

Early Years Newsletter 19th January 2018

Our Learning this Week

Our new phonemes this week were **oo (long and short sounds)**, and **ar** and we introduced the new tricky word **her**. We introduced the high frequency words then, them, see, and for. In maths we worked with Numicon and familiarised ourselves with the pieces and then used the Numicon to add 2 single digit numbers developing this throughout the week. We looked at different ways to make the numbers 10, 8, 7 and 6. In our afternoon sessions we used a computer program called "Colour Magic". The children have really enjoyed using it and created some super work. If children wish to bring a storybook into school, please ensure they have their names written on them and we will share them with the children throughout the day. The children enjoyed making the bird feeders and we look forward to hearing about the different birds that will now visit your gardens.

Guided Reading

You will notice in reading diaries this week we have started "Guided Reading" with some of our children. This is a reading book shared with a small group of children once a week. This can be fiction or non-fiction. We spend 15 - 20 minutes with the group using this as a teaching session to explain the text, new words, sentence structure, and use of vocabulary, intonation and understanding of the text. Each child reads the book with a member of the team and is then given a task following this to extend their understanding and language awareness. Children work on books that are a level above their home reading books so that we are constantly monitoring and ensuring progression. Each time they read with a member of the team it will be written in green pen and the objective for the text will be visible. Please aim to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week at home.

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 always need the materials replacing.

Next Week

Hearing and Vision Checks

The school nursing team will be in school on Monday 22 January, for hearing and vision checks. A member of the team will be with the children to ensure that the children are with a familiar person throughout.

Our learning next week

Our new phonemes next week will be **or**, **ur** and **ow**. We will focus on the actions associated with these letter sounds (we follow Jolly Phonics) and have a variety of games and activities to

support this. We will review all our "tricky words" **I, to, no and go, the, me, we, be, was, my, was, you and her** and introduce the new tricky word **they**. A "tricky word" is a word that you cannot phonetically segment. We will introduce the high frequency words **now, down, look** and **too**. In maths, we will look at the concept of capacity. We will use the language associated with this such as full, half-full and empty. We will be hands on and very practical to enhance the children's learning using a variety of media to experiment with this concept.

Homework

To support our learning this week, we would like you to let us know the technology that your child uses at home. We are currently using the computer and i-pads in school. We know that children have a wide range of technology available to them such as tablets, games on phones, working the TV remote controls, and they are very confident using them. This can be shared on Tapestry and we will share together in Show and Tell on the following Friday afternoon.

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