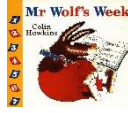


Literacy



We will be using a story map to retell our story called 'Mr Wolf's Week', practising saying the days of the week and different types of weather. We will also be focusing on some new vocabulary from 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. The words we will focus on are cosy, miserable, snuggled and shivering. Please talk about these words at home too so the children 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, some of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting to find out 'how many' objects there are. Our focus this week will be the stable order principle rehearsing the order of the first 5 numbers and understanding that the position each number holds in our number sequence does not change. We will be reciting numbers to 20 and back.

Messages

Topic



We have started our new topic which explores how things are different in Winter, compared to Autumn - seasonal changes. We will explore the different types of weather we have in the winter and compare this to the autumn months. We will focus on the icy weather that we can have in winter and explore what happens to water when it gets very cold - it changes to ice. We will explore what ice looks like, feels like and what happens when it gets warm - it melts back to water!

We will also think about colours that can show cold and colours that can show warm.



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and wish you all a Happy New Year!

The children have settled back into school and are working hard on their learning. Most children have returned their PE kits but please remember if you have not done so yet. The children will do PE on a Friday afternoon. They will need a dark pair of shorts and a plain white T-shirt.

The days can be quite cold, so please ensure your child has a warm winter coat, ideally with a hood, a warm hat and gloves. These should all be named. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter. It would also be helpful to have a pair of named wellies in school too, so the children can use the muddier areas of our garden.

Over the next week, the children will be going on a winter walk around the school site. They will be looking at seasonal changes in the environment and noticing how cold it is. They will make some biscuits and have these, along with some warm 'hot chocolate', when they get back to warm up.

How can you help at home?

Some children are still finding oral blending a challenge so please practise this 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. (login details are in their diaries). Please practise 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!