

Early Years Newsletter 2nd February 2018

Our Learning this Week

Our new tri-graphs this week were **air** and **ure** and we introduced the new tricky word **all**. In maths, we worked with our Numicon to find the double of a number 1 - 10. The children played a fun game outside with the large Numicon pieces to find doubles. The children have also used the Numicon to support their learning.

Talk for Writing - The Enormous Turnip

We have been sharing the traditional tale of The Enormous Turnip together. We have used a variety of vegetables to print repeating patterns, we also made our own little story books with the characters on each page.

At the end of the school day

In our main whole school newsletter this week, Miss Fairweather outlined our school expectations and procedures for collecting children at the end of the day. In Early Years, this can be a little tricky as we are still getting to know various members of our families. If anyone different is collecting the children, we need to be informed via email or verbally in the morning. We always put the safety of the children at the forefront of everything we do and appreciate your support with this.

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.

Missing Uniform

We have noticed that a few families are missing items of uniform; we would ask that you check at home for any extra items and bring them into school. Please ensure that **all** items of uniform and clothing are clearly named.

Parents as Partners

As an Early Years team we are always looking to improve our practice and ensure that all our children and families receive the best from our department. We engage closely with all our families/carers and we think this is a real strength. We are always grateful for your support with homework, assemblies and workshops. Thank you.

PTA News

KS1 and Early Years School Disco Friday 9th February 3.30pm - 4.30pm - This will be held in the main hall. Children will be asked to bring their own dancing clothes in a named carrier bag and place them on their peg at the start of the day. Children will change at the end of the day ready for the fun to begin.

Next Week

Our new sound will be the digraph - er. We have now completed Phase 3 Letters and Sounds. 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, and we will introduce the new tricky word **are**. A "tricky word" is a word that you cannot phonetically segment. We will also be writing sentences using the new sounds and tricky words to ensure understanding. In maths, we will look at prepositions and the language that is associated with this, such as **next to, in front of, behind, above, below and underneath**. The children will be playing a variety of games within their maths sessions and have the opportunity to play them again in their "busy time". Traditional games such as "Simon says" and "I spy" are excellent for reinforcing this concept. We will also look at **left** and **right** when giving directions or instructions.

National Story Telling Week

We are embracing National Storytelling Week in Early Years. We are part of a Book Time Project and as part of this; they have sent a book for every child to share at home. We are incorporating this into Stay and Play on Wednesday 7th February and will end the session with a story time for our families. If you are unable to attend Stay and Play, the book will be sent home in your child's bag to share at home and the children will be able to read with friends and staff in the session.

Dates for Diaries

Stay and Play - Wednesday 7th February 9.00am - 10.00am

Attached are the details of some of the activities that will be available to share with your children. We look forward to seeing as many of our families as possible on Wednesday.

Celebration Assembly - Friday 16th February 2.45pm in the main hall.

We are looking forward to sharing our achievements with everyone on Friday 16th February.

Homework

The homework this week on capacity was fantastic. Thank you to so many families that sent homework in this week it makes such a difference to the children when they are able to participate. As we have been working together on our doubles in our maths sessions, we would like you to share any maths games you have at home together. There is no need to put observations of this on Tapestry, just have fun together and reinforce any sharing and turn taking that may be involved.

Link: <http://www.ictgames.com/robindoubles.html>

Have a great weekend.

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