



# HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021



### Welcome Back!

We hope you've all had a lovely holiday. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces and even a few haircuts coming through the gates this week. We've settled back in quickly and have been enjoying taking our learning outside in the beautiful sunshine we've had this week. We have really enjoyed looking at all the fun things you have been up to during the Easter Break in our 'Show and Tell' session. How are your sunflowers coming along? Our potatoes have been growing at super speed whilst we've been away, we think the sunshine must have helped!

### Our learning this week

In phonics work this week 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, air, er** and **ear**. We have revised and practised the tricky words **go, no, I, to, the, into, we, me, be, was, you, her, all, my, they, said, so, some, come** and **like** and have introduced the new tricky words **little, one** and **do**.

The children have been learning to write ccvc words by covering the beginning of words and then revealing the whole word: rip, trip/rack, track etc... and then putting them into a sentence. The children are now trying to write their sentences on lines using our new lined whiteboards!

You may have heard about the mysterious animal which got into the school bins and made a terrible mess! We have been trying to identify the animal using the clues from video footage. There were many ideas to begin with, ranging from a T-Rex to a giraffe but and we now think it might be a big dog that's made all the mess. We have made 'Wanted' posters to help find the dog before he makes any more mess in other people's bins.

For our 'No Outsiders' book we have read 'Blue Chameleon' and talked about how we can all be different but still be friends. The children worked with a partner who they might not usually play with to design and colour their own chameleons.

During our maths sessions, we have been learning about numbers above 10. We are looking at how these numbers are represented on ten frames and how we can tell if a number is bigger or smaller than another number. We have taken our maths outside, using our large 10 frames to play number bond games. We have also been using a 5 frame to work on our quick recall of number bonds to 5.

In P.E. we played Space Chase and then we played games in teams using the beanbags, we had to be fast to be the winning team!

In Spanish this week we are learning the names for members of our family and we started to practise a new song for the different names.

### Homework

Can you design and make a friendship bracelet? Think about what you could make it from. You could use paper, coloured card, wool, string? Who would you like to give your bracelet to? Perhaps someone in your family, a friend from school or someone who lives near to you? Make someone smile with your friendship gift.

### Reading

We have assessed the children's phonics knowledge this week and have checked everyone's reading levels. We have sent home new reading books today, please read three times and then return next Friday. We will then return to sending new books home on a Monday the following week as usual.

### Lunches

We will be on **week 1** for lunches next week. Please check the menu and send in a packed lunch if you feel your children will not eat the meal on any day.

### Warmer Weather

The weather has been beautiful this week and as such we have spent a lot of time outside. It is vital that children have a water bottle in school. We stop for a drink and sit in the shade or inside when it gets very warm so the children must have their own water bottle in school. We have refilling these a lot this week!

Please send them in with a cap/summer hat and sun cream already applied. We really appreciate your support with this and as parents ourselves we don't underestimate the challenge of putting sun cream on a child in the morning when you need to leave the house on time!

Have a great weekend! Fingers crossed the weather stays sunny!



Mrs Richardson   Mrs Gillett   Mrs Eccles   Mrs Baynes   Mrs Lenton

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)