

Newsletter 18th November 2016

Tapestry

Thank you for the wonderful homework in Tapestry this week. The children really enjoyed sharing this with their peers and were able to talk with very little prompting. I think that everyone has been able to register onto the system and we look forward to seeing your family adventures.

Reading

Please ensure that you are able to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week; reading diaries are monitored regularly to check that this is happening and that the children are not choosing the same books.

Phonics

In phonics this week we have looked at the new sound **v**, **w** and **x**. This is the start of Phase 3 letters and sounds. We are reviewing the tricky words **I**, **to**, **no**, **go** and **the** each day. We have introduced the high frequency words **and**, **is**, **at**, **it**, **in**. We have been working with the children on using the existing sounds we know and blending them together, listening for initial sounds in words and attempting to write them. The children are very confident at recognising the sounds and tricky words each day. We are working on writing cvc words daily and the children are showing great confidence.

Phonics Assessment

We have completed our first phonics assessment on Phase 2 phonemes and tricky words. The children were shown a letter or word and asked to identify it. If they have some sounds that they are still unsure of, we ask you to reinforce them at home. We will continue to review all phonemes daily in large groups and in small groups too. A sheet showing the actions for each phoneme will be in the children's book bags.

Maths

In maths we have continued to write our numbers each session and the children are brilliant; thank you so much for your support over the weekend. We have been combining two numbers and adding them together to start the process of addition. The sessions have been very practical and hands on and the learning has been very active.

Anti-Bullying Roadshow

To coincide with National Anti-Bullying Week we watched a performance group in our small hall. The children watched a number of scenarios that may happen at school and then they had to share their thoughts. It was done at a very simple level for our children to understand and the children engaged well with the activities.

Junk Modelling materials

Our children have been creating some wonderful models each day using cardboard boxes and tubes. We would be grateful if you could start to save and send in boxes of various sizes and shapes for us to use. We will need these items all year round.

challenge the children. We are able to monitor their progress both with maths and ICT skills and the children really benefit from daily questions and challenges.

Homework

To support our learning with money this week, when you are out and about as families or at home, let your children handle coins and pay for items when you are shopping. Please use language associated with money; how much is it? what coins are we going to need? do we need any change? In our ever changing way of life we rarely handle cash now and so talking to your children about cash and card payments is welcome too. Please put any homework on Tapestry for the children to share in show and tell on the Thursday afternoon session. Please put the conversation that occurred with the photographs or short video clips.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson

Dates for Autumn 2

Friday 25th November 2.45pm

EY Celebration Assembly in the main hall

Friday 9th December 6.00pm

PTA Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 13th December
9.00 - 10.15am**

EY Christmas Celebration and Stay and Play

Wednesday 14th December

Whole school Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 20th December

KS1 and EY Christmas Party

Thursday 22nd December End of Term until Monday 9th January

Friday 23rd December

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