

Newsletter 28th April 2017

The weather has been extremely changeable this week; please ensure that your child has a coat in school at all times.

Our Learning this Week

In phonics both groups have been reviewing our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group have been developing their understanding of CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant). They have been looking at polysyllabic words and incorporating them into their sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked on CVCC words within Phase 4 such as **spot**, **spin** and **speck** and developed our sentence work ensuring correct letter formation.

Maths Workshops

Thank you to so many of our families who were able to attend this week's maths workshops. The children really enjoy showing their mathematical skills to people; this week our learning focus was subtraction and the language associated with this. We worked through the week from the concept of subtraction to simple number sentences.

Benchmarking

You will have noticed that throughout the week we have been benchmarking the children when reading. This is to ensure that all children are applying their phonic knowledge and reading at the correct levels. There is a sticker in each reading diary to signpost the level to select each morning. Please make sure that your child selects the correct colour and level each time they change their books. In our guided reading sessions, we read a level above the children's home readers and this is to develop their comprehension skills and their de-coding skills as a teaching activity in a small group. Home readers are for everyone to share the wonderful books together and develop confidence and enjoyment ☺

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.

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.

Missing Sweatshirt

Noah is missing a school sweatshirt; it has his name clearly marked inside. Please can you check at home and if you find it please return to school and we will pass it on.

Next Week

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to 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. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate this in our sentence work each day.

In maths, we will be working on repeating patterns and being very practical creating some of our own. We will develop our pattern work looking at symmetrical patterns and creating some ourselves.

In our afternoon session; we will be looking at growing and what is needed to ensure a plant or flower grows strong and healthy. We will be planting our own seeds throughout the week to take home.

Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 19 th May | Stay and Play 8.45 - 10.00 am |
| Friday 26 th May | INSET day |
| Monday 29 th May - Monday 5 th June | Half term holidays |
| Friday 9 th June | Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm |
| Monday 26 th June - Friday 30 th June | SRE week |
| Wednesday 12 th July | KS1 Sports Day 9.30 - 11.30am (weather permitting) |
| Monday 17 th July | Celebration Assembly followed by Stay and Play Teddy Bears Picnic |

Please remember that Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday and we return to school on Tuesday 2nd May at 8.45am.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson