

Newsletter 24 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 the tri-graph **ear**, looking at specific words, and applying them in our sentence work. In our maths sessions, we have been working with numbers, number formation and using strategies to double, half and add together.

Talk for Writing

We have been innovating one of our favourite stories 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have changed our characters and where they live, how they move and who lives under the bridge. In small groups, the children have been writing speech between the characters and illustrating their work. Their fine motor skills have improved so much over the year.

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, 27 - 31 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, 24 - 28 April 9 - 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.

National Science Week

The homework this week has been fantastic and it has been wonderful to see so many children and families working together on some very exciting experiments. Thank you so much for your support with the work we send home - it is always of a high standard and we are very appreciative. The children love to watch themselves either in a video clip or on Tapestry.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all our families who attended our afternoon and evening of consultations and for all the positive comments that you shared over the course of the two days. It is a pleasure to share the wonderful progress, skills and anecdotes about your children. Any feedback will be used to support the children.

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Stay and Play

Thank you to so many of our families that were able to attend our fourth stay and play this week. The children particularly enjoyed the reading session at the end. Our next Stay and Play will be on Friday 19 May 8.45 - 10 am.

Mothering Sunday

The children have been very creative this week and there will be a "secret" delivery in all school bags on Friday. Have a fabulous weekend.

Next Week

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 from Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will introduce the tricky words **were**, **little**, **there** and **one**. Mrs Dodd's group will we will work on the tri-graph **air** and we will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. In maths, we will look at money - how to combine two coins and how to write the number sentence. We will use Numicon to support our learning and to ensure the children are accurate when counting.

Twitter

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

Finally

Miss Fairweather was visiting this week and was bowled over by our children's explanation and demonstration of our new challenge board.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27 - Friday 31 March	Phonics Workshops 9.00 - 9.30 am
Friday 31 March	End of Term. Return 18 April
Thursday 20 April	Dental Survey
Friday 21 April	Celebration Assembly 2.45 main hall.
Monday 24 - 28 April	Maths workshops 9.00 - 9.30 am
Friday 19 May	Stay and Play 8.45 - 10.00 am

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson