

Early Years Newsletter 9th February 2018

Stay and Play

Thank you to so many of our families that were able to attend this week's session. We had many activities for you all to experience with your children and grandchildren. The reading session at the end was wonderful and the children loved the books that they could take home. Our next session will be Thursday 22nd March 9.00am - 10.00am.

Our Learning this Week

Our new di-graph this week was **er** and we introduced the new tricky word **are**. We have now completed Phase 3 in letters and sounds. As we move towards Phase 4, there are no more sounds to learn just high frequency words and tricky words. In maths, we looked at prepositions and the language that is associated with this, such as **next to**, **in front of**, **behind**, **above**, **below** and **underneath**. The children were able to play a variety of games within their maths sessions and have the opportunity to play them again in their "busy time!"

Talk for Writing - The Enormous Turnip

We have been drawing our own story maps of our innovated story. The stories have been brilliant and the children have enjoyed re-telling them to each other. On Tapestry the children have been re-enacting the story; please take a look. We have also made some of our own soup this week for snack time and the children thoroughly enjoyed this and have suggested some other vegetables we could use to make other soups.

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.

Next Week

We have now completed Phase 3 Letters and Sounds. We will consolidate the tri-graphs this week and apply them in our sentence and reading work within phonics. In maths, we will be estimating and then counting the objects in a set, ensuring the children count with accuracy. In our afternoon sessions, we will be sharing traditional ring games and teamwork with the large parachute outside and inside. This is always great fun and allows the children to work as a group and take turns.

Chinese New Year - Year of the Dog

We will be learning about the Spring festival - Chinese New Year. We will look at how we celebrate our own New Year and how this is similar or different. The children will be able to taste some Chinese foods for snack time if they wish.

Twitter

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please take a look we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

Early Years Celebration Assembly

We will be hosting our celebration assembly on Friday 16th February at 2.45pm in the main hall. Please come and share the children's achievements and the work we have been doing throughout this half term.

End of Half Term Assessments

We will be assessing phonics next week as we have reached the end of Phase 3. We will benchmark the children with their reading throughout the week. This is done individually and there will be no guided reading. You will see evidence of this with the benchmarking sticker and comments.

Homework

As we are celebrating Chinese New Year next week, we would like you to find out facts about how this is celebrated around the world. There are many events held locally, in Liverpool and Manchester, which always prove to be good fun for the family. These can then be shared on Tapestry.

Have a great weekend.

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