

Newsletter 10th March 2017

Our Learning this Week

Both classes have been reviewing existing sounds and tricky words, focussing on correct letter formation and sentence structure. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group have been looking at CVCC words, letter formation and have transferred their work into their new lined writing books and it looks very smart. Mrs Dodd's group have been reviewing existing digraphs **ur** and **ow**, looking at specific words and applying them in our sentence work. In our maths sessions we have been working in different groups this week; working with numbers 1 - 20 and doubling, halving and number sentences. The children have been very practical and used the Numicon to support.

Talk for Writing

We have been imitating one of our favourite stories 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The story is one that is very familiar to our children and we created our own actions for all the characters. The children then worked in small groups and acted out the story to their peers and they were so brilliant.

CWAC Recycling Workshop

We had a visitor from CWAC recycling team to talk to us about how to recycle and why it is so important. We watched how items are recycled and what can or cannot be recycled. We had a fun and informative time and created models from the junk modelling we had collected. Thank you for all the donations.

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.

Phonics Workshops 27th - 31st March 9.00 - 9.30 am

We will be offering an opportunity to come into school and see your children working in their new phonics groups. We will be running the sessions throughout the week and there will be a sign up sheet in the "porch" to indicate the day you wish to attend.

Maths Workshops 24th - 28th April 9.00 - 9.30 am

We will be offering an opportunity to come into school and see your children working in their maths sessions. We will be running the sessions throughout the week and there will be a sign up sheet in the "porch" to indicate the day you wish to attend.

Next Week

National Science Week 13th - 17th March

As a school we are actively involved in promoting the understanding and excitement of scientific processes. The theme for this year is 'changes' and this links very well with our theme:

"In Early Years we learn about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. Children identify the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another and how they can make changes by recycling. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes."

Throughout the week, we will be participating in science activities in our afternoon sessions. We have a brilliant week ahead. ☺. We will also have a physiotherapist come into school to explain to the children about the bones and the body and how they change as they grow.

As the children will be 'scientists' through the week there will be no guided reading.

In phonics we will all review our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant), words which use the letter sounds that were learnt in Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group will we will work on the diagraphs **oi** and **ur** and the tricky word **are** and we will incorporate these in our sentence work each day. In maths we will look at the concept of weight and the language associated with this, such as lighter than, heavier than, balance, equal and scales and weights. The sessions will be very practical and children will work throughout the week in small groups weighing and comparing items in the classroom.

Twitter

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please take a look we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

Homework

To link with National Science Week, the theme for this year is 'changes'. We would like you to work together to create a poster. Inside reading bags we have sent home a piece of A4 paper for you to use. The theme of change can be spring, growth, weather or the environment/recycling. Although this is a family piece of homework, please allow your children to show their drawing and writing skills. For further information, visit britishscienceweek.org.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th March

Quiz Night

Monday 20th - Tuesday 22nd March

Book Fair after school in the small hall

Wednesday 22nd - Thursday 23rd March

Parents Evenings

Thursday 23rd March

Stay and Play - 3

Monday 27th - Friday 31st March

Phonics Workshops 9.00 - 9.30 am

Friday 31st March

End of Term. Return 18 April

Thursday 20th April

Dental Survey

Friday 21st April

Celebration Assembly 2.45pm main hall

Monday 24th - Friday 28th April

Maths Workshops 9.00 - 9.30 am

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson