



Newsletter 3rd February 2017

Our Learning this Week

Our new tri-graphs this week were **air** and **ure** and we introduced the new tricky word **all**. In maths we worked with our Numicon to find the double of a number 1 - 10. The children played a fun game outside with the large Numicon pieces to find doubles. In our afternoon sessions we have been finding out about Chinese New Year and the celebrations that families share together. Ben went to watch the celebrations in Liverpool at the weekend and shared the most amazing dragon puppet with the children. At snack time the children were able to try a selection of Chinese foods and talk about what they had learnt during the week.

Talk for Writing - The Enormous Turnip

We have been sharing the traditional tale of The Enormous Turnip together and this week we have been innovating/changing the story completely. It has been great fun thinking of an alternative version ready to write our story maps next week. We will be sharing our new stories on Tapestry once they have been perfected.

Entrance to School Each Morning

You will have noticed in the whole school newsletter that, from week beginning Monday 27th February, arrangements for children and parents coming into school each morning will change to ensure the safety of all children in our school building. This will not affect children coming into our Early Years department.

Junk Modelling Materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week. The children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

PTA News

Non-uniform Day - Thursday 16th February We will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate/wine donations which will be used as prizes for the Bingo night that evening. Please bring your donations into the office in the morning. Thank you.

Bingo Night - Thursday 16th February Please bring your requests for entry tickets, together with your payment of £1 per adult and 50p per child, by Thursday 9th February at the latest. Bingo tickets will be on sale on the night, 20p each or 6 for £1. No refreshments will be for sale so bring your own with you.

Pamper Evening - Friday 17th March We are on the lookout for beauty therapists and beauty/pamper inspired stall holders who might be interested in having a space on the night. To find out more, please get in touch via hartfordprimarypta@gmail.com or enquire at the school office.

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Lost Property

Phoebe has lost 2 cardigans and a hoodie, all named, so could you please check you haven't got them in your washing basket. If you do find them, please return them to school - no questions asked!

Next Week

Our new sound will be the digraph - **er**. We have now completed Phase 3 Letters and Sounds. We will focus on the actions associated with these letter sounds (we follow Jolly Phonics) and have a variety of games and activities to support this, and we will introduce the new tricky word **are**. A "tricky word" is a word that you cannot phonetically segment. We will also be writing sentences using the new sounds and tricky words to ensure understanding. In maths, we will look at prepositions and the language that is associated with this, such as **next to, in front of, behind, above, below and underneath**. The children will be playing a variety of games within their maths sessions and have the opportunity to play them again in their "busy time". Traditional games such as "Simon says" and "I spy" are excellent for reinforcing this concept. We will also look at **left** and **right** when giving directions or instructions.

We are embracing National Storytelling Week in Early Years. We are part of a Book Time Project and as part of this; they have sent a book for every child to share at home. We are incorporating this into Stay and Play on Wednesday 8th February and will end the session with a story time for our families. If you are unable to attend Stay and Play, the book will be sent home in the book bags to share at home and the children will be able to read with friends and staff in the session.

Stay and Play - Wednesday 8th February 9.00 - 10.00am

Attached are the details of some of the activities that will be available to share with your children. We look forward to seeing our families on Wednesday.

Celebration Assembly

Friday 10th February 2.45pm in the main hall.

We are looking forward to sharing our achievements with everyone on Friday.

Homework

The homework this week on capacity was fantastic. Thank you to so many families that sent homework in this week it makes such a difference to the children when they are able to participate. As we have been working together on our doubles in our maths sessions; we would like you to share any maths games you have at home together. There is no need to put observations of this on Tapestry, just have fun together and reinforce sharing and turn taking that may be involved.

Link: <http://www.ictgames.com/robindoubles.html>

Have a great weekend.

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