to develop their independence so they can do things for themselves in Year 1 and beyond.

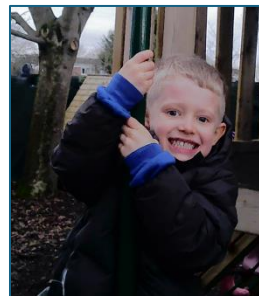
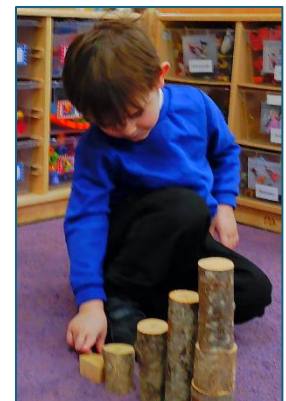
How can you help at home?

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 activities will help with this. Please practise reading sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words and/or books.

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 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.

You can also 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 or Ms York.

We hope you all have a lovely week!