



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER
Friday 19th March 2021



Spring has sprung!

We hit the ground running this week looking out our new topic all about 'Changes'. We have been looking for signs of spring, sketching and painting daffodils and have even planted our own potatoes! The weather has been really kind to us so we've spent lots of time outside. Please continue to send the children in with coats as it's still chilly, especially when we're outdoors so much.

Our learning this week

We have got straight back into phonics work this week with a focus on the sounds which we introduced during home learning. We have recapped the sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, c, d, m, o, g, k, e, u, r, g, ck, h, b, f, ff, ss, l, ll, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, ng, th, ai, ee, oa, oi, oo, oo, or, ar, igh, ur, ow** and **ear**. We have learned the new trigraph **air** and the digraph **er**. We have revised and practised the tricky words **go, no, I, to, the, into, we, me, be, was, you, her, all, my, and they**. We have been writing sentences which include tricky words too. We have been practicing reading our high frequency words: **this, help, and, then, that, for, will, with**.

In our literacy work, we have started our new book 'Something Else'. It's all about a character who feels like he doesn't fit in. The children have had fun making a friendship spell, thinking about all the attributes which make a good friend. We have been writing about each other in our small group writing sessions and have even had a go at drawing and painting each other.

In maths, we have been have been learning all about number bonds to 5 and then saying and writing the number sentences that match. $4+1=5$ $2+3=5$ $5+0=5$

We've been having lots of fun with the Numicon, making 10 with 2 pieces as fast as we could.

We've had our large Numicon outside for ordering and playing number bond games on the playground.

In P.E. we used the parachute and tried to keep the ball on top for as long as we could. We had to run underneath and get to the other side before the parachute dropped back down.

In Spanish this week we have been learning the rainbow song and revising our colours. Mrs Gatiss was very impressed with us!

Homework

Have you spotted any signs of spring yet? Look around your garden or when you go for a walk. What signs of spring can you see? Take some photographs or draw pictures and put them on Tapestry for us all to see.

Maths at home

First 4 Maths are a company we work closely with in school and during Home Learning we sent details of EY parents' maths workshops. Below is the link to a recording of this session if you missed it or would like to watch it again. The aim of the session is to help parents feel more confident and reassured about the expectations for their children and ways to help at home.

<https://first4maths.thinkific.com/courses/home-learning-in-reception-recording>

Lunches

Next week we will be on week 2 on the lunch menu.

Please remember to send in a named water bottle each day as the children use these at lunchtime as well as during the day.

Rolling Snack

Rolling snack is going well, the children are getting used to the freedom of choosing when they would like to eat and chat. Free fruit is always on the snack table for them to choose from.

Please could you ensure that all snacks sent into school are healthy and **nut** and **kiwi** free.

Please be extra vigilant with cereal bars and other snacks to ensure that they do not contain nuts as we do have a child in Early Years with a nut allergy.

Mrs Richardson Mrs Gillett Mrs Eccles Mrs Baynes Mrs Lenton

Have a lovely weekend!



Contacting us

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to school under the current Covid restrictions but you can email us at earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you have any issues or queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can contact the office at admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk