

Newsletter 31st March 2017

Our Learning this Week

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our phonics sessions this week. It was lovely to show how the children apply their phonic knowledge in words and sentences. Thank you for all the positive comments.

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 air, 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. The children have been using Numicon and the new Numicon material that can be accessed on our interactive white boards.

Talk for Writing

We have been describing the features of our troll in our sessions. The children have been using fantastic adjectives and developed their expression.

PTA Easter Egg Competition

Congratulations to Lily and Ben who were chosen by members of the PTA for the decorate an Egg competition. Thank you to everyone who took part.

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.

Maths Workshops 24th - 28th 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.

Bey Blades

The children have been bringing Bey Blades into school and working so well together; creating wonderful and elaborate arenas. After half term we will moving on and using the block area for building and small world play; therefore please could the children leave their Bey Blades at home.

Lip Salves

Some of the children have been bringing Lip Salves into school. These should only be brought in if absolutely necessary. We do encourage the children to apply it themselves and then put it in their tray or school bags. We would ask that you talk to your children about the risks of sharing lip salves with other children and how to apply it in moderation!

After the Holidays

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 look at polysyllabic words such as starlight and downtown. Mrs Dodd's group will begin to work on CVCC words within Phase 4 such as spot, spin and speck. We will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. We will introduce **some** and **come**. In maths, we will work on number. Some children will begin to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and look at odd and even numbers. Some children will focus on number ordering 1 - 20 and 1 more/1 less.

PE Kits

We sent home all PE kits this week. If you find you are missing any items, please let a member of the team know. They need to be back in school on Tuesday 18th April, please ensure that you have a spare pair of underwear and socks included in your child's PE kit.

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.

Dates for your diary

Friday 31st March - End of Term. Return Tuesday 18th April.

Thursday 20th April - Dental Survey (for those children who've had a consent form to complete)

Friday 21st April - Celebration Assembly 2.45pm in the main hall.

Maths workshops Monday 24th - 28th April 9am - 9.30am.

Friday 19th May - Stay and Play 8.45am - 10am.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson