

Newsletter 5 May 2017

The weather has been extremely changeable this week; please ensure that your child has a coat in school at all times. The pictures on Tapestry have been wonderful and the extra long weekend was lovely to have some important family time.

Mystery Readers

Thank you so much to everyone who has been our mystery readers over the course of the year. The children love to see who it will be and listen to a wonderful story. As we are now in the Summer term, if you would like to be a mystery reader before we end the year, please speak to Mrs Dodd and we can arrange it.

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 and developed our sentence work ensuring correct letter formation.

In our maths sessions we have been working on the concept of patterns - patterns seem to be everywhere inside and outside too. We made lots of repeating patterns in our small group work and looked at how many of the patterns we saw are symmetrical.

In our afternoon sessions we looked at how plants grow and change, and we planted our own bulbs to grow at home. We look forward to seeing the changes on Tapestry.

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 still missing a school sweatshirt - with his name clearly marked inside. Please can you check at home and if you find it return it to school and we will pass it on. Thank you.

Fire Drill

Yesterday morning, we had an unannounced Fire Drill in school and Miss Fairweather was most impressed with the way that Early Years' children behaved. The children walked promptly and in silence to their places and remained quiet whilst the drill was underway. They were a credit to the school.

Next Week

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words using the letter sounds from Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will look at polysyllabic words and apply them in their phonics work. 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 number sentences and their formation.

In our afternoon sessions, we will be sharing our love of stories and reading. The children enjoy this so much.

Homework

To consolidate our work on patterns we would like you to go on a "pattern trail" and see just how many patterns you can see when you are together as a family. This can be brick patterns, window patterns or you may just want to create your own. You can share this on Tapestry and we will share this with the children in our "show and tell" session on Friday afternoon.

Dates for your Diary

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
Wednesday 12 July	KS1 Sports Day 9.30 - 11.30am (weather permitting)
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
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