

## Newsletter 21 April 2017

Welcome back after such a lovely Easter holiday. The children have come back excited and ready to learn which is marvellous. This half term is known as Summer 1.

### **Our Learning this Week**

In phonics we have been reviewing 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 have been looking at polysyllabic words such as **starlight** and **downtown**. Mrs Dodd's group have worked on CVCC words within Phase 4 such as **spot**, **spin** and **speck**.

In maths, we have been working on number and using the Numicon for support for our learning. Some children have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and enjoyed using the interactive games.

### **An unexpected visitor in the classroom**

We returned to school on Tuesday to find that we had had a visitor in our classrooms. We had no idea who it was and used the various clues to work out exactly who it was. The children had lots of ideas themselves and thoroughly enjoyed the process. On Wednesday morning the classroom was back to normal and there was a letter for the children to read. It was from a troll and he was apologising for any trouble he may have caused.

### **Celebration Assembly**

It was our Celebration Assembly today and it was another wonderful opportunity to show the children's work and sing one of our favourite songs. Our next assembly will be Friday 9 June at 2.45 in the main hall.

### **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 24 - 28 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.

### **PE Kits**

All PE kits need to be in school for Monday 24 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.

## Next Week

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 continue to look at polysyllabic words. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on *CVCC* words within Phase 4 such as **spot**, **spin** and **speck**. We will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. Throughout the week we will have our "Maths Workshops" from 9.00 am - 9.30am. We are looking forward to sharing our number work with our families. We will be looking at subtraction and using Numicon for support. We will use the language associated with this mathematical concept such as less than, smaller than and taking away.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 24 - 28 April	Maths Workshops 9.00 - 9.30 am
Friday 19 May	Stay and Play 8.45 - 10.00 am
Thursday 25 May - Monday 5 June	Half Term holidays
Friday 9 June	Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm
Monday 26 June - Friday 30 June	SRE week
Monday 12 July	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 - 11.30 (tbc)
Monday 17 July	Celebration Assembly followed by Stay and Play Teddy Bears Picnic

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson